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PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH No. 7.



Mrs. Hydes, a Lincolnshire woman, born in Cleethorpes is leaving the town at the end of August to return to her native county and reside on the outskirts of the City of Lincoln. During her ten year stay in Newton Aycliffe she has quietly carried out a tremendous amount of voluntary work. In her early days she took great interest in physical training and eventually entered the Lincoln Training College to study as a teacher of the subject. After obtaining her diploma she taught at Alford and

Waltham Toll Bar for some time before marrying; since marriage she has had to make her home in many parts of the country. Coming to Newton Aycliffe in 1954 from another new town, Harlow in Essex she had knowledge of life in the very new towns and realised the necessity for getting to know people and make new friends as quickly as possible. This was accomplished quite easily, for being a life-long Methodist she immediately joined her local church and fitted into her surroundings among new people. Taking over the Brownies she has worked the pack up to full strength and turned it into a fine body of young people. Mrs. Hydes is now District Secretary of the Girl Guides Association, and over a period of time has been President of the Ladies Circle; on the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Church; and a very active member of the Church Sick Visiting and Caring for the People Plan. She is also well known to many old people for her work with the town's Meals on Wheels Service, and is a staunch member of the Townswomen's Guild. Ten years in Newton Aycliffe represents the longest stay in one place since her marriage. However, with her many interests she finds no difficulty in making new friends no matter where circumstances compel her to live. "Because" says Mrs. Hydes "when moving into a town in which you are not known it is essential to introduce yourself and let others know that you are a new-comer." And she thinks that many people who are unhappy in new surroundings do not fully realise the importance of making the first move themselves, for how can other than your immediate neighbours know you are new to the district unless you tell them.

Mrs. Hydes is one of the few people who will have left a 'concrete' reminder of the years they lived in Newton Aycliffe, for in July she had the honour to lay the foundation stone of the Methodist Church; a plaque will bear her name and be a permanent record of services rendered.

The many friends of Mrs. Hydes wish her much happiness in her new home.

Editor.

WOODHAM BURN PARK

The Great Aycliffe Parish Council have recently caused investigation to be made into the purity of the water in the Burn at Woodham Burn Park.

The results of the analysis show that the water is unfit for human consumption and could be dangerous if drunk by children. This could occur if children attempt to bathe in the Burn and inadvertently consume some of the water. Whilst paddling in the stream does not entail the same amount of risk, there is still the slight possibility of picking up infection.

Parents are advised to warn children that they must, under no circumstances, drink from the stream and that it is inadvisable to bathe especially during dry periods when the flow of water is light. Paddling in the stream is a matter for the discretion of parents.

F. E. BATLEY,
Clerk to the Great Aycliffe Parish Council.

HOME AGAIN

Mr. Jack Davey, Chairman of N.A.C.O.L.O., is home again after his stay in hospital and we are pleased to report that he is making satisfactory progress.

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EDITORIAL

Should children commence their schooldays before the present compulsory age of 5 years?

County Durham's Director of Education advocates compulsory part time nursery school education for children from the age of four. This suggestion follows closely on that of a large body of teachers who consider that compulsory education should be delayed until the child has reached the age of six. What do parents think? Gallons of ink on tons of paper will go into wastepaper baskets before the right age question is settled. Many mothers would welcome the chance to get the four-year-old off her hands for a few hours each day. Others would raise their voices, calling down coals of fire on those who had the temerity to suggest that school should be thrust upon one so young. And yet many private schools will accept children from the age of four and even the state schools will admit a child one term before it reaches the age of five provided a vacancy exists. The question is, would the majority of parents take kindly to the introduction of the earlier age? And what a problem it would create in Newton Aycliffe where the child population is above average for any town of comparable size. How would it be resolved? build more schools at the expense of houses or overburden the present teaching staff? It should not be forgotten that education is NOT the sole responsibility of the school, it has to be shared by parents and between the two they lay the foundation upon which the future of the child depends. Home and school are like a pair of scissors, one half is useless, but together they achieve their object. Which is the best age to start school, four, five, or six? I don't know. Do you?

Editor.

WOODHAM BURN W.I.

Members should note that commencing August 20th, 1964, the meetings will take place at 7 p.m. promptly on the third Thursday of each month in the Over 60's Club. Posters will be displayed in each shopping centre giving details of speaker and competition. The same details will also appear on the notice board in the hall of the Public Library.

M.P.

Thought for the Month

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THE BEVERIDGE ROLLER DANCE & FIGURE SKATING CLUB, NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Many weeks ago Mr. Godfrey Bennett the club instructor donated a Table Lamp to be raffled. The members who intended skating a National Skating Association test were allowed to sell the tickets to help to pay the very high cost of test fees and subscriptions to the N.S.A. On June the 20th the raffle draw took place and the winner was Edith Evans, C/O Remploy, Newton Aycliffe. The winning ticket was number 34 Yellow—S/NEU4178. It was due to a really good effort that the test candidates by the sale of the tickets made more than two thirds of the total required fees, and by virtue of their hard work each candidate only had 8/2d. to pay instead of a possible 35/-. After hours of really hard work on the rink the big day came and on July 5th only one member failed to gain an N.S.A. pass. Congratulations to the members who passed the Preliminary Roller Dance test:—Pauline Burton, Margaret Conlon, Mary Henderson, Christine Megginson, Marion Mein and Timothy Tong. Well done Mary Henderson who passed her Third Class figure test. The members who were successful in the Preliminary Figure Skating test were:—Pauline Burton, Margaret Conlon, Rolinda Greaves, Marion Mein, Pauline Nelson and Timothy Tong. Many thanks must go to the judges Mrs. R. Thirkell, and Mr. D. Moore both of Middlesbrough. The referee was Mr. Noel Bennett one of our own club members—well done Noel.

On the same day 13 members competed for "The Beaver Figure Skating Trophy" Once again our congratulations must go to Mary Henderson who won this annual event. The judges for the figure event were Miss Avril Bennett, Mr. Eric Nelson, and Mr. D. Moore. Our sincere thanks to Miss Bennett, and Mr. Nelson who were asked to judge at short notice. A second thank you to Mr. Noel Bennett who was referee for this club event. Miss Pamela Brown presented the N.S.A. judges with cigarettes on behalf of the committee and members. Miss Avril Bennett made the presentation of "The Beaver Trophy" to Miss Mary Henderson, and in turn Avril who was last years winner was presented with a miniature replica on behalf of the club by the chairman Mr. George W. Henderson. This occasion was most successful, and we must convey our thanks and appreciation to all who helped with the arrangements.

By the time these notes are in print members will be looking forward to class lessons again following the club's annual holidays—Don't forget members the first session after the holidays will be held on Tuesday the 11th of August. On August 30th members will be taking part in the club's annual outing, and this year our day trip will be to Scarborough. A large proportion of money required for this outing will come from our club funds, and members will only have a very small payment to make to help out with the final figure. A reminder to all members who intend taking part on August 30th—Trip fees, and details of menu required must be handed to the secretary by August 16th.

We now have a few places in our Sunday class, so if you would like to take up skating and have lessons just contact me at 24 Kenny Walk, Newton Aycliffe.

Take care on the roads—Be seeing you.

Godfrey A. Bennett. Hon. Sec.

COFFEE EVENING

The Girl Guides and Brownies Local Association are holding a Coffee Evening at the home of Mrs. Burton, 3 Bede Crescent, on Wednesday, September 16th. from 7-30 p.m. onwards. Everyone interested in the Association will be most welcome.

BRIDGWATER MACHINE COMPANY LIMITED AYCLIFFE

Mr. J. E. Bridgwater emigrated with a Mr. Mason from Selly Oak, Birmingham in the early years of this century and started up a jobbing engineers' business in Cherry Street, AKRON, Ohio in 1906.

Since Akron is the tyre and rubber centre of the U.S.A., much of the early work of Bridgwater and Mason was connected with the plant and machinery used by that industry and, in course of time, they came to manufacture an improved machine for engraving the tread pattern in steel tyre moulds.

Many of these machines were made for the tyre companies all over the world—together with other machines and equipment connected with tyre manufacture. In addition, between the wars, the company also took on the manufacture of the moulds themselves and thus there came a time when the interest of making both moulds and mould-making machines for the same customers clashed.

Mr. Boyd Bridgwater and Mr. John Bridgwater—sons of the original founder—who then controlled the company decided in the thirties that they would form two separate factories—one for the manufacture of moulds, which they established in the University town of Athens, Ohio and the other for the manufacture of machines and other components, which remained in Akron.

This latter factory expanded and moved to larger premises in Akron and developed a range of special machines and components used by the aircraft industry throughout the last war but, in the post war years, the demands for such products declined and the factory was eventually closed down in 1961.

On the other hand, the quality of Bridgwater tyre moulds had rapidly gained the favour of the American tyre industry to such an extent that the factory at Athens was enlarged three or four times and another factory was built in 1952 at Brantford in Ontario, (where Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone).

In 1960 the great American Brake Shoe Company, whose castings had been used by Bridgwater and who had a great interest in another form of tyre moulds—namely precision cast ones—acquired the two Bridgwater factories (retaining Boyd and John Bridgwater as President and Vice-President of this division).

In 1955 Boyd Bridgwater had paid a visit to his father's birthplace in Birmingham and, at the same time, cast his eye over the possibilities of starting up a tyre mould manufacturing plant in England. He decided that, as soon as their Canadian factory was on its feet they would seriously consider a British plant but it was not until after the amalgamation with Brake Shoe that, together with Mr. N. G. Belury of that company, he crossed the Atlantic in April, 1961 to carry out a market survey. This resulted in a favourable report that was quickly acted upon by the Board of Directors of the American Brake Shoe Company.

Possible sites for the new plant were surveyed by Boyd Bridgwater during July 1961 and, with the guidance and assistance of the Board of Trade, Aycliffe was eventually chosen. The ultimate result of the close collaboration between the Board of Trade, the Industrial Estates Management Corporation, Mr. Bridgwater and his English management team, resulted in the establishment of a new factory, a new industry and the delivery of its first products all in the space of 11 months from the first enquiring glance at England.

The factory started with an area of 30,000 sq. ft. which has already been expanded a further 8,000 sq. ft. by the erection of a high crane-served bay for the large machines. The site is available for expansion to 81,500 sq. ft. of built up area and it is expected that Bridgwater—Aycliffe will become the largest independent manufacturer of tyre moulds in Europe in two years' time—and possibly in the world when the site is fully developed.

The customers who use the facilities at Aycliffe include not only the tyre manufacturers in the British Isles but others all over the world. Moulds have already been delivered to France, Sweden, Norway, Venezuela, Uruguay, New Zealand, Switzerland, South Africa and Germany and the list of overseas countries making tyres from Aycliffe moulds is rapidly increasing. One day they will undoubtedly be supplied to the U.S.A. and the circle completed.

It is the intention of the parent company in New York that the whole of the management and staff of the company shall be British although they have been loaned the services of technicians from across the Atlantic from time to time—most of whom have made their homes in Newton Aycliffe. The administration of the company is in the hands of Mr. J. Buckman, A.M.I. Mech.E., M.I. Prod.E., M.B.I.M., (Managing Director) and the Technical Sales Manager is Mr. Roy Hargreaves who has spent his working life in the British Tyre Industry and who now resides in Newton Aycliffe.

In choosing Aycliffe as the site for this new venture the leading considerations were:—

- (a) the immediate availability of factory premises,
- (b) the availability of and good reputation of workers in the North East,
- (c) the advantage of the adjacent residential area in the expanding town of Newton Aycliffe.

Now, after 2½ years of operation and with a wealth of experience behind them, the management have no reason to regret their choice—although they have naturally found a number of disadvantages in being somewhat remote from their main customers.

Difficulties of transport and communications are serious as is also the problem of obtaining equipment and services from engineering suppliers in the Midlands and the South. The telephone service needs considerable expansion and the opening of Middleton-St.-George as an International Airport will be a welcome help to the company's operations.

Labour is a problem—as it is in all areas of the country. Practically all of the operators at Bridgwater have had to be trained in new skills and this has proved to be a longer task than was originally anticipated. It has also been the experience that very minor dissatisfactions have outweighed the great long-term advantages of employment in a stable and expanding firm. Security and chances of advancement appear to carry very little weight in the minds of operators in the North East when comparing them with Bridgwater's sister companies in Canada and the U.S.A. On the other hand, when men (and women) have acquired the necessary skills they have been found to be good hard workers who are prepared to give a fair day's work for their money and, compared with other areas of the country, this is a great asset.

The majority—nearly 60%—of all Bridgwater's 135 employees live in Newton Aycliffe and thus the original envisaged desirability of an expanding residential area near to the factory has been proved. Most of the families have come to this area from the surrounding districts but only three members of the staff have 'emigrated' from the South to the North East. There is no evidence that the tide has yet turned in this direction.

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THE ENCHANTED ROCKING HORSE

(Belinda and Timothy are on Rocking Horse Island with Dapple Grey, the magic rocking horse from their Aunt Agatha's attic. Black King the ruler of the island has just told them that all the rocking horses are being frightened by a strange monster which the children know is a Dragon!)

Black King was most impressed when he found that Timothy and Belinda knew what the monster was. "So it's called a dragon, is it? How clever of you to know. Now can you tell us what we should do with it?" "Well, what do you WANT to do with it?" asked Belinda. "Capture it, I suppose" said Black King. "We can't have it running around the island blistering the paint off any rocking horse that goes near it."

"Couldn't you children capture it for us?" asked Silver Princess hopefully. "After all you're not painted like us, so you won't get blistered." "I'm afraid the dragon would burn us just as badly as it does you" said Belinda. "Still, perhaps we could think of some way of putting its fire out," "Water would do that," said Timothy. "But how can we throw water on it, when we can't get near it?" asked Dapple Grey. "I think I know how we might do it" said Belinda, "Will you help, Timothy?" "Yes, of course," said Timothy, sounding much braver than he really felt.

"Good boy" said Belinda "Then come along with me." And off they went up the hill to the little wood where the dragon was hiding. Dapple Grey and his family and friends stood at the bottom and watched them anxiously.

At first, when they reached the wood, there was no sign of the dragon, but, by following a trail of badly scorched trees, they reached a little bush from behind which a thin stream of smoke swirled steadily into the air. They could hear a faint but regular grunting noise—rather like a pig with a bad cold.

They stood on tiptoe and peered nervously over the top of the bush and there was the dragon—fast asleep! He's rather a sweet looking dragon, really," said Belinda. "Yes, I think he's only a baby," agreed Timothy. And certainly he looked rather small. He had a green scaly skin and nine purple spots on his back. His feet were yellow and at the end of his tail there was a bright red spike. Aunt Agatha would have thought he was rather gaudy.

"Now we're going to wake him up and get him to chase us," said Belinda, and she leaned over the bush as far as she dared and shrieked "Coo—ee!—ee dragon!" right in his ear.

The dragon opened its eyes (which were orange) staggered sleepily to its feet and burped. From its mouth came a little scarlet flicker. "Now run, Timothy!" shouted Belinda, and off they went.

When the dragon saw them he opened his mouth and let out a fearful blast of flame but fortunately the children were out of range by this time. He came trotting after them as fast as he could but, Timothy was quite right and the dragon was only a baby, that wasn't very fast. Indeed, the children had soon left him far behind and when Belinda looked round it had given up and was sitting down looking rather disconsolately at a buttercup. That didn't fit in with the plan at all so they had to run back till Belinda was near enough to reach out and touch him, then the dragon jumped up and they all started off again.

"It's really rather like playing Tig" gasped Timothy. In this fashion, starting and stopping, stopping and starting again,

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they got down to the beach. There the dragon collapsed and the children had to dance around him pulling faces before they could get him on his feet again.

This time they ran straight into the sea. Belinda turned to face the dragon who was hovering on the edge. "Coward—Custard!" she shouted as hard as she could. With a roar of flame from its open mouth the dragon plunged in after them, the water rose about its head and with a deafening sizzle the flames disappeared! As the little dragon struggled back to the beach all that emerged from its mouth was a last little gasp of black smoke.

All the rocking-horses ran up cheering, Timothy and Belinda came out of the water (their new dressing-gowns were very wet) and within seconds the dragon was surrounded.

(What will they do with the dragon now? Read next month's Newtonian to find out.)

S.F.W.

SOMETHING NOBODY MUST MISS!

For the first time, a festival of Light and Sound is to be held in Durham Cathedral from July 29th to September 26th. This is a new art form: the highlights of the nine turbulent centuries of the Cathedral's history will be presented in a unique way. Sid Chaplin, the North-Eastern novelist has written the script, which will be read by Dame Flora Robson. There are no actors, but the narrative will be brought to life by evocative music and by sound effects which re-create in the imagination the atmosphere and essence of the past. The colourful lighting constantly changing, completes the dramatic effect.

Durham is unique in producing "Son et lumiere" inside the building, so it will be unspoilt whatever the weather. It is, however, wise to be warmly clad even inside the Cathedral.

Various organisations are running bus trips from Newton Aycliffe. Otherwise details and tickets can be procured from Durham Town Hall.

G. and B.

CAMERA CLUB (not Cine)

J. F. Gilbert, 46 St. Barbara's Walk, Newton Aycliffe is a very keen photographer, and is quite certain that there are many others in Newton Aycliffe similarly inclined. If sufficient names are forthcoming it is hoped to form a Camera Club. Enthusiasts please contact above mentioned at given address. Personal calls on Friday evenings preferred

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The amount collected in Newton Aycliffe for Inter-Church Aid for week ending July 11th. was £115-5-0. We thank everyone who helped to achieve this extremely good result.

J.J.G.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

RENT INCREASE APRIL, 1964.

Following the increase in rent considerable criticism was levelled at the Aycliffe Development Corporation to which they replied in the April edition of the Newtonian and made these points:-

1. "Wage rates in the building trade have risen by approximately 22% average since 1961."

Comment: research shows that these rates have indeed risen, but only by 15%. The building trade operatives receive fixed rates plus bonus payments. I am given to understand that the difference does not lie in increases of payment in this direction. Where then does it lie?

2. "Price increases in building materials have exceeded 5% average in the same period."

Comment: when this statement was looked into it was found that prices have indeed risen more than 5% average. In fact the increase according to the index of building costs is 9%. Why should the cost of materials at Newton Aycliffe be so much lower?

3. "Interest rates have continued at the same high level."

Comment: we are in agreement with this, and indeed, considering the increase in borrowing necessary to enlarge the town, repayments must have risen considerably, and this would account for the need to make the increases so widespread.

It is therefore with considerable concern that we learn that the alterations outlined in the changed master plan will entail the loss of a considerable amount of money. We hope, most sincerely, that it will not be at the expense of the people of Newton Aycliffe.

The Newton Aycliffe Trades Union Council is the local organ of the Trades Union Congress. Its main purpose being to further the cause of all Trade Union families in the district.

Meetings are held each month at Churchill House, and a keen interest is taken in all local affairs.

R. E. Starkey,
53 Gilpin Road,

Secretary,

Newton Aycliffe and District
Trades Union Council.

Sir,

N. Coles, in his 'point for the month' in the July issue of the Newtonian says that the correct signal to give when pulling in to the kerb is the 'slow down' and 'overtake'.

The Highway Code contains no 'overtake' signal and police drivers deprecate the practice of 'waving on'. Mr. Coles should not encourage unauthorised signalling in what is already an overcomplicated road system.

K. Collins-Todd,

11 Berwick Crescent.

Sir,

NEWTON AYCLIFFE BADMINTON CLUB

In the July edition you ask what has happened to various organisations including the above. Unfortunately the club had to wind up toward the end of last year due entirely to the education Authority raising the rent of the premises at Marlowe Hall by over 300 per cent, which was done without warning and was in fact back-dated. As former Secretary and a founder member I wish to express the strong feeling of disappointment felt by all members that a flourishing organisation also providing recreation for a number of pupils of the school should be forced to disband solely because of such an exorbitant increase in rent.

It is doubtful whether the club will reform unless a private hall can be found whose committee is less hard-hearted and more tolerant of the needs of the community.

N. J. Drewery,

14 Lowery Road.

Sir,

In the tenants handbook it is stated that the outside of the houses are decorated with materials and tints, I guessed long ago it wasn't paint, but what are materials and tints? Think of the commercial possibilities they must have. "Maint" replaces "Paint"—the only outside decoration with "Peelability" no burning off required—will automatically peel off when another coat is needed. Made the way you want to use it—extra thin, can be applied with the fingers, no brushes to clean. Its cheap, its rubbish, we charge only for the containers. I can't understand why repairs are so far behind—I know they should not be necessary, but as they are its a case of making the best of a bad job. If they did they would have caught up by now, but as it is they usually do the worst of a bad job.

A.D.C. should inspect all fittings before they are used, all houses before they are occupied, and repairs before and after completion. A.D.C. should do the job properly then the rest of us might congratulate the Aycliffe Development Corporation instead of always complaining.

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R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



One sunny evening we sat in the Queens Lounge and after having exhausted the most recent of the 'elephant' jokes, our conversation, as usual turned to old air force days. Someone said, "Do you remember those ration boxes the duty 'queerman' used to get?"—Ration boxes, very well. Life on camp could be very hum-drum at times, pay was rather small at the time, and pay night was an orgy of bottled beer with 'double chips' and beans at the N.A.A.F.I. By the time you'd bought fresh

boot polish, envelopes, toothpaste and a bar of soap, one would count the remnants of one's pay with sinking heart.

Working in the Orderly Room at Station Headquarters, I found the added task of Duty Clerk appealing more and more, especially just after a forty-eight and just before pay day. The duties of the Duty Clerk were simply to have an early tea at the cook-house, then, after collecting your small kit and bedding from the billet, one would kip down in H.Q. after all the staff had left, the object being to deal with all matters arising after office hours. This added duty was on a rota system, and to some it was a complete bind, but to the bod who liked to eat, it was no trouble whatsoever, on the contrary, the duty clerk was one job which carried the luxury of the proverbial ration box. (Superb). After having early tea, the Duty Clerk would collect his ration box from the side hatch of the cookhouse, and, depending on who one was, and what one's job was, the ration box could vary greatly. As Movements (In and Out) Clerk, and as Leave Clerk, I was always given plenty of good 'scoff'. I couldnt really wangle much for the bods, but they thought I could, and that made all the difference. Once in H.Q., the Duty 'queerman' would check all the doors and windows, and then make his bed up in typing pool or some such place. This done, a wide variety of literature would be scrounged out of the cleaners cupboard for later. This reading matter was always very cultural as you can imagine. After several hours of typing or catching up with some unfinished work the Duty Clerk would pack up, ensuring that all lights were out. It was eating time now! Checking the box, one might find several eggs, bacon, sausages, bread, tea, milk, sugar and butter, with perhaps jam or marmalade for a fill in. (Mouth-watering). With great skill fried bread would soon sizzle on the portable gas ring, topped with a couple of eggs, slices of bacon and perhaps a link or two of sausages. After making a brew of 'sergeant majors', the eating would commence. (Yum—Yum).

By this time it would be perhaps 21.45 hours.—This would mean another brew up and 'snack' before or just after midnight,—roll on! After wasshing one's pots and irons, it would then be time for a little cultural reading!—The phone would ring, "Duty Clerk". Reply, "P.B.X. here, what yer got left in yer box"?—Me, "What you want".—P.B.X. "Swop you one egg and three sausages for four bread and three bacon"—Me, "It's a deal, come and get them".—Later, the transaction completed, I would again try to settle down.—The phone would ring.—"Guardroom ere 'Arry', owt left"? Me, "What you want".—Guardroom, "Some bread, and anything yer got wots spare". On this deal I collected a pile of bacon and a hunk of cheese.—I was just in the mood for toasted cheese,—delicious! Midnight approached, time to eat,—goody! With the care of a continental chef, the grilled cheese would blend with the golden toast. (Mouth watering)—Suddenly 'KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK'—someone at the door!—"Who's there", I would challenge.—"Me", a voice would reply. "Who's me", I would query.—"You know", another voice would reply.—Before I could answer, another voice would say, "Come on man and open up, stop being so flippin awkward", or words to that effect!—I would open the door cautiously, only to be brushed aside by a pack of unspeakable greedy scroungers whose sole object I knew was the plunder and rape of

MY ration box.—Just because they slept in the next bed spaces they thought they could get away with it, and they always did!—I would be knocking on the door the next night, so I couldnt object too much could I. Do I remember ration boxes? you bet I do,—I never ate so good.

Notes:

Full details of Battle of Britain week will be given in the September edition of 'The Newtonian', and also in Mrs. Sparks Column in the Northern Despatch. Look for posters at the Canopus Club.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Conversation Piece



Mary to friend.

"Are you going away early in August?"

Friend.

"No, we have our holidays much later, why do you ask?"

Mary.

"I thought you might like to come with me to the Townswomen's Guild social evening."

Friend.

"What is it, and where. Is it by invitation?"

Mary.

"Oh no, members and friends, in fact anyone interested is invited. They have planned various games including a beetle, or whist drive, and I hear, a nice little supper has been arranged."

Friend.

"Yes, I'd like to come, in fact it would be nice to have an evening out as most of my friends are on holiday."

Mary.

"Good, I'll see you there. The Beveridge Hall around 7-15 on the 10th. and by the way tell Susan she might be able to come with you. The cost? oh! just a 1/-, supper included of course."

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MODEL FLYING CLUB

With the recruitment of members from the neighbouring towns of Shildon, Bishop Auckland, Spennymoor and the village of Middridge, plus those from Newton Aycliffe the Club has greatly increased in strength during the past few weeks, having 20 senior, and 16 junior enthusiasts.

By kind permission of a local farmer, two fields, between the "Gretna" and the Approved School, are now in use, one for radio controlled and free flight the other for controlled line models. As the club is affiliated to the Darlington Radio Control Club permission has been granted to operate radio controlled boats on the South Park Lake.

Future meetings in Newton Aycliffe will be held in the Scouts Hut behind the Beveridge Hall at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, everyone with an interest in model flying will be most welcome. Free flight models require a large space in which to operate, if anyone knows of a suitable area will they please get in touch with R. Surgenor, 20 Stephenson Way.

R.S.

TRIP TO DURHAM FESTIVAL

N.A.C.O.L.O. are organising a trip to "Son et Lumiere" at Durham Cathedral on Friday, September 4th. Everyone keen to see this wonderful festival and who would like to join in this trip should contact:— Miss J. Kettlewell, 20 Kenny Walk, Telephone: 250.

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511 COY RASC (MOT. AMB.) T.A.

Major H. H. Robinson B.E.M. took over command of the Company on 1st July and this coincided with the date he took over his appointment as Social development officer for the Newton Aycliffe and Peterlee Development Corporation. He is 44 years of age and was educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Darlington. On leaving school he joined British Railways (then L.N.E.R.) and served with them for 28 years, his last post being Assistant Area Welfare Officer, Leeds. He is also an Associate Member of Welfare Officers. Joining the Territorial Army in May 1939 with 50 Div. Sigs. at Larchfield Street and later 23rd Div. Sigs. (Second line Coy) he served with Signals throughout the war and saw service with Western Desert Force Signals in Egypt and Libya—(Wavell's 40,000). Served in many other theatres of war including Greece, Crete, Palestine, Syria, Iraq and Persia and finally went to India and Burma with 33 Corps Signals. Was with 23 Brigade Signals (Chindits).

Rejoined the Territorial Army with 924 Coy RASC (TA) in September, 1952. This Company was subsequently disbanded owing to re-organisation but with Capt. W. H. Hedley (later Major) and a dozen men (now known as the 12 Apostles) soldiered on to form the basis of a Platoon which later became 598 Coy RASC (TA) at Norton. He was Officer in Charge of the Newton Aycliffe detachment of RASC (TA) formed in 1960 which grew in strength until it was given Coy. status as 511 Coy. RASC (Mot. Amb.) TA—he was second I/C until Major Cant's retirement. He hopes now that the Company has settled in the "Barnard Armoury" recruiting will increase considerably. He is very hopeful of a branch of the RASC Association being formed in Newton Aycliffe at an early date with "H.Q." at the "Barnard Armoury."

We hope to take advantage of some good weather during August to concentrate on outdoor training as much as possible. The emphasis will again be on Driver Training for those who have not yet passed their test and for new recruits. There are two Competitions this month and we will be sending teams to both: The Column Weapon Training Competition to be held at Rolston Camp, Hornsea on 8/9 August and the Safe and Skilled Driving Competition at Hull on 30 August. Arrangements have been made to spend a week-end at Bellerby Camp in Wensleydale on 22/23 August and the ranges have been booked for both Saturday and Sunday. This will be the first camp under our new O.C.

B.K.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

Greetings all! August being a holiday month for most folks, nothing much is planned but if anyone has any ideas for runs I dare say he will find support among those with energy to spare; who knows there may still be some bilberries going at Brimham Rocks and they make smashing pies in the Winter.

Those of you who went to the East Yorks Sidecar Rally will agree that it was a good effort for a club with even less active members than this one so lets get our thinking caps on and find a site for our own event next year.

Well folks news is scarce so heres a cheerful little rhyme from my ever faithful scrapbook to close this months effort;

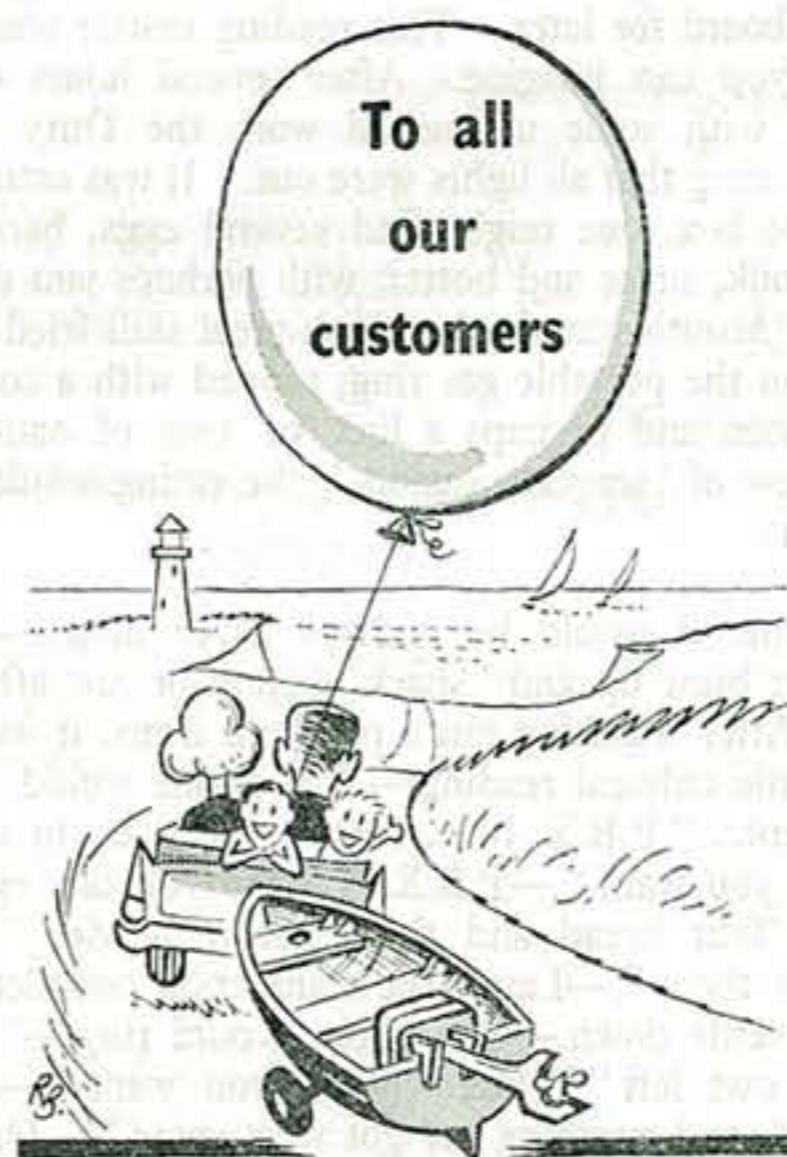
Passing Thoughts.

He passed the lights at amber,
He passed a cart of hay,
He tried to pass a turning bus,
And so he passed away

Cheers for now, ERIC.

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PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION

News of the Local Branch of the Physically Handicapped Association has been sadly lacking of late and I suppose as publicity officer yours truly must take part of the blame for this but I have been asked to assure folks that the branch is flourishing. They have been having some very interesting regular meetings. On June 5th they were entertained by the Drama Section of the Townswomen's Guild and that organisation also provided the supper. A coach load of Physically Handicapped members attended the Rally of Durham County Association for the Welfare of the Physically Handicapped in Seaburn Hall which I am told they thoroughly enjoyed. On Friday June 19th they were shown a film on sport by Vaux Breweries which proved to be very entertaining and supper was provided by the Womens Labour Party. Getting more up to date; last Friday the members were taken on a tour of the Bridgwater Tyre Factory on the Industrial Estate where they were given supper in the canteen by Mrs. E. Peace the Branche's Welfare Officer.

On Sunday, July 12th the members went on their annual summer outing. This time to Flamingo Park Zoo. They had a picnic lunch on the moors and then the committee having booked a ham and salad tea at the park in advance, enjoyed a meal there before setting off home.

Mrs. Annie Alderson, Handicraft Officer and founder of the Branch in Newton Aycliffe, who is herself handicapped, said the branch is very grateful to all the volunteers who see that they get refreshments at their meetings and the drivers who convey them to and from their meeting place.

The final figure for the Spring Fayre was I understand, £216.

Welcome to the Branch's new Welfare Officer. She is Mrs. J. Kennedy of 2 Isherwood Close, Newton Aycliffe.

M. Spark

ROAD SAFETY NEWS

The cycling proficiency course has now been completed and I am pleased to say that a total of 146 children were successful in passing the tests.

To Parents.

Quite a number will have young children who are starting school for the first time, after the holidays. This is a big adventure for children and every boy and girl must be taught and shown how to behave near busy roads and how, when and where to cross them. This training must begin AT HOME. Doubtless you have already made a start but may I add the following suggestions :

1. Always set your child a good example. When you cross the road with him you should both walk and carry out the correct kerb drill.
2. Choose the safest way to and from school; and train your boy or girl to use it always. If children of your neighbours go to the same school work out the best way with them.
3. If there are school crossing patrols, parents should take their children to these points. They must be taught to stop at the kerb until the patrol signals to them to cross.
4. If you call for your child after school, NEVER beckon him across the road, tell him to cross with the other children.
5. Be very careful where you let your children play outside the home. Keep them off the road; particularly if they are riding little tricycles.

Point of the Month.

A number of car drivers are stopping their vehicles along Central Avenue, very close to Road Junctions in order to let passengers alight. This is a very dangerous practice; it would be much better to travel a little further away from the junction; the passengers will not mind walking a few extra yards in the interest of Safety.

H. Coles.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE TOWN BAND

The Band is extremely busy, having had a full programme during July. A report of our engagement on July 18th at the Durham Miners Gala will appear in the next issue. Although a busy concern we are only too pleased to welcome new friends at the practices held in the Beveridge Hall on Sundays—10-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7-30 p.m. Surely among those who have recently moved into the town there are some "Brassmen", all of whom we should be delighted to see at any of our practices.

V.J.T.S.

NEWTON PLAYERS

The Annual General Meeting which took place on 16th July was extremely well attended. Details of officers elected and a report on the future activities will appear in next months issue, and we are confident that the newly elected committee will continue the good work.

S.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

Regarding the recent adverse criticism in the local press about housing conditions, and complaints against the tardiness in carrying out urgent repairs, will tenant members of the above association with genuine cause for complaint, and having gone through the proper procedure without result, please get in touch with their nearest Committee Member.

The Committee meet at least once a month, more frequently if necessary, and all complaints get a good hearing and, if necessary, are forwarded to the right quarter for action, or comment. We do not claim success every time, but the Development Corporation do co-operate when-ever possible and do their utmost to comply with suggestions. Bad press reports on new towns may make good reading but it does not help the tenant/landlord relationship.

Newcomers to the town, or other tenants, wishing to join this Association may do so by application to the Hon. Secretary F. A. Warrener, 12 Warburton Close, Newton Aycliffe, who will gladly supply further particulars.

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