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PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH No. 8



Councillor A. Cessford, a well known personage of the town, is one of the people who have been instrumental in getting the new Sports Ground started; and that the construction is so well advanced is in a measure due to his efforts. In the May issue it was mentioned that a proposal to construct a sports ground in Moore Lane had been put forward. One that would contain two all-weather football pitches, two tennis courts, a children's play-

ground and a pavilion. Now, three months later, work is proceeding according to plan and the first part of the scheme, the all weather football pitches and the two tennis courts may be ready by mid-November of this year; and if work proceeds as anticipated it is a reasonable assumption that the full programme will be completed by mid-summer of next year. The Councillor wants to see the formation of hockey teams both for men and women; the new ground will provide the field for play, and having in mind the little opportunity there is for the sportswomen apart from tennis, hockey would be a solution.

The Councillor after service with the Merchant Navy and the Tyne River Police came to Newton Aycliffe 11 years ago; he is married and lives in Macmillan Road and is currently employed by the Development Corporation. At the age of 45 he matriculated at Durham University, and went on to take an advanced G.C.E. in Economics and Economic History at London University, no small achievement when you consider that as a general rule these subjects are tackled in ones early twenties. He has been a Parish Councillor for nine years and a County Councillor for six, and also served on the Darlington Rural District Council; does tremendous work for the deaf and the hard of hearing, being a member of the Management for South Durham and North Yorkshire Association for the Deaf, on the Committee of the North Regional Association for the Deaf, and Chairman of the Northern Area Committee for the British Association of the Hard of Hearing.

Questioned on the plan to extend Newton Aycliffe to house a population of 45,000 he thought the original target of 10,000 was a great mistake; had it been nearer the figure now aimed at much time and expense would have been saved.

He also holds the opinion that an objection to the inclusion of Middridge in the Master Plan for the town, (expected to be published within the next few weeks). will be upheld on the grounds that many valuable small holdings would disappear if the village were merged into the extension of Newton Aycliffe. Councillor Cessford suggests that NACOLO (Newton Aycliffe Council of Local Organisations) should arrange a standing conference of all organisations in the town once or twice a year and appoint a re-

presentative to attend the regional meetings in Durham. He thinks that perhaps NACOLO are unaware that they might get much needed assistance if they adopted this plan.

From the very full life that the councillor leads there is little spare time, and what little there is he devotes to his garden and his books.

EDITOR.

SEDGEFIELD CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION SIMPASTURE BRANCH

A second Conservative Branch has recently been formed at Newton Aycliffe with the following elected officers, *Chairman*, Mr. J. E. Sanders, 4 Henson Grove, Tel. 274; *Secretary*, Mr. S. Malin, 27 Bousefield Crescent; *Treasurer*, Mr. W. T. Strahan, 12 Aylmer Grove, Tel. 488.

The three principle aims of this Branch shall be:- (a) To do such good as it can on the town. (b) To foster Conservatism in Wards 1 and 2. (c) To create opportunities for social contact. Should you be in sympathy with these aims then please contact the Secretary, or any officer, and become a member.

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EDITORIAL

The people of Newton Aycliffe want, among other things, a swimming bath and a building large enough to house theatre, restaurant, bowling alley, and rooms in which all groups can hold meetings. What are the prospects of realisation? about as hopeful as reaching the moon in a balloon so long as it is left to someone else to provide the money for construction. So it seems as if the town must make the effort to help itself if it really wants to see a dream become a reality. Could the money to finance such a project be raised from the people? "certainly not" would be the average answer, but a correspondent using the pen name 'Antenor' suggests a means. "Every year" he says "thousands of people give thousands of pounds to local football clubs. Approximately 15,000 buy weekly tickets as Darlington supporters and yet only about 3,000 attend any one home match. It is therefore obvious that their main interest lies in the prizes to be won. If Newton Aycliffe were to run a similar type of pool or draw it would in a very few years be able to have the facilities it wants. Another method of raising money is by the collection of scrap. Every household has waste paper, woollens, and metal, of little value from a single house but multiplied by 4,000 and added to what might be obtained from the Industrial Estate could result in a substantial sum in a year."

It is suggested that the Newton Aycliffe Council of Local Organisations (NACOLO) take the initiative and examine the legal aspect of a pool or draw, which would require to be registered under the Small Lotteries and Gaming Act, 1956. They could also investigate the possibilities of scrap collection. 'Antenor' offers his services to do anything even to the extent of organising the schemes. What will be the fate of these ideas? smothered by the weight of objection? or will they flourish. What is the view of NACOLO? EDITOR.

1st NEWTON AYCLIFFE BOY'S BRIGADE

When Mr. Hayzen took over the Brigade last year he found the need for complete re-organization; under his direction the Brigade has steadily developed into a reasonable outfit. The membership at present is 28 boys and three officers, and as there is such a large proportion of young boys in this town it is felt that this organisation has a great future. Recruits are needed, and now that a firm basis has been formed upon which to work, the Boy's Brigade will play a prominent part in the town's youth activity. Boys wishing to join the Brigade should contact Mr. R. Hayzen, 1 Bousefield Crescent.



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The undermentioned courses will be available during the Autumn Session, and enrolment will take place as follows:-

Newton Aycliffe Marlowe Hall Campus School :

14th & 16th September, 1964 (from 6-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m.)

Newton Aycliffe Sugar Hill County School :

15th & 17th September, 1964 (from 6-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m.).

Newton Aycliffe Campus School, Marlowe Hall

Art	.....	Wednesday	7.00 to 9.00	Mrs. C. E. Clements
Dressmaking	.....	Wednesday	7.00 to 9.00	Mrs. I. Hunt
Keep Fit for Men	.....	Tuesday	7.30 to 9.00	Mr. D. Robson
Keep Fit for Men	.....	Wednesday	7.30 to 9.00	To be arranged
Keep Fit for Men	.....	Thursday	7.30 to 9.00	Mr. D. Robson
Metalwork	.....	Wednesday	7.00 to 9.30	Mr. L. Newland
Woodwork	.....	Monday	6.45 to 9.15	Mr. E. Smith
Woodwork	.....	Thursday	6.45 to 9.15	Mr. E. Smith
Motor Maintenance	.....	Tuesday	7.00 to 9.00	Mr. G. A. Young

Milton Hall

Keep Fit for Men	.....	Monday	7.30 to 9.00	Mr. J. Wright
Soft Furnishing	.....	Tuesday	7.00 to 9.00	Miss D. Robinson

Newton Aycliffe Sugar Hill County School

Dressmaking	.....	Monday	7.00 to 9.00	Mrs. E. Gray
Dressmaking	.....	Tuesday	7.00 to 9.00	Mrs. E. Gray
Dressmaking	.....	Thursday	7.00 to 9.00	Mrs. E. Gray
Dressmaking	.....	Friday	7.00 to 9.00	Mrs. E. Gray
Keep Fit for Women	.....	Thursday	7.30 to 9.00	Mrs. M. Atkinson
Scottish Country Dancing—Advanced	.....	Wednesday	8.00 to 9.30	Miss E. Wardle
Scottish Country Dancing—Beginners	.....	Tuesday	8.00 to 9.30	Miss E. Wardle
Tailoring	.....	Wednesday	7.00 to 9.00	Mrs. E. Gray
French Conversation—Beginners	.....	Monday	7.00 to 9.00	Mr. J. Burn
French Conversation—Intermediate	.....	Wednesday	7.00 to 9.00	Mr. J. Burn

CHILD WELFARE—MOTHER'S CLUB

A club exclusively for mothers attending the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic was formed in June of this year. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday in each month (September 29th is the next) in the Welfare Centre at 7-30 p.m. All mothers who normally attend the clinic will be made very welcome by the Hon. Secretary Mrs. Gay of 18 Silkin Way. A variety of well known people have been invited as guest speakers, and various demonstrations are planned for the near future. The aim of the club is to be 75 per cent educational and 25 per cent social.

NEWTON PLAYERS

At our recent Annual General Meeting Miss M. J. Kettlewell, was elected Chairman, Miss S. S. Parker, Secretary and Mrs. M. Bruton, Treasurer. The first meeting under the new Chairman will be on Thursday, 10th September at 8 p.m. in 'The Hut' situated to the rear of Beveridge Hall. Anyone interested in producing, acting, stage management, set building and so on will be welcome. In this connection, for the benefit of newcomers to the town and for those of you who wonder whether there is sufficient in Amateur Dramatics to hold your interest make a note of 24th September. On this evening at 8 p.m. in 'The Hut,' begins the first of a new Annual venture, OPEN NIGHT. An invitation to those who wish to participate in one of the Towns cultural activities, and the opportunity to look over our premises and meet our members. There is no obligation to become a member, our object in this innovation is to bring together in an informal atmosphere, those of you who may hesitate to come along alone to the normal Thursday meeting.

We feel there is a great deal of talent in the town seeking an outlet. We provide one and we want you to take advantage of it. Refreshments will be to hand and we promise you a pleasant and enjoyable evening. We regret we must limit our invitation to those of you over 18 years of age. We have neither the space nor facilities to cater, at this phase of our progress, for a Junior Group.

Sunday, 20th September is another date we ask you to note. Starting at 2-30 p.m. from the Town Centre is the Annual Car Treasure Hunt. The distance is 35 miles and the route will take approx. 2 hours to cover. Many prizes must be won and Afternoon Tea will be provided. The charge is 2/6d. each for adults and 1/6d. each for children.

Looking forward a little further we are holding a Jumble Sale commencing at 10-30 a.m. on Saturday, 10th October. More details will appear in next month's issue. Profits from these ventures are used to widen our choice of plays by increasing our wardrobe, our 'props' and eventually our premises, all with the view of adding to your entertainment. We look forward to your continued support. For further information please contact our secretary at the following address: 14 Windlestone Walk, Newton Aycliffe.

W.S.M.

CONGRATULATIONS

In the recent pianoforte examinations in the Royal School's of Music, the following pupils of Mrs. Ford were again successful:-

Kristine Sharp	—	Grade II
John Danby	—	Grade IV.
Elisabeth Beattie	—	Grade V.

Thought for the Month

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TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD



U.N.I.C.E.F.—what do these letters mean to you? anything? nothing? a charity scheme at Christmas? for thousands of Christmas Cards are purchased annually with these initials printed on them. But how many people know the correct interpretation; it is United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. The speaker at the monthly meeting Monday, September 7th will explain the working of U.N.I.C.E.F. for she has served with this organisation for many years; we invite you to hear what Mrs. G. Brown has to say on the subject. September is not officially the beginning of a new year for the guild, yet in some respects it is, for after the summer recess the various groups take up the threads again and start to weave the 1964/65 pattern. The social half hour of the meeting gives all members the opportunity to put forward their choices of speakers, competitions, and indeed any suggestions for the 1965 programme.

M.M.G.

SKETCH CLUB

The Sketch Club is now preparing its programme for the winter session. The more members there are the better the club; if you can paint or draw and would like to improve your standard, contact Mr. R. Bowes, 5 Hardinge Road.

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Take advantage of our tremendous offer NOW. **HURRY ! HURRY ! HURRY !**

When you read this the new football season will have commenced, one that we hope will be successful for us. Until our own pitch is ready we will be playing on Simpasture playing fields, so if you have nothing better to do have a look round some Sunday afternoon.

Film News :

Our new programme for the winter is due to start on Monday, 14th September in the Beveridge Hall at 7-15 p.m. Final arrangements as to the films have yet to be made, but bills will be posted in the Town. Tickets are available, as usual, from West Farm Products, Beveridge Way, 2/6d. each.

Footnote :

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JUNIOR DO IT YOURSELF BOOK REVIEW SERVICE

Interest in the junior library in Newton Aycliffe is rife—an interest is shown, not only by children, but increasingly by their parents and other adults in the community.

Public authorities, teachers and parents are becoming evermore aware that a good education is complemented by sound, catholic reading tastes—and such tastes are best created as soon as possible. Initially, guidance is needed—from parents, teachers and librarians and here I feel that Newton Aycliffe library does not do all that, ideally, could be done for its junior readers. So high is the interest and so many are the readers in the junior library that from the point of view of ideal service there should be a qualified librarian in charge of this most important section of the library. However, Durham County is so chronically short of qualified librarians that this measure can not possibly see fruition for some years. Therefore I should like to make an appeal to junior readers to help me to help them. I have received a suggestion from Mr. Broomfield (one-time editor of the "Newtonian") that it might be a good idea for junior readers to review books which they read.

The outline of his suggestion is that periodically there should be a competition for the best review, by a junior reader, of one of the books which he or she had read. The review would be judged by the librarian and the best review together with selections and comments from others would appear in the "Newtonian." He adds that a small incentive prize might be awarded to the winner (a book-token, perhaps) and to this end has himself donated 5/-. (Prizes cannot be met from County Funds and so if there is to be any award made to the winner it must be from donations).

I should like to hear comments on the idea from parents, teachers junior readers and any other interested parties and, if interest warrants it, we may be able to arrange a competition a little later in the year.

Briefly, I should like to change from interest in junior books to interest and lack of it in the "Diary of Events" (outlined in the July "Newtonian"). We have started to maintain a "Diary" at the library and interest in it on the part of the townspeople is very high. Unfortunately there is not much for them to see in it since, following my appeal, I have heard from six of Newton Aycliffe's eighty-two organisations.

Editor's Comment—

Why the slackness on the part of so many organisations? Please see that the Librarian has the information to make the "Diary" worthwhile.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD JUMBLE SALE

A JUMBLE SALE will be held in the Boy's Club from 10-30 a.m. **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th** by The Townswomen's Guild. No charge for admission, come early and "Take your Pick."

M.M.G.

HOME SAFETY

Falls can happen to anyone; and a staircase can be particularly dangerous. So make sure it is well lighted and provided with return switches, is completely free from obstruction, that the coverings are in good repair and firmly held by stair-rods or clips. Use a safety gate to protect the toddlers; avoid slip mats at the top or bottom of the stairs, and see that toys, cleaning apparatus, and domestic pets are kept away from the staircase.

E.S.

R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES

Once again Battle of Britain Week is upon us, and stalwart Mr. George Smith has organised a full programme to commemorate the occasion.



The programme is as follows :-

Thursday, 3rd September, 1964.

A grand 'Tramps Ball'. In the past this dance has proved itself over and over again as THE highlight of Battle of Britain efforts. Tickets will be limited and on sale at 4/- each. A refreshment stand will be in operation.

Saturday, 12th September, 1964.

For the bargain hunter, a 'Super Jumble Sale,' which will be held in the concert hall of the Canopus Club. The annexe door will be open at 9-30 a.m. onwards and coffee etc., will be on sale to all you 'jumbler' who would like to have refreshment. (Please don't put your old clobber on or you may find yourself stamped 1/-, and be draped on the haberdashery counter).

At 7-30 p.m. on the same date, the Neville Male Voice Choir will be giving a Gala Concert in the Methodist Hall. Admission will be by programme at 2/6d. each.

Sunday, 13th September, 1964.

Special for the motorists, a Battle of Britain 'Trophy Rally and Picnic Rally' combined. Mr. Alan Coates is in charge of this effort and full details will be posted at the Canopus Club and in Mrs. Sparks column.

Thursday, 17th September, 1964.

Grand Cabaret with the selection of Miss R.A.F.A.—It has been decided that the selection of Miss R.A.F.A. will be carried out on this night, and so dispensing with previous heats, etc., there will be a Twist Competition and a Treasure Island Competition. The Hot Dog man will be in attendance complete with giant sized 'ration

box' containing all the goodies. (I can taste them now). Admission will be by ticket only on sale at 5/- each. This should prove to be a wonderful night so make sure you get your ticket in good time.

Saturday, 19th September, 1964.

On this day, at approximately 10 a.m., there will be a grand Balloon Race, starting from the Town Centre. Balloons can be purchased at the start itself but will be on sale by means of ticket at the Canopus Club from the 12th September onwards. Prizes will be awarded to the owners of the balloons which make the longest flight.

Sunday, 20th September, 1964.

Battle of Britain Remembrance Parade at Newton Aycliffe. Various organisations will be represented, headed by the Town Band. Parade will assemble at 9-15 a.m. outside the Canopus Club, marching off at 9-30 a.m. prompt, for the service at the Methodist Church, Neville Parade. The parade marshaller will be Mr. W. Carr. It is sincerely hoped that many of our members and friends attend this very moving parade. It is OUR day of REMEMBRANCE.

H.G.S.

Special Notes :

The newly formed Ladies Section at the Newton Aycliffe Branch has got under way in no uncertain terms. There was an excellent turn out for the inaugural meeting of this brand new section and the management committee were delighted to see that so many ladies were genuinely interested. This should prove to be a really active section, and any person wishing to join will be made more than welcome. Details of this section's activities will be published from time to time by means of the 'Newtonian' and in Mrs. Sparks column. Quote Mr. Ron Manning (Hon. Sec.) who said, "The Branch has been needing this Section for a long time . . .".

The officers of this section are as follows:-(Chairman) Mrs. M. Allison, (Vice-Chairman) Mrs. E. Handford, (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. L. Proud, (Asst. Secretary) Mrs. E. McKinney, (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. J. Bush, (Asst. Treasurer) Mrs. D. Chapman.

WOODHAM BURN WOMENS INSTITUTE

It was decided to commence a branch of the W.I. in this town because there are so many women from country districts resident in Newton Aycliffe who have been longstanding W.I. members and wished to continue but found the nearest branch too far away. The number of women joining has been so great that we are unable to accept further applications for the time being. Ladies wishing to join are assured that this is but a temporary measure and that as soon as this young branch is properly established it will be a pleasure to accept additional members. In the meantime do not be deterred from coming to the monthly meetings for all visitors will be most welcome.

The next meeting, September 17th in the Over 60s. Club, promises to be of particular interest; Mrs. Thompson of Heighington will speak on the "Origin of Country Dancing" her talk will be followed by a period of dancing, and the competition for the evening will be a "Salad on a tea plate"

M.P.

WELCOMING PARTY

The next informal social evening for new residents is to be held in the Over 60s Club Hall on Tuesday, September 29th. We do hope that all invited will come and that any who were unable to accept their invitations to earlier parties this year will ask to be included in this next one.

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WOMENS COLUMN

Can you tell . . . from butter!? not if you have a cold or even a suspicion of one for it is the nose not the tongue that savours food. Chewing releases a smell that travels from the mouth to the nose and that is when the flavour is approved or disapproved. The tongue distinguishes only four flavours, saltiness—sweetness—sourness—bitterness; whereas the olfactory nerve (the first cranial nerve supplying the nose) knows thousands of flavours. It is said that when in the throes of a heavy cold people cannot tell the difference between minced raw onion and minced raw apple, blindfold of course, to cut out suggestion by sight. Maggie, marj, margarine, marjerine, call it what you like, started life 95 years ago as Margaron (from the Greek, meaning pearl) and when first produced in France in 1869 as a substitute for butter the stuff had pearly globules of fat running through it, giving it a pale pearly lustre, (it sounds revolting) for at that time only animal fats were used in production. The present day manufacture is mainly from vegetable oil, liquid milk, with Vitamin A. and D. added, and in the U.K. an Act of Parliament limits the proportions of butter and water in margarine to 10 and 16 per cent respectively. Strange as it may seem it took two world wars to give it its present status and become a commodity found in practically every household. Prior to 1914 margarine was greatly despised and only found in the poorer homes.

Reading through old press cuttings recently I came across the following quoted in our leading Northern newspaper for July, 1957, "Milk in packets instead of bottles in the near future". How far has this idea progressed in seven years? So far as I can see very little for we still have the "bottle problem" with us, and problem it is. To say the least they are bulky, breakable, and returnable; whereas a carton is easily disposed of, lighter to handle and the return doesn't arise.

The usual excuse when I have made enquiries is that milk in cartons would be more expensive, but, the present cost of milk bottles is around sixpence each and they have a life of from four to six journeys only on average. Therefore would the additional

cost of cartons be so very great. Perhaps the real reason that cartons are so slow in becoming nation wide in use is that the great combines do not want to change the expensive bottling machinery. Would the housewife be prepared to pay say, an additional ½d. per pint for milk in a carton; it would certainly eliminate that dangerous hazard of our roads and pavements—broken bottles for children and animals to risk injury from. If washing up liquids, household bleach, shampoos, and all the many other liquids can be polythene packed, why not the entire supply of milk to the housewife?

Plums are now reasonably cheap, and perhaps you might like to pickle some, and this is an easy method. Plums require a fair amount of sugar and should be pickled in their jars. Choose firm, unbruised fruit and pack them carefully; the actual quantities will vary rather with the type and size of the plums but an average recipe would be :-

4-lbs. Plums 2-lbs. Sugar 2-pints spiced vinegar.

Place the jars with the plums in them in a medium oven and heat through. Then make a syrup of the sugar and spiced vinegar, and pour, boiling, into the hot jars. Seal immediately and mature for three weeks before opening.

County Recipe—Cornwall—Lardy Fingers

1-lb. self raising flour, 8-ozs. Lard or Marg., 3-teaspoonfuls sugar, 4-ozs. dried fruit, 1 teaspoonful baking powder.

Sift together the flour and baking powder; rub in a quarter of the fat, add sugar, mix with water as for pastry. Roll out three times, with the rest of the fat and fruit spread on each time of rolling out. Cut into fingers and brush with milk. Bake in a hot oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

M.M.G.

511 COY RASC (MOT AMB) (TA)

Notes for September

Our Small Arms Team has just returned from Rolston Camp after winning almost every event in 150 (N) Column RASC Competition.

PISTOL Capt. A. T. K. Brumby (Darlington) 1st overall and 1st Officer.

S.M.G. S/Sgt. Williams (Newton Aycliffe) and Cpl. Curtis (Newton Aycliffe)—Joint First.

L.M.G. Capt. A. T. K. Brumby 1st Officer.

RIFLE Cpl. Fraquet A. (Coatham Munderville) 1st overall and 1st O.R. S./Sgt. Brookes (Darlington) 2nd Overall and 1st Senior Rank. Lt. A. E. Welsh (ex Newtonian) 3rd overall and 1st Officer.

The team is now eagerly looking forward to 50 (N) Inf. Div. Rifle Meeting, to be held at Whitburn on 12/13 September 1964, and if they keep up this form, they stand an excellent chance of winning the Minor Unit Championship—Good Luck Boys.

Our annual Officers and Sergeants Mess Dinner will be held in the White Horse Hotel, Darlington, on 19th September, 1964.

Exercise "Travelman" begins on September 26th and about 40 men of this Company are being flown to Germany for a two week exercise in B.A.O.R. This is going to be really hard training, but all ranks are looking forward to getting some first hand experience in a foreign country, and are treating this exercise with a spirit of adventure.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

THE ENCHANTED ROCKING HORSE

Part Five

(Dapple Grey, a magic rocking horse, has taken Belinda and Timothy to Rocking Horse Island. A dragon has been terrorising the horses who live there but the children have enticed it into the sea where the water has put out the fire in its mouth.)

The rocking horses and the children had the dragon surrounded, but even though they knew its flames were safely out, they were still nervous. After all, it was probably feeling very cross. No-one knew quite what to do with it now they'd got it and they all stood around trying not to look silly and wondering what was going to happen next.

Then the dragon, who was looking very wet, shook as much water as he could from his scales and opened his mouth. Everyone jumped back a little in case there were any flames left but instead the dragon spoke.

"Could someone kindly lend me a towel?" he asked.

Black King, the ruler of the island, turned to Silver Princess with a smile. "Do you think you could find a towel, my dear?"

"Certainly" she said "And I'll bring a tin of talcum powder, too."

Just then the dragon began to sneeze.

"And you'd better bring some warm milk with honey!" Black King called after her.

The little dragon sneezed and sneezed. Timothy kept saying "Bless you!" and Belinda bravely walked right up to him with her pocket handkerchief and said "Blow!" in a firm voice just like Aunt Agatha's but nothing did any good. At last Silver Princess came back. She put a towel round the dragon's shoulders, sprinkled some talcum on his chest and made him drink the warm milk. Within a minute the sneezes stopped.

"Thank you so much" gasped the dragon "May I introduce myself? My name is Holofernes."

"Aren't you angry with us, Holofernes?" asked Belinda.

"Goodness no. I'm very grateful. I've so much wanted to be friends but every time I opened my mouth to say "Good morning" those horrible flames came rushing out and frightened everyone off."

"Then you weren't doing it on purpose!" asked Black King.

"I wouldn't dream of such a thing. I'm a very sociable type of dragon really and I've been so lonely because you all kept running away."

"You shall never be lonely again" said Black King "Welcome to Rocking Horse Island, Holofernes!"

And all the other horses shouted "Welcome Holofernes!" so that the little dragon turned quite pink with pleasure and said "You must call me Ferny if we're going to be friends."

Then Dapple Grey looked up at the sun.

"Belinda and Timothy—jump on my back swiftly. We must hurry if we are to get back home before Aunt Agatha wakes!"

The children climbed on his broad back and waved goodbye to everyone.

"Come back another year!" said Black King, then he turned to his subjects and shouted "Three cheers for Belinda and Timothy"

And as Dapple Grey whirled them away from the island the cheers of the rocking horses followed them across the sea.

(Belinda and Timothy have one more adventure before they finally get back to Aunt Agatha's house. Read about it next month).

S.F.W.

SKATING CLUB

Please note the change of address of the secretary Mr. G. A. Bennett, who has moved from Kenny Walk to 12 Hardinge Road. All enquiries and correspondence re the Skating Club should be referred to Mr. Bennett at his new address.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTICE

From September 1st Durham County Council are piloting a scheme through various branches, of which Newton Aycliffe is one, whereby fiction titles as well as non-fiction can now be reserved on payment of a small fee; 6d. for fiction and 3d. for non-fiction. The reservation scheme carries two conditions; that it is confined to adults only, and that the book required must be in the branch stock. **The fee only refers to books that you want reserved, otherwise the books on loan are still free.**

P.H.

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 244.

HAVE YOU ANY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS?

Telephone Newton Aycliffe 662 or 534. If you would like an appointment made for a confidential talk, free of charge, with a trained Marriage Guidance Counsellor.

MOTOR CYCLE GARAGES: SHEDS

Tenants frequently ask whether they can still obtain Corporation garden sheds. These have not been supplied for some years now, but in cases where an outbuilding is required for the storage of cycles, etc. some tenants may care to rent a lock-up, motor cycle garage near their homes. The rents are 4s. 9d. per week inclusive. Some of these are now available in different parts of the Town, and applications should be made to the Housing Department.

TUESDAY CLUB

Are you at a loose end on Tuesday nights? and are you aware that there is a Tuesday Club which caters for the over eighteens whether single or married who are members of the Church of England. The meeting place is St. Clare's Church Hall, the time 7-45 each Tuesday evening, and the winter programme commences on September 1st.

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The Newton Aycliffe Music Society are in business again, we enlist the support of past members and assure new ones of a very warm welcome. As in other years membership will be 5/-. The majority of the evening meetings will be held in the Small Hall of St. Clare's Parish Church; but the opening event is to be a party, run as usual, with, we hope, all musical groups joining with friends for an enjoyable evening in the Over 60s Club at 7-30 p.m. Thursday October 1st. Tickets 2/6d. including refreshments.

E.T.

NEVILLE MALE VOICE CHOIR

Diary of Events:

12th September, Battle of Britain Week Concert to be held in the Methodist Hall commencing 7-30 p.m.

1st October, Concert in West Hartlepool Town Hall, in aid of O.A.P.A.

7th November, Concert at Staindrop.

Celebrity Concert

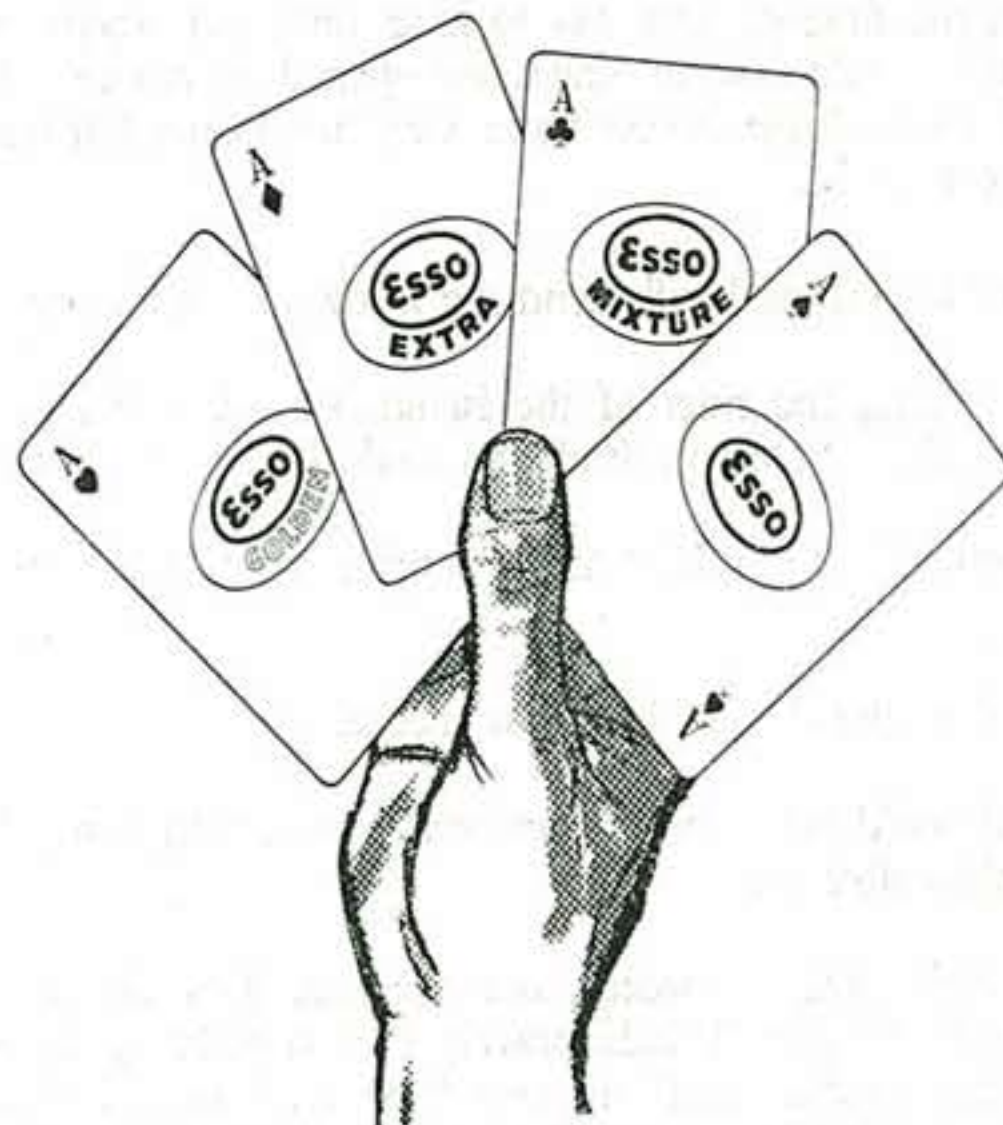
For this annual event the choir have been fortunate in securing the services of two stars of both Television and Radio, Miss Norma Proctor, Contralto, and Miss Cynthia Glover, Soprano. The voluptuous, powerful voice, capable of the softest pianissimo, of Miss Proctor combined with the pure and beautiful one of Miss Glover promises an evening of musical enchantment emphasizing the artistic essence of this medium. For their contribution to the evenings entertainment the choir will present a new, varied programme designed to satisfy the tastes of all its patrons. The members of the Choir wish to express thanks to all patrons for their support in the past and hope to share with them an evening's enjoyment on Saturday, 21st November, 1964.

J.T.R.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

Hello Friends, I hope you have all had an enjoyable holiday and returned in good fettle to work on a Winter programme. By the time you read this the date of the 1964 Annual General Meeting will have been arranged so if you don't already know it please make it your business to find out, and let's have a bit better attendance at this year's meeting. The dance held in July was a roaring success and plans are already afoot for the Annual Dinner Dance. These little efforts take quite a bit of organising but when they improve by such leaps and bounds it makes the effort worthwhile. Don't forget that this year we intend to put on a party for members children at Christmas so let's have lots of ideas for raising the necessary funds. That's all for now folks. Don't forget to attend the A.G.M.—Be seeing you.
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THE GOOD OLD DAYS OR WERE THEY?

With conditions of employment very much a topic of conversation, a document headed "Office Staff Practices" and dated 1852, found in a building in Litchfield which was demolished recently, makes interesting reading—especially for clerical workers.

The document, given to the National Union of Hosiery Workers, by Councillor B. E. Dearing, M.B.E., J.P., General President of the Union, who thought it would be of interest to members, reads:—

1. Godliness, Cleanliness and Punctuality are the necessities of a good business.

2. This firm has reduced the hours of work, and the Clerical Staff will now only have to be present between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays.

3. Daily prayers will be held each morning in the main Office. The Clerical Staff will be present.

4. Clothing must be of sober nature. The Clerical Staff will not disport themselves in raiment of bright colours, nor will they wear hose, unless in good repair.

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8. No talking is allowed during business hours.

9. The craving of tobacco, wines or spirits is a human weakness and, as such, is forbidden to all members of the Clerical Staff.

10. Now that the hours of business have been drastically reduced the partaking of food is allowed between 11-30 a.m. and noon, but work will not on any account cease.

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Darlington Address of Registrar :-

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