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## PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



The familiar figure of a lady in Salvation Army uniform seen in all winds and weathers is Captain (Mrs.) Elisabeth M. J. Lincoln who, during her few years in Newton Aycliffe has done so much splendid social work. Because of its strictly confidential nature no details may be given, but that does not lessen the gratitude of many to this one woman.

Born in Bishop Auckland in what are euphemistically called 'the good old days' she joined the Salvation Army

at the age of eighteen with the object of doing something to relieve the distress of the time. The promise shown by her work for humanity resulted in being accepted by the Army to be trained as an officer at the International Training College in London. Success in this field saw her commissioned as a Lieutenant, where her duties took her to Manchester and her time was devoted to Women's Social Work among unmarried mothers and their families.

Two years later promotion to Captain followed, and shortly after she married a Salvation Army Bandmaster and lived for a time in Kettering before returning to Bishop Auckland. When left a widow with two children the opportunity came to move to Newton Aycliffe and so 'burning all her bridges' behind her she arrived in 1961 with the intention of settling. In this she has certainly succeeded for within these few years she has become one of the towns most popular citizens.

To quote Mrs. Lincoln, "humanity is my business, any relation any faith, be it for a Marley or a Scrooge all are accorded the same help, there is no discrimination at all, if you are in a tough spot and I can be of service all you have to do is ask."

Apart from social work among the people she runs a Home League especially for women which has many members and room for more.

Shafto House, the home for the elderly, in Shafto Way is visited once a fortnight; Mrs. Lincoln takes her accordion and gets the old folk singing and gives them a cheerful evening.

A young policeman told Captain Lincoln that with the coming of the Salvation Army the religious picture of the town was thus completed.

The lady has the final word: it is "I will be only too pleased to help any charity with their collections, for I know how difficult it is to find volunteers at the time they are wanted."

## A TRIBUTE FROM N.A.C.O.L.O.

### Carnival Week Committee

To the residents of Newton Aycliffe, the tradespeople of the Town, the firms on the Industrial Estate, the Parish Council, the Development Corporation, organizations, individuals, and firms and people beyond the towns borders; the Committee wish to extend their most sincere thanks for the warm and wholehearted support given to Carnival Week.

To the Carnival Queen, her two ladies-in-waiting, Harlequin, the children, teenagers, and parents a very special word of thanks. When we viewed the Carnival Procession and witnessed the work and effort put into the childrens Fancy Dress, the Floats, Bicycles, Masquerading Adults, and the enthusiasm of the thousands of spectators who lined the route, this was our moment of triumph and we knew that all the hard work needed to ensure a successful Carnival had been amply rewarded. You, the townspeople have proved that Newton Aycliffe can and does do something to help itself.

Carnival Week was so much appreciated that we can Plan ahead with confidence for next year.

M.T.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

The comments in your editorial last month, concerning a letter which appeared in the Northern Echo written under the pseudonym of Antenor are, I feel a little unfair as a lot of what Antenor said is true.

I liked Antenor's letter. It made me laugh and was obviously written by a man with his tongue in his cheek, although I would rather he had used his own name.

You sir, must be aware that inferior materials and poor workmanship is evident in any house in Newton Aycliffe, to say nothing of design. One does not have to be a "disgruntled tenant," as you suggest, to be, or let others know that you are, aware of these facts.

As for your concluding comment that "nobody is compelled to live in a town that presents such a dismal picture", oh my! how wrong can you get. Perhaps you could leave Newton Aycliffe tomorrow and find accommodation elsewhere but we couldn't and there must be hundreds like us. In any case, just because you start shouting about things, it doesn't mean you want to move; and whether you are a voluntary, compulsory, happy, or unhappy tenant you are still entitled to air your views. If they seem to be a bit exaggerated then I would remind you of a remark you once made to me about "Journalistic licence". There is something of the journalist in all of us.

M. C. L. Spark.

## WVS MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

The Newton Aycliffe WVS Meals on Wheels service is in need of additional voluntary workers. Women are wanted who can give approximately 2½ hours of their time once a month between 11-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. The days involved are Monday to Thursday in each week. The job you will be asked to do is quite simple, the driver takes a vehicle on a defined route and she and her helper serve meals, which are already portioned, to the recipients. Nothing could be more simple, but you will get no reward other than the satisfaction of having done your "good deed for the day".

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## THE GREAT WEEK

Carnival Week opened with a Civic Service in Woodham Burn Park. A delightful open air service held in very pleasant surroundings in glorious weather was conducted by Rev. J. J. Graham, Church of England; Rev. R. Gunstone, Methodist; Captain E. M. J. Lincoln, Salvation Army.

Throughout the week each day's weather being kind the daily programme gave pleasure to many. The Cafe Continentale, organised as part of the celebrations proved extremely popular, hundreds of cups of coffee were served by volunteers between 10 and 12-0 o'clock, this could have been quite a hit all the summer if volunteers could be found to carry it on and the weather remained as good as it had been.

The Three day Art Exhibition drew a large number of people; the abstract and the representational being equally shewn gave viewers ample opportunity to compare and decide in which direction their preference lay. A similar exhibition in the not-too-distant future could be well worth considering. The picture donated as a prize was won by Mr. J. Spark.

All the kids had a wonderful evening at the Festival of Rhythm: thanks to the manner in which they conducted themselves everyone, performers, organizers, and the older people present, enjoyed a thoroughly happy night.

The Barbecue attracted a fair crowd despite a little rain during the evening. The people responsible for its success suffered setbacks which were only put right at the last moment; however all went well with none the wiser except those behind the scenes, who deserve a word of appreciation for the manner in which they overcame the difficulties.

The outstanding day was of course the Saturday with the Procession and Sports on Simpasture Playing Fields. Only a resident of some years would fully appreciate the joyful surprise experienced by the organizers; the crowds that lined the streets exceeded anything seen so far in the town's history: and the competitors who entered for the sports events trebled those of any other year.

The winners of the Cups and Trophies to be competed for annually were :-

Presidents Cup: Best Dressed Window: Jas. Coombes & Co. Ltd. Vice-Presidents Cup: Basket Ball: Billingham Technical School. Vice-Presidents Shield: Tug o'War: Police Cadets. Committee Cup: Relay Race: Sugar Hill Junior School. Auckland Chronicle Cup: Best Trade Float: Carrsides Dairies. Chrysler Cummings Trophy: Best Organizers Float: Treasure Island.

M.C.S.



## ARE YOU BORED?

Can you remember when you first came to Newton Aycliffe? perhaps it was a matter of a few weeks ago, perhaps as long as twelve years since. Do you recall how many times in those first few weeks, and how many times since, that you have said "I'm bored, there's never anything to do in this place." Without a doubt this has become a stock expression, so much so indeed that it is time someone found a shorthand way of saying it, so that the need to use the complete sentence each time was unnecessary.

But listen awhile and the 'bored' 'bored' 'bored' chant becomes the cry "APATHY" when members of some eighty odd organisations lend their voices to the fray.

Certainly, for anyone willing to make the effort there is little need for boredom—but 'apathy' seems too harsh a tag as the sole reason for seeming lack of enthusiasm on the part of the townspeople, or if not too harsh, the members of our many organisations should carry the same label—albeit for a different reason.

Having just become a Newtonian, and working as I do in the library, I am afforded a view of both sides of the argument, and can catch a glimpse of the truth which lies somewhere between 'boredom' and 'apathy'. It is easy to understand why a newcomer to the town arrives at the conclusion that there is little or nothing to do; because far too many organisations do not advertise their activities sufficiently. They are not active enough in their own cause, considering a brief mention at a Welcoming Party sufficient to protect their image. Thus APATHY cannot be the right word to use as a label for the people.

I was more fortunate than many; probing and prodding on behalf of the library, the existence of these organisations was known to me before I had even heard of the Welcoming Party; many other newcomers are not so fortunate.

But even the knowledge that they exist is not enough. The thing that really matters is that the residents **should know what the various clubs, societies, and associations are doing, and when they are doing it.**

Last year through the "Newtonian" I requested assistance to establish a comprehensive file of local events, services and organisations at the library. To quote myself: "this file would contain information of times and dates of local events, with names and addresses of organisers and the full activities of the body they represent." Unhappily for us the response to this request was so poor as to be almost negligible. APATHY? perhaps. Hazy terms of reference on the part of the librarian? much more likely! This being the case, the same request is made again, having first painted in a little background as a framework to stress the importance.

To many new residents the first consideration is that they have a house. And when they are settled in they realise that not only have they to stay in the town—they have to live in it. Then they look round for something to do. There is no cinema, no proper dance hall, no bowling alley, no—everyone knows this long negative litany without my repeating it. There is the 'T.V.' of course, but

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you can soon get tired of that. There's the library—it has been said that 'they keep a pretty good selection of books' but even reading isn't everyone's cup of tea. Then a bell tinkles in the back of the mind: the library! they don't only deal with books, they are also supposed to be centres of information. And so down to the library they come to find details of the various activities. We help when we can—but as has been stressed, we can only pass on information which has been given to us.

With some justification it can be said that the library has made a great impact on the public since the full-time branch was opened just over a year ago. It can claim the largest clientele of any building in the town, and can also claim to cater for a larger cross-section of the population than any other organisation in Newton Aycliffe.

In such circumstances the library is the obvious centre for all information of a social nature. This being so, then in their own interests every organisation should make sure that the library knows what they are doing so that such information can be made widely available.

The aim is to set up a DIARY OF EVENTS so that no-one has any excuse for not being fully aware of 'Whats on in Newton Aycliffe'

All sections who are holding dances, whist drives, bring and buy sales, jumble sales, coffee mornings, and if any churches are giving a special, or unusual service please let the librarian know so that they can be included in the proposed DIARY. On the subject of churches the library would appreciate full details of normal church services, for many requests for this information are received.

The DIARY OF EVENTS will be maintained by the library staff without bias to any particular item, and will be displayed in a prominent position where everyone may digest its contents.

Co-operation from all concerned will give the residents of the town the opportunity to know all that is going on, and when and where the events will take place.

**IF YOU ARE HOLDING ANY SOCIAL EVENT LET THE LIBRARIAN KNOW SO THAT IT CAN BE GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY IN THE DIARY.**

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## Thought for the Month

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# CHILDREN'S COLUMN

## THE ENCHANTED ROCKING HORSE

### Part 3.

*(Belinda and Timothy are staying with their Aunt Agatha. At night they discover that Dapple Grey, the old rocking horse in the attic, is a magic horse. They climb on his back and he flies with them through the night to Rocking Horse Island, his home across the sea.)*

As the rocking horse continued its flight above the sea, the children noticed the sky growing lighter and brighter.

"We are flying towards the dawn" said Dapple Grey "Have you ever seen the sun rise, children?" "Never" said Belinda and Timothy. "Then look straight ahead—it's just coming up over the horizon." And just as he spoke the pale blue of the sky down by the water turned a dazzling pink and gold. Little wispy morning clouds were drifting lazily along and behind them the red gold globe of the sun peeped over the edge of the sea. "Oh, how lovely!" breathed Belinda "Look, Timothy!" But Timothy was a very practical little boy. "Yes, it's very pretty—but if morning is here, won't Aunt Agatha wonder where we are?" "Oh no" said Dapple Grey "You don't need to worry—we're halfway round the world now. It won't be morning at Aunt Agatha's for hours and hours. Now—can you see a dark patch in the sea down there? That's Rocking Horse Island. We've reached it in good time in spite of our breakdown on the rocks. Hold tight—we're going down!"

It was very light now and as they neared the ground Timothy and Belinda could see dozens of rocking horses running to meet them. Big ones and little ones, fat ones and thin ones, plain ones and spotty ones, striped ones and dotty ones—there were all sorts!

As they landed with a gentle bump, two horses came forward to greet them. One was black with a red saddle and he looked very proud. The other was grey with a blue saddle and a gentle smile. They both wore little gold crowns. "This is my father—Black King, and my mother—Silver Princess," said Dapple. "Did I tell you that they rule the island?" "Oh no!" whispered Belinda and Timothy, who were very impressed. "Does that mean that you are really a prince?" "Well, yes" said Dapple rather modestly "I am on the island, anyway."

As Dapple Grey presented them to his mother and father Timothy bowed very low and Belinda made her best curtsy, just as she had learned it at dancing school. They both felt very glad that they were wearing new dressing gowns!

"Welcome to Rocking Horse Island" said Black King. "Yes," said Silver Princess in a low gentle voice "Any friends of our dear son are always welcome here. Now, the banquet for his birthday celebrations is waiting. Will you be our guests of honour?" "Indeed they will, mother" said Dapple Grey "In fact it will be just as much Belinda's banquet as it is mine because it is her birthday as well."

"How perfectly splendid" said Black King, and led the way to a meadow amongst the trees, where a long table was laden with food. At first, Belinda and Timothy were rather worried in case there would be nothing but caraway seeds, which they now knew was what rocking horses usually eat, but they soon found that there were lots of other things that rocking horses like. There were apples and oranges, pineapples that had been picked on the island that morning, digestive biscuits and doughnuts, and finally an enormous birthday cake made of ice-cream.

When they had finished eating Dapple turned to Black King. "Now, tell me father" he said "How have you all been keeping

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while I have been away? Is everything going well?" Black King's face grew sad. He looked at Silver Princess as if asking her advice and she nodded at him. "We had not wanted to spoil your holiday by telling you of our troubles" he began "But you are sure to find out when you tour the island to see how things are." "Trouble?" asked Dapple Grey "On Rocking Horse Island? I can hardly believe it. We never have trouble here!" "We never used to" said his father "But we have now. A few weeks ago we saw something flying towards us out of the sky and, thinking it was one of our own kind returning to the island for his annual holiday, we all rushed out to greet it. Alas, we soon discovered our mistake."

"What was it?" said the children and Dapple together. "I don't know how to tell you. We have never seen anything like it. It was a monstrous green thing with scaly wings. As we stood there, not knowing what to do, it suddenly rushed at us and opened its mouth to roar!" "And as it did so" joined in Silver Princess "Flames poured from its mouth. Oh, it was a terrible sight—particularly as we are made of wood!" "Yes," added Black King "Before we realised our danger and turned to run some of the rocking horses who were nearest got quite badly scorched and their paint blistered. The creature didn't try to follow us, fortunately, but ran into the wood on the other side of the hill. We have tried to make friends with it but every time anyone approaches it rushes out breathing fire and we have to run for our lives. We don't even know what this terrible thing is called."

Belinda and Timothy looked at one another. They felt rather scared and rather excited at the same time. "Please, your Majesties," they said "We think we know what the monster is called." "Can it be possible?" asked Black King "Have you come across such a monster before?" "We've never met one" said Timothy "But we've read about them in books." "Then what is it?" asked Silver Princess. "Why" said Belinda "It must be—it can only be—a DRAGON!"

*(Next month you will be able to read about Belinda and Peter's adventure with the dragon!)*



## ROAD SAFETY NEWS

The Childrens Cycling Proficiency Test is proceeding very well indeed but by the time this edition is published the tests will have been completed. A total of approximately 260 children were registered for this years tests and parents show sound common sense for encouraging the children to attend the courses.

There are far too many children in this town riding bicycles that are too big for them; this is neither safe nor fair to the child. Parents **MUST NOT** allow their children to ride cycles that are too large for them, or unroadworthy.

The standard of car driving in Newton Aycliffe is comparatively high, but the standard of parking and consideration for other people is deplorable. Vehicles are left on corners, bends, facing each other in narrow streets, thereby blocking the road, and at times several feet from the curb.

Many people carry out repairs to their cars in the road outside their homes, which in itself is not too bad if the road carries little traffic, but a lot of oil and grease is left on the road surface thus causing a hazard.

Do you really wish to see a fatal accident in your road before being thoughtful and considerate with your parking, and with your usage of the road as a whole?

The Road Safety Committee of Newton Aycliffe is doing a lot of good work but without your co-operation most of it is wasted. Please do all you can to assist the drive for Road Safety by careful parking and driving. A meeting is held on the first Monday of each month in Churchill House, and if Road Safety is of interest you will be most welcome.

## Point for the month:

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## WOMENS COLUMN

Until the time comes when science will have perfected its experiments in the field of plastics and we are able to purchase fabulous throwaway dresses in cheap plastic material at a cost of a few coppers each we women of 1964 must wear the more conventional garments made in present day materials. Now instead of adding to the cost of home made dresses and other garments by journeying into the nearby towns for your needs there is a way round this problem. A Newton Aycliffe resident is quite willing to help any one by obtaining the materials of their choice direct from the mills, she herself realises the drawbacks for young mothers trailing toddlers around on buses and in the shops in search of a few yards of material in order to create something. I should point out that the lady in question, able to help with lengths of material gets very little monetary gain. Her chief concern is to help people in a practical way.

Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Wadsworth, 7 Elstob Close.

GOING AWAY? you are? consider then, have you thought about these things? Before you actually depart cancel newspapers, milk, bread and other standing orders. Arrange for the watering of indoor plants and the feeding of pets, return or renew library books, leave a spare house key with a reliable neighbour, just in case it should be needed in an emergency. At the last minute turn off gas and electricity at the main, see that water taps are not dripping secure all windows and, if you depart through the front door remember to lock and bolt the back and side doors first. All these reminders may sound quite unnecessary; but in every town in every year someone forgets one or more of these precautions and returns from holiday wishing they had been more careful.

**For a Special Occasion.**

This recipe for Fruit Salad with Liqueur makes a delightful cold sweet with the minimum of trouble. Prepare the chosen fruit removing pips and skin, cut up and pack in layers with sugar in a tall narrow jar. Add 2 or 3 tablespoonsful of liqueur, or more according to the amount of fruit used, kirsch, cherry brandy, orange curacao or cointreau, all are suitable and miniature bottles are adequate for the purpose, then leave the jar in a cold place. If either melon or pineapple is used reserve the shell to serve the salad in.

The sweet may be topped with fresh or ice cream immediately prior to serving. Expensive? just a little perhaps but for a special occasion why not?

**County Recipe—Sussex—Tomato Pie.**

As tomatoes are usually reasonable in price in July this pie will not be too costly and is I assure you very tasty indeed.

**You require:-**

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 8 ozs. short crust pastry | 1oz. dripping or butter |
| 1 Shallot or small onion  | 1 lb. tomatoes          |
| 4 ozs. bread crumbs       | 2 ozs grated cheese     |
| pepper and salt           |                         |

Line a pie-dish with the pastry, pulp the tomatoes add half the cheese and breadcrumbs, and pepper and salt to taste. Place in pie-dish with thinly sliced shallot or onion. Mix the rest of the breadcrumbs and cheese together and cover the mixture, put dabs of dripping or butter on the top and bake in a moderate oven. If liked a dash of Worcester Sauce may be added to the tomato mixture.

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Our Annual Camp is over once more and we have mixed feelings about the land of our "South Western Brothers", we saw a good deal of Devon and Cornwall and in fact all the Counties en route to that far flung outpost. We went through all the trials and tribulations of a Column on the move and it will be some time before our vocabulary gets back to normal.

On the whole the weather was not too unkind and for most the long trek was an enjoyable adventure as well as valuable training. Ask Dick Moore of 10, Watson Road, our specially enlisted "Recruit" who only got his uniform the day before we left.

During July each Monday will be devoted to General Training, Driver Training will continue for those who get through Recruit Training at Camp and there will be a re-grouping of Platoons. Each Thursday night will be games and sports evening, including miniature range.

The ranges at Battle Hill (near Bowes) have been provisionally booked for two Sundays in July, not only for firing courses but also to practice teams which will be entering in the Column Shoot later in the year.

This is the month we say good-bye to our Commanding Officer, Major R. CANT (Robbie), who has commanded the Company since it was formed over 3 years ago. We will miss him on his retirement and more will be said about that at the appropriate time. Meanwhile young Cpl. "Robbie" continues to serve in the Company so we will not be losing touch.

We also say good-bye to CSM (PSI) Tom Baxter and congratulate him on his promotion to RSM. We wish him and his family, God Speed.

Our new O.C. is Major H. H. ROBINSON B.E.M., also a founder member of the Company, and we hope that his tenure of service with us will prove to be a happy one.



## R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NEWS

Stalwart Mr. Eric Cook has recently returned from the Richard Peck R.A.F.A. Convalescent Home at St. Anne's-on-Sea having recovered from a serious illness. Eric has spoken most highly of the Home in general, and in particular of the Matron, Miss Muggford.

This is the first time that Eric has had occasion to visit Richard Peck House, either as visitor or patient, and he cannot speak too highly of the treatment, comfort, and excellence of the food in this most pleasant convalescent home.

The first time I saw Eric upon his return, I was amazed to see how fit and well he now looks, he seems to have been drinking the elixir of life. Glad to see you well on the road to recovery Eric.

Founder member of the Newton Aycliffe Branch Mr. Ted Hutchinson showed me a very interesting little book a few days ago. It was a log book made up from bits and pieces he collected while a prisoner of war. Looking through old photographs Ted does not appear to have changed so very much, a shade more on the "chubby" side perhaps but easily recognisable. He had also kept a general record of dates, pals, lists on Red Cross Boxes and their contents, and, most interesting of all snips from letters received from wives to their husbands at the camp. Ted, who is a member of the exclusive Caterpillar Club, seems to have had more than his share of excitement while in the Air Force, some of the photographs in the log book must bring back many nostalgic memories.

The R.A.F.A. National Conference held recently at Eastbourne was very well attended, attracting representatives, and delegates from all corners of the world. Mr. Ron Manning (Hon. Sec.) and Mr. George Pearce were delegates from this branch, with Mr. Bill Carr (Chairman) and Mr. George Smith acting as observers. H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester opened the Conference and graced all the main Functions

Mr. Manning gave an outline of the discussions at the Conference and said that a proposal to increase the subscriptions was heavily defeated. (Good show.) Ron said the whole conference was a great success and commended the Eastbourne Branch for their hospitality and sincere friendliness.

When you receive this 'Newtonian' the Concert Hall will have been completely redecorated with many adaptations having been made.

The programme for Battle of Britain Week is now taking shape, and the organizer Mr. George Smith promises a week of events that will cater for all tastes. Before leaving this subject I want to make a special appeal to all our friends and members. If you can spare any time at all to act as a collector for Wings Day will you please contact Mr. Bert Cornley or Mr. Harry Naylor. The Newton Aycliffe Branch has a vast area to cover and helpers from all parts will be most welcome.

Next month I intend to write a short article on the Air Force's proverbial 'Ration Box', it should prove 'meaty' reading.

H.G.S.

## GARDEN'S IN THE AREA

Where shall we go on Saturday or Sunday? Don't forget there are lists on the Town Centre Notice Boards of GARDENS in the area which are open to the public.



## THE BALIOL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT CO. LTD.

The Baliol Musical Instrument Co. Ltd., had its beginning in Barnard Castle in 1957, when two men, Mr. Alan Lucas and Mr. W. C. Raine, joined forces and rented a room in a condemned house. The main business, at that time, being the hand making of guitars and repairs of all stringed instruments.

After several weeks in these cramped and very unsatisfactory conditions, a large loft was rented, also in Barnard Castle. The two man concern then began in real earnest, and with the introduction of the hand-made Double Bass, a terrific amount of work began, not in the making of the instruments, but principally in breaking down the tremendous prejudice which existed against British made stringed instruments of this type. This battle continued for two years, and at the same time a thriving and exceedingly active repair business was being built between the two man concern and the principal wholesale houses in the country.

In 1959 it was apparent that the scope for the manufacture and repair of stringed instruments was almost limitless and in November of that year some 1,600 feet of factory at Aycliffe was leased from the Industrial Estates Management Corporation and the present Limited Company was formed.

The task then began of putting, what was hitherto, essentially hand work, on a production basis, and the training of personnel into what is a singularly unknown—in this country—craft.

The method of both batch and flow line production have been in operation for some considerable years on the continent, particularly in Germany, but these methods are closely guarded and virtually unobtainable.

The early part of 1960 saw the introduction of the Student Cello from the Baliol factory, and it is worth noting that, although a great deal of time, hard work, and much needed finance had been expended, the first batch was promptly destroyed.

In 1961 a further 1,600 square feet was acquired, and in early 1962 the existing building was extended to its present size of approximately 4,000 square feet.

It may be of interest to note that, although there is a Baliol Green in Newton Aycliffe, the name is not by any means common, spelt especially as it is. Baliol, however, is synonymous with Barnard Castle (Bernard Baliol built the original Castle), and the Company retained the name on moving to Aycliffe when the present Company was formed.

It has been pointed out by several learned people from Oxford that the name is spelt wrongly, but the fact remains that the original is the same.

From 1962, the Company has produced in increasing quantities, not only the main lines of Cellos and Double Bases, but several small lines, such as drumsticks, in 14 varieties, drum practice pads, castagnets, and with the exception of strings, the full range of accessories for Double Bass and Cello.

In the middle of last year, due to the fantastically increased demand, the Company commenced the manufacture of a small acoustic guitar, and some weeks later saw the introduction of the larger and very popular Country and Western style "Jumbo" guitar. Both these models are now being produced and together with other lines are providing steady employment for some thirty personnel.

At the present time plans are being formed for a much larger factory, and with the continued support of the Industrial Estates Management Corporation, whose help in the past has been invaluable, it is hoped in the future, that an entirely new industry will emerge, from what was the humble beginning of two men with imagination.

## WOMENS INSTITUTE

A Womens Institute has been formed at Newton Aycliffe and will be known as "Woodham Burn W.I." The first meeting was held at Milton Hall School, when a committee was balloted for and from the twelve elected the following officers were chosen:- Mesdames Hart, President: Hindmarsh, Secretary: Soulsby, Treasurer.

It was encouraging to note the number of women from all age groups who were interested enough to become members at the inauguration meeting. The decision was made that the minimum age for membership should be 18 years.

The meetings will follow a general pattern of:- Business, Speaker or Demonstrator, cup of tea and general get-together, competitions of various kinds in which it is hoped all members will take part.

The W.I. movement was first formed in Canada to foster friendship among lonely country women who were by this means able to exchange ideas, and this ideal we hope to fulfil in Newton Aycliffe.

Bills will be displayed before future meetings, at each shopping centre announcing programme and competition.

### Editors comment.

*The Secretary of the W.I. should be sure to make a point of reading the article in this issue under the heading "Are you bored" and give the fullest information to the Librarian.*



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Candidates for the above mentioned posts should contact the undersigned as soon as possible.

Mr. B. Gale,

Chief Scribe,

Newton Aycliffe A.F.C.,

14 Markham Place.

Interviews can also be arranged at our regular Sunday morning set-to's, at the Sports Club, 11-0 o'clock.

Other news from the Club is that we now possess our own 16 m.m. film sound projector and an excellent supply of feature and specialist films. Any organisation that would like a film show included in their activities are asked to contact Mr. K. Belton, 3 Dixon Road, or Mr. D. M. Grieve, 37 Bousfield Crescent. The equipment and projectionist will be hired at a fee to be agreed.

Don't forget our last film show until September will be "Billy Budd" on July 13th in the Beveridge Hall. Admission by tickets only, 2/6d. each, are obtainable from West Farm Products, Beveridge Way.

Public Relations Officers,

Haurel and Lardy.

**TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**



4-30 p.m.

Looking Forward—In spite of the date we are having a Strawberry Tea on July 13th. Fresh Cream and Strawberries!! not good for the figure we know—but—like a lot of things that are not good for us, very nice occasionally;; let this be the occasion then for members and friends of the Guild to meet in the Beveridge Hall, Finchale Road, on July, 13th. from 2-30 to

There being no meeting in the month of August, a social evening has been arranged for the 10th. in the Beveridge Hall, the details of which will be given in the August Newtonian.

For July the usual meeting is on Monday, 6th. 7-15 p.m. prompt in the Beveridge Hall. Brief details are:- Speaker: Matron of the Aycliffe Hospital. Competition, a garden in a grape fruit skin. Surprise parcel by Mrs. M. Evans. Sales Table, cut flowers. Social half hour, play reading with a difference.

The Guild members and the speaker, Miss Myrella Cohen, most thoroughly enjoyed the singing of the Ladies Choir at the June meeting and take this opportunity to express their appreciation. Miss Cohen regretted having to leave before the end of the programme to return home to Sunderland.

M.M.G.

**NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB**

Sorry I missed last months edition, but.....? This month sees our Buffet Dance at the "Gretna" on the 22nd. The usual effort, anything goes, so why not come along, if only for the feed; at 8/6d. you cannot be robbed. Tickets are available from any member but don't leave it too late, we hope to sell out.

Also in July we have our last run before the holiday fortnight, it is to Stump Cross Caverns, taking in, all being well, Trollers Ghyll, Bolton Abbey and the Strid. Round trip about 120 miles 10 a.m. start from the Town Centre Car Park. This run is on Sunday, 12th, and on the previous Saturday the Vincent Owners Club High Speed Trials are being held at Cadwell Park. Anyone for this latter event contact me and we can arrange departure times.

Reading through my scrapbook the other day I came across two comments on accidents; the first from the Irish Digest....."after you've heard two eye-witness accounts of the same accident, you begin to wonder about history", and the second from Motor Sport, where it is attributed to a well known Chief Constable—"As there are 1,760 different ways in which one can contravene the law with a car, motorists should be philosophical about it and pay their fines in much the same way as they pay their income tax, for both are inevitable". So there you are, whether Ernie goes or stays you just cannot win.

Sidecar members; I still have some copies of the federation emergency contact list so if you hav'nt yet had one please ask.

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### THE BEVERIDGE ROLLER DANCE AND FIGURE SKATING CLUB, NEWTON AYCLIFFE

On July 5th members of the skating club will be taking part in National Skating Association Roller Figure and Dance skating tests. On the same day "The Beaver Skating Trophy" event will be skated, again by members of The Beveridge Club. The events on July, 5th will commence at 4-0 p.m. and will end at approximately 9-0 p.m. If you are a club member and you are not taking part in these events you will be expected to attend to give your fellow members the encouragement they deserve. Whether or not you are a club member you will still be most welcome to come along to the rink in Finchdale Road, and enjoy watching the competitive skating. During the events refreshments will be on sale, and if time allows after the tests general skating will take place.

The Saturday Public Skating Sessions are still in full swing, but we could do with a little more support to help out with the rent cost. If you have a young family who find it difficult to find Saturday night entertainment, why not send them along to the rink at 7-0 p.m. Games, Dancing, Rock'N'Roll, Twist, and lot's of prizes to be won, along with the Top Pop tunes from the Hit Parade. The rink is dry, and you can rely on a most enjoyable time among people of all ages. I might add that we are adequately staffed and quite able to keep out the unwanted element who so often spoil things—given the chance.

May I, via The Newtonian, clear up a little matter which some Newtonians seem to have in their minds—The Skating club is run by a committee who offer their services free of charge, and like most of the other organizations in Newton Aycliffe a great deal of hard work is put into this club with the people of the town at heart, and not as so many people think—A large salary.

A reminder: the club will be closed for it's annual holidays from July 25th until August 9th both dates inclusive.

G. A. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

### GARDENS COMPETITION

The annual Gardens Competition will again be held this year and will be confined to the tenants of houses owned by the Corporation and the Corporation's staff will be ineligible to receive prizes.

For the purpose of the competition the town will again be divided into four sections being the Local Government Wards numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Application forms will be delivered to all the Corporation owned houses on the town and those interested in entering the competition should complete the form and return it to the Corporation Offices at Churchill House no later than the 10th July next.

The gardens of all those who enter the competition will be inspected by the Corporation's horticultural staff during the last two weeks of July when the best gardens will be selected for the final judging by an independent horticultural expert on Friday the 31st July next.

Prizes of £4, £3, £2, £1 and 10/- will be awarded to the five best gardens in each Ward and similar prizes will be offered for the best gardens attached to Old People's Bungalows, which will be treated as a separate class.

Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all tenants of gardens included in the final judging and the first prizewinner in each Ward will compete for the Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl which will be awarded to the tenant of the garden adjudged to be the best in town.

### FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

The Family Planning Clinic is open every Wednesday from 6-30 to 7-30 p.m. in the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Dalton Way. A lady Doctor is Always in attendance to advise and help with any problem that may arise. All enquiries are strictly confidential. Information may be had and appointments made through Mrs. Wells 55 Cumby Road, Telephone. 249.

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## NEWTON AYCLIFFE TOWN BAND

When you read these notes Carnival Week will be but a memory, with the band having played its part in this first of what is hoped to be an annual event.

For the benefit of new residents I must tell them that the Band is in need of new members, either sex can be sure of a most cordial welcome, and there is plenty of opportunity for the juniors. A practice is held on Sunday mornings at 10-30 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings at 7-30 p.m. If you are a 'brass' player of any age, or think you have the makings of one, this is your chance. Come along to the Beveridge Hall, Finchale Road, on the days and times shown above.

In the very near future the Band will start an intensive campaign for funds to help towards the cost of new instruments and uniforms. We are sure the townspeople will not forget the service the Band renders to Newton Aycliffe, and will help us to obtain our new equipment.

V.J.T.S.

## TEENAGE COLUMN

We, the teenagers think it time we had a say in the towns paper. Our elders are apt to think everyone between the age of 13 and 19 is irresponsible and looking for trouble, and it is an awful pity that we are condemned 'en masse' for the crazy behaviour of the few.

The accident to Mr. Jack Davey is very much to be regretted and it is hoped that it will not cause him to change his mind, but will continue to work as he planned, for the youth of the town.

Would any of the teenagers who go to the Saturday afternoon Beat Club like to form a committee; we want four boys and four girls. So far two boys have been suggested, if you are interested ask for either Mike or Jimmy any Saturday at the Beat Club between 1-30 and 4 p.m.

There is not a lot for our age group in this town, so come on!! Lets get together and see if we can do something for ourselves. Anybody with ideas or suggestions should get in touch with Mike Thompson, 18 Greathead Crescent. And a word to all the mum's and dad's make sure your teenage sons and daughters read this they may have the ideas we want.

Finally, who would like to write this column each month, there must be at the very least one teenager who likes putting pen to paper.

M.T.

## CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. J. E. Kennedy who was awarded the Order of the British Empire (Military Division) in the Birthday Honours List. Mr. Kennedy who is by profession Deputy Marine Engineer Superintendent with the Royal Fleet Auxillary has resided at 2 Isherwood Close for the past seven years. His official duties take him to all parts of the world, and he has recently returned to this country following a ten week spell in the Far East.

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Darlington Address of Registrar :-

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Alternate Tuesdays from December 10th

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### THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR ENGLAND

The Rt. Hon. Edward Heath, M.B.E., M.P. Secretary of State for Industry, Trade and Regional Development officially opened a new factory on the Aycliffe Industrial Estate, during his visit to the North East on 15th May.

The factory, which has an area of 26,000 sq. ft. was recently completed by the Industrial Estates Corporation for occupation by SAB. Brake Regulator Co. Ltd. and when in full production is planned to provide jobs for up to 100 employees.

SAB BRAKE REGULATOR CO. LIMITED, is a subsidiary of the Swedish firm—Svenska Aktiebolaget Bromsregulator of Malmo, who, for nearly 50 years, have been one of the leading manufacturers of railway brake equipment, and in the special field of construction and manufacture of Automatic Slack Adjusters (brake regulators), are regarded as the world's leading authority. Proof of this lies in the fact that more than 1 million railway wagons and carriages are today fitted with SAB Brake Regulators.

In addition to the production of Brake Regulators, the Swedish Company has developed various other apparatus for improving the brake systems on railway vehicles. One of these is a mechanical load brake device which automatically adjusts the braking power to the actual load of the wagon i.e. a heavily loaded wagon requires more braking power to achieve the same stopping distance as a light one.

Another product that has proved very successful is a resilient wheel, which, although originally designed for use on tramways is now being increasingly used on the railways, mainly for motor coaches and locomotives. It can also be used on mine locomotives, where it simplifies the conventional type of transmission, thus saving both the initial and maintenance costs.

These products are manufactured in Sweden, and mainly on a licensed basis, in many other countries throughout the world. The new factory at Aycliffe is the only one outside Sweden entirely run by the SAB Group, and it forms an important link in increasing the total manufacturing capacity.

The Company has stated that they decided to start this factory in Britain because they have great faith in the future of the British Market, and that they were guided to the North East by the Board of Trade's advice that the development districts had many advantages to offer.

When choosing a site for a new factory it is important that the right type of labour is available, and they found that, not only was the labour available, in the Darlington area but also that the people appreciated the opportunity of obtaining fresh employment.

There are other reasons why the Darlington area was chosen as the site for the new factory. The Aycliffe Industrial Estate is well planned, and allows room for expansion. It is attractively laid out and its green areas and flower beds, are rarely seen in other industrial areas.

The new town of Newton Aycliffe is able to provide modern houses, which enables the necessary staff to move from surrounding districts and gives them the opportunity of living in a modern community and working in a modern factory.

As planned production is mainly connected with the Railways, the old tradition of Darlington as a Railway Centre can still be kept after the closure of the Railway Workshops.

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Fur and Feather Club	Youth Hostel Association
Gardens Guild	

At Welcoming Parties, and on other occasions, questions are asked regarding membership to many of the above and it is difficult to give satisfactory answers because it is not known for certain the names of those that have ceased to exist.

It would be of assistance if Secretaries would let the editor know whether they are in need of new members, what progress is being made, and their future plans. If the organisation has 'gone out of business' perhaps some past member would give the reason for failure.

The columns of the Newtonian are free to every organisation in the town, so please take advantage and use the paper to give yourselves publicity. And every organisation should read the article under the heading "ARE YOU BORED".

## CHANGE OF NAME

The response to the competition for an alternative name for Aycliffe Industrial Estate did not bring forth any suggestions that would carry weight in an effort to sway authority. Therefore the sponsors do not think they would be justified in awarding the offered prize at this stage and it has been agreed to hold the matter over and reintroduce the subject at a later date.

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R.T.G.

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