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## PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH No. 9



Nurse Walker, who is dedicated to her profession, and known to many of the longstanding residents of Newton Aycliffe as Nurse Lanfear, has carried out her work among young mothers and their children since 1952. In the early '50s the town was a scattered community, the Nurse had to do all her visits on foot in every kind of weather to bring advice and comfort to the young mothers, some of whom had but the sketchiest idea of how to rear their children. In 1953 Durham

County Council opened a clinic in the Community Centre and the Nurse and Mrs. Morton were the original staff; as time went on other voluntary ladies teamed up and helped to run the Centre under makeshift conditions for the next ten years until the present Welfare Centre was opened in February, 1963 (officially in September of the same year). Before the early clinic came into being the Nurse was working in Bishop Auckland as health visitor to both young and the aged, with the then small community of Newton Aycliffe as an addition. Then as building progressed and the influx of people increased more and more of the Nurse's time had to be spent in the town, local schools were built and added work came in the welfare of the schoolchild, until the present when three people are needed to cover the work that had at one time been the sole responsibility of Nurse Walker.

A native of Alnwick, in Northumberland, she married in 1956 and came to live in Newton Aycliffe, from Bishop Auckland which made her work a little easier as she was then relieved of the necessity to travel to the Centre. Looking back over the years she recalls the miles she had to tramp in all sorts of weather, the many soakings she got in wintry conditions, but above all she remembers the pleasure she got from being able to help and advise the young mothers. The present Welfare Centre is unlikely to be large enough for its purpose as the town expands, but whether it is enlarged or a new one built does not affect the fact that Nurse Walker will always be regarded as one of Newton Aycliffe's pioneers in the field of Welfare.

Editor.

## HOME SAFETY HINTS

Guy Fawkes night is drawing near and Fireworks produce an annual crop of accidents resulting in burns to people, clothes and property. Safety will be assured if you ban practical jokes, and home made fireworks. Bonfires should be sited as far away from buildings and wooden railings as is possible. Make sure that sensible clothing is worn well buttoned up—and keep a bucket of water handy, just in case.

E. Stafford.

## NEWTON AYCLIFFE OLD AGE PENSIONS ASSOCIATION

The Newton Aycliffe Branch of O.A.P.A. wish to thank everyone who took part in the Flag Days September 4th and 5th and thank the people of the town for their most generous support : the amount raised was just over £53. Recently the "Newtonian" asked where a number of organisations had got to as nothing had been heard of them for some time, one of them being the O.A.P.A. You may rest assured that the local branch is going from strength to strength, membership has considerably increased, and great work is being done by the branch towards the betterment of the pensioners lot. Representatives attend the Regional Council meetings in Durham, and also the National Rally of the Association. In case some pensioners new to the town are unaware when and where meetings take place; the details are repeated for their benefit. We meet every Tuesday evening at 6-30 p.m. in the Workmens Club.

There are various entertainments, many other clubs visit, and in return the O.A.P.A. Concert Party repay the compliment. All pensioners should join the Association it being the easiest way to meet people, particularly if you are a newcomer to the town. More about our activities next month.

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## EDITORIAL

**"BAD GOVERNMENT IS ELECTED BY GOOD CITIZENS WHO DO NOT VOTE"**

I cannot recall the authorship of these words, but they were brought to my mind very forcibly following remarks overheard on a local bus by two people discussing the forthcoming general election.

"When is the election" asks one.

"No idea" replies the other.

"You going to vote?"

"Not me! won't make any difference to you or me who gets in".

"You're probably right. I shan't bother either".

The "Newtonian" being strictly non-political and non-sectarian I have no intention of departing from this unwritten rule but the attitude of my fellow passengers was so entirely wrong that such expression of opinion cannot be allowed to pass without comment. It is said that a country gets the government it deserves and it would be a poor outlook if thoughts such as those expressed by my fellow travellers were to spread and a high percentage of the electorate abstained from voting. Men and women of vision were ridiculed, and had to fight against tremendous odds to obtain the right for every citizen to VOTE and elect the government of its choice; this right has only been in existence since 1928 when the franchise was extended to every person over the age of 21 (with certain exceptions e.g. peers and lunatics) to VOTE for parliamentary candidates. As free and intelligent people of a free and democratic country the very least we can do is to use our VOTE which took so long in the obtaining. Not to use it shows a complete lack of interest in the political standing of your country, and if by chance the candidate of your choice fails to keep his promises when elected, this, written of a famous statesman in the past, may provide a little consolation:-

"Count not his broken pledges as a crime:

He MEANT them, oh! HOW he meant them—at the time".

Editor.

**NEWTON AYCLIFFE YOUNG NATURALISTS' SOCIETY**

Will members please note that in future all notices of excursions will be placed in the 'Diary of Events' in the Public Library in Dalton Way. In course of time when space permits we hope to display a notice of our activities on the Library Notice Board.  
F.G.S.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## RECREATION FACILITIES

Sir,

I note that the Housing Minister has given the Billingham Council the go-ahead to build an £800,000 indoor sports centre. Work will be started this autumn and the building should be ready for use by 1967. The centre—known as the Sports Forum—incorporates an ice rink, a swimming pool and learners' pool, a club block for indoor tennis, badminton, squash, indoor bowls, judo, boxing, rifle shooting and archery, shower-baths, individual and "dormitory" changing rooms, a bar restaurant, coffee bar, and a small cafe exclusively for skaters—still on the rink.

Peterlee are to have a Sports, Social and Youth Centre provided jointly by Peterlee Development Corporation, the Durham County Council and Peterlee Parish Council. The total cost will be £187,000, and facilities include a large sports hall with spectator accommodation, outdoor playing fields, changing rooms for use by both outdoor and indoor players, a games room, a multipurpose crafts room, a youth club with its own coffee bar, and club room and lounge for adults. The cost of the main building (£85,000) will be met principally by the Development Corporation and the Durham County Council. Peterlee Parish Council is making a small contribution to the building cost but it's big responsibility is in the provision of the sports fields surrounding the centre at a cost of £102,000.

It would be extremely interesting to know what our planners, developers and councils have in mind for Newton Aycliffe in the next 10 years in respect of public recreation facilities.

A. I. Cameron.

18 Barrington Road,  
Newton Aycliffe.

Sir,

Has Mr. Kerry so little interest in the town that he is unaware that two of its organisations are already teaching First Aid. The British Red Cross have been giving lectures for many years. Why not join the Red Cross? this will not get your name in print but you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing your best to serve the people. Meetings take place every Wednesday evening at 7-45 p.m. in the small hall of St. Clare's Church where we should be happy to welcome Mr. Kerry or any other interested person.

K. Allen (Red Cross Commandant)  
11 Balliol Green.

Sir,

## BRITISH LEGION LEEK CLUB

The committee and members of the club wish to thank all the business people of the town who so kindly donated Special Prizes for the Leek Show. Appreciation is also expressed to the many people who helped to make it the success it undoubtedly was, and they are assured of an even better show next year.

W. Mills, Hon. Sec.  
20 Stead Close.

## APPOINTMENT

Miss Carol Spark, 8 Lowery Road has been appointed Local Organizer for the World Wild Life Fund. The chairman of which is Peter Scott.



## PUBLIC LIBRARY

Time permitted only a brief mention last month of the new reservation system which we are piloting in Newton Aycliffe. Now, if I may, I should like to expand a little what was said then.

First of all that it is a **pilot scheme** and not yet County policy—so that after six-month's trial it may be scrapped or modified.

Secondly that it is a system for the reservation of adult books only and that for the first time novels become reserveable—but there are conditions :

1. The novel must be in the branch stock—we can make no attempt to obtain a work of fiction which is not in branch stock unless it is a 'classic' required for a purpose more serious than recreation.
2. No reader may have more than three requests for novels standing at one time.
3. We cannot accept more than twelve requests for one copy of a novel—so that for a really popular addition to stock it will be a matter of first come first served.
4. There will be a charge made for each reservation (3d. for non-fiction and 6d. for fiction) payable at the time that the request is collected.

Apart from the 3d. charge the system for the reservation of non-fiction is in no way different from the previous scheme :

1. All non-fiction in the branch stock is reservable.
2. We will make every attempt to obtain books which are not in our stock and needed for purposes of study and reference.

If anyone wishes to comment on the new scheme (e.g. the cost—too high?) I should be pleased to hear from them. Any suitable suggestions might well lead to an even more acceptable scheme being instituted.

Another change in County policy will be of interest to the many parents with children under seven years of age. As you probably know the minimum age required to join the library is seven. Many parents wishing to take out books for their under-seven-year-olds have done so on their own tickets. Now the parent can take out a special ticket in his/her own name to borrow for the child.

Please note that the ticket is in the parent's name and that the borrowing is done **by the parent** (only) for the child.

The stock for under-seven-year-olds is still limited but as the County Library now has the official 'green light' for purchasing books for this age group, we are hoping that there will be some improvement within the next couple of months.

P.H.

## BOYS CLUB

The annual house to house and street collections to raise funds for the Club will take place during the last week in October.

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At the time of writing these notes we are in the throes of preparing 40 of our volunteers to fly to BAOR for two weeks training and at the time of reading them there will be 40 wives and sweethearts looking forward to 10th October when they return.

We are holding a recruiting week in October, from 17th to 24th and our activities during that period will include press advertisements and illuminated vehicle patrols. We will also hold an "At home" on Saturday afternoon, 24th October from 3 p.m. to 5-30 p.m. to be followed later by a Recruiting Ball. We are hoping to recruit Potential Officers and prospective drivers, medical orderlies and cooks.

The weekly social evenings in the O.Rs Canteen proves to be very popular and Franky Carr our capable catering corporal has managed to produce the refreshments from somewhere. The football team too is doing very well this season, as usual under the energetic guidance of Sgt. Caldicott. So far we have played 3 and won 3 and rumour has it that the football team will raise more recruits for us than any other effort.



## THE DOMINOES

Everyone knows that the 'Dominoes' are the town's own rhythm group, but few will know how the group came into existence. The founders, Tony and Laurence Storey came to Newton Aycliffe, when schoolboys, from Bishop Auckland ten years ago, and having been in the Choir of St. Annes for a number of years they joined the Choir of our local Church, St. Clare's. Tony was a pupil at the King James' Grammar School, and Laurence travelled each day to school at Shildon. Leaving school Tony joined the firm of Bakelite, as a Research Worker, and continuing with his studies went on to take an Honours Degree in Chemistry at the Constantine College of Technology, Middlesbrough; in October he goes to Durham University to take a Ph. D. Laurence works at Stillington and continues with his education. In the early days their step-father bought the boys a guitar, and they discovered they had talent, so they started off with one guitar, a tea-chest, broomshank, and a scrubbing board. Even with these curious additions to the guitar the brothers and their friends were able to create a remarkably good sound. Their parents then provided an amplifier and with hard practice they became more efficient and played for various charities, particularly at local Church concerts which created good fun and amusement, and the children loved it. The brothers met up with Bill Johnson, the Bass Guitar, who originally came from Tyneside, and now lives in the town. Brian Wills, rhythm guitar, and John Snowball the drummer, then came into the picture and these five formed the group known to us all as 'The Dominoes' who have played all over Co. Durham and Yorkshire entertaining people of all ages. One day the 'Dominoes' will succeed in getting a number in the top twenty or even in the top ten, then they will put Newton Aycliffe well and truly on the map. 15 year old Mary Sinclair who lives in the town has now joined the group as a vocalist and she puts her songs over with great zest. Considerable thanks are due to Mrs. Kell of the Boys Club who has given every encouragement to the 'Dominoes' and has always found them a room in which to practice, for their parents were almost reduced to the need for hearing aids; and praise must be given to their neighbours who raised no word of complaint. The children seemed to drop off to sleep to the rhythm of the music, or were rocked to their dreams by the beat. A very special word of thanks must be given to Mr. R. Swinney, a resident of the town, who is doing a splendid job as manager for the 'Dominoes'.

Finally; we want to see the group get right to the top, they deserve success, for all the fun and enjoyment they have given. the very best of luck 'Dominoes' you are all just great.

A. Fan.

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## NEWTON AYCLIFFE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

Following a suggestion forwarded by a recent monthly Committee Meeting, representatives were invited by the Aycliffe Development Corporation's Chief Engineer (R. G. S. Roberts, A.M.I.C.E., M.I.Mun.E., A.M.T.P.I.) to meet representatives of the Darlington Rural District Council regarding the provision of seats on Main Roads with particular reference to Central Avenue.

Both the Chief Engineer and the Council members agreed that a need did exist for more seats and that the proposal for three more seats would be forwarded, for sympathetic consideration. A firm promise could not be made as it would have to rely upon the amount of funds available.

The Development Corporation would be approached with the request that a seat, or seats, be placed in the vicinity of the Doctors' Surgery in Bewick Crescent. This follows the request by several tenants.

In response to a request by K. H. Allan Esq., Personal Assistant to the General Manager, a visit was made by the Chairman, and Secretary, to Churchill House to discuss the aims and policies of the Tenants Association and to investigate various complaints and suggestions made over a period of time and which, it was felt, were not getting the attention they deserved.

The personal assistant was most co-operative in his attitude and promised help where-ever possible.

Future, regular meetings were proposed, the main aim being to further better relationship between the Development Corporation, officials and tenants.

F.A.W.

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

*The Darlington Rural District Council have now agreed that three seats will be placed on Central Avenue at a cost of ten pounds each.*



## TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

October 5th. 7-15 p.m. Beveridge Hall.



Living Abroad is the main item for the October programme. Three countries that are vastly different from each other are Palestine, Jamaica, and Malaya; We are indeed fortunate to have three ladies to speak, each of whom will give the feminine angle on life in the country in which she has lived. There will be ample time for questions, and the ladies will be only too pleased to answer all that you care to put to them.

A decided touch of autumn will prevail in the Beveridge Hall on this night with Harvest Fayre on the sales table and an autumn arrangement for the competition, let it be a plentiful HARVEST both practical and artistic. Remember the old saying—there is usually enough to spare in one garden to start another.

**Annual General Meeting.** November 2nd. same place same time.

Competition—best dressed clothes peg, this could be quite a fashion parade. Mrs. D. Nelson donates the surprise parcel and Mrs. Corner's sales table is washday requisites. Washing Machines? or old fashioned elbow grease?

Social half hour—at the moment its a query.

M.M.G.

## GARDENS GUILD

A General Meeting of the Guild will be held in The Iron Horse Hotel, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday October 13th, 1964 at 7-30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. The Guild Hut in Clarence Chare is open every Sunday morning from 10-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. for the sale of fertilizers, sundries, etc. Many varieties of bulbs for Autumn planting will be available, and members wishing to order roses, shrubs, etc. are asked to contact the sales Secretary.

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### NEWTON AYCLIFFE MUSIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the 1964/65 Season will be held on Thursday, 15th October, at 8 p.m. in the small hall at St. Clare's Church, our new regular meeting place. A varied programme has been arranged, the highlights being a concert by the Northern Sinfonia Orchestra in May, and "La Traviata" by the Arts Council Opera Group, in January. If you are interested do come along on the 15th October, you will be most welcome. The Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Tomlinson, 17 Cumby Road, Newton Aycliffe (Tel. N.A. 538) will be pleased to give any further information and put you in touch with your nearest Committee Member.

A Social Evening and "get-together" of the musical organisations of the town, will be held on 22nd October at 7-30 p.m., in The Over Sixty Club. Tickets (including refreshments) 2/6d. Licensed Bar.

E.R.

### N.A.C.O.L.O. NOTES

The Carnival in June seems a long time ago now but the Committee which organised it have only just about finished the work of tidying up the loose ends and it can now be said that, financially, there was a balance of between £50 and £100 on the week's events, most of which is being left in the Carnival account to form the basis of next year's work. Mentioning next year brings a reminder that for efficient planning these events have to be thought of as soon as the previous one is over. The new Carnival Committee will be formed at the October meeting of the N.A.C.O.L.O. Council and offers of advice or assistance will be welcome at any time from now on.

M.J.K.

### 1ST. NEWTON AYCLIFFE BOYS' BRIGADE

The latest venture for the Boys' Brigade is the formation of a bugle band; and that has created a problem; for we need to find a tutor willing to give up a little time each week to teach the boys. If there is anyone able to accept this job of tuition will he please contact R. Hayzen, 1 Bousfield Crescent. Apart from this problem of a tutor a very full and exciting programme lies ahead including various sporting activities, any boy wishing to join should pop along to the Methodist Church at 7-30 p.m. any Tuesday or get in touch with R. Hayzen, address as above.

R.H.



# CHILDREN'S COLUMN

## THE ENCHANTED ROCKING HORSE

### Part six

*(Belinda and Timothy have left Rocking-Horse Island and Dapple Grey, the magic rocking horse is taking them back to Aunt Agatha's)*

"We shall just have time to get you settled into bed before Aunt Agatha wakes," said Dapple Grey as he carried the children swiftly through the early morning air.

"That's just as well," gasped Belinda, holding on tightly, "She'd be so cross if she knew we'd been out all night."

"I wish we didn't have to go back to her house," said Timothy. "I think she's horrid."

"Never mind" his sister comforted him, "you know it's only for a little while until Mummy's better and then we can all be home together again."

"Is she so very terrible?" asked Dapple Grey.

"Well" said Belinda "She does get rather cross with us sometimes and it's rather dull, because we're never allowed to make a noise or play proper games. But I don't think it's really her fault," she added kindly "I think it's such a long time since she was little that she's forgotten what it's like."

"Perhaps we can do something about that." Dapple said,

"Oh Dapple, do you really think so?" asked Timothy. "What could we do?"

"Well," replied the horse "I think if I'm extra quick, we've just got time to call in at Memory Island for a minute."

"What good will that do?"

"Wait and see—we'll be there in five minutes" said Dapple Grey as he dropped sharply down towards the east.

Memory Island turned out to be a very small piece of land that was completely covered in tiny white flowers.

"What a delicious smell they have" said Belinda, as she picked some. "It reminds me of the day we went to the rose garden in the park with Mummy—doesn't it you, Timothy?"

"No, it reminds me of the special pudding that she always makes on our birthdays. Wait a minute—no, it makes me think of the day we all went to the fair with Daddy!"

Dapple Grey smiled. "That is the secret of Memory Island. The flowers that grow here are magic flowers—when you smell them you remember all the nicest things that ever happened to you. We'll try some out on Aunt Agatha."

"Do you think they'll work for her?" asked the children.

"I'm sure they will. Of course, the scent only lasts as long as the flowers do, but I think they'll live for a week or two and that should be long enough for you. Now we must hurry—up on my back!"

For the last time the magic rocking horse rose into the sky with the two children and this time flew straight as an arrow to the tall gloomy house where Aunt Agatha lived. In at the attic window he floated and landed gently on the threadbare carpet.

"Well, that's my travelling done for another year. Down you go, children and put the flowers by Aunt Agatha's bed—then hurry back to your room before she wakes up."

"We will," said Belinda, "And thank you, dear Dapple Grey for giving us such a wonderful time!"

"Yes," chimed in Timothy, "It was super!"

"I'm glad you enjoyed it, I liked having you with me. Now, hurry—it's nearly time to get up!"

So the children said goodbye to Dapple Grey and did what he had told them. Ten minutes later, when they were snuggled down in their beds, they heard Aunt Agatha getting up. Hardly daring to breathe they closed their eyes and pretended to be asleep. She whisked into their room and pulled back the curtains from the window.

"Wake up, sleepy heads! It's a lovely day and there's such a nice smell in the air! I can't think what it is but it reminds me of when I was a child!"

Belinda and Timothy smiled at one another over their bedclothes.

"Yes," she went on "It makes me think of the good times we had when my Mother and Father took me for a day on the river. It used to be such fun! Would you like to go to the river for the day, children?"

They could scarcely believe their ears but they nodded as hard as they could.

"Good, then I'll go and fill a picnic basket while you get dressed. Don't be long!" She hurried downstairs as if she could hardly wait to be down by the river.

Belinda and Timothy jumped out of bed and danced round and round the room together. The flowers had worked their magic! It looked as if the rest of their stay with Aunt Agatha was going to be fun after all—thanks to Dapple Grey!

THE END

S.F.W.

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Like so many other scientific discoveries, similar results were being obtained at the same time—by a brilliant Englishman, James Swinburne, later to become Sir James Swinburne, F.R.S., and founder of Bakelite Limited.

The remarkable story of how the paths of these two great men crossed is too long to be told here, except to record that in 1926 a firm called Bakelite Limited was incorporated and, in 1928, preliminary moves were made to concentrate and allow for expansion at Tyseley, Birmingham. From 1932 production of plastics raw materials—representing all that was best in British and American methods—was concentrated at Tyseley.

Much was accomplished in those pre-war years and the war years that followed. When Bakelite Limited decided to extend their range of materials to include vinyl resins and compounds, the Tyseley site could not support the expansion programme; it was already fully committed to satisfying the ever increasing demand for other materials made by the Company. Therefore, in 1946, Bakelite Limited took over part of a former government ordnance site at Aycliffe.

There was plenty of building space, easy access through uncongested roads, a good local labour force, and a pleasant open country setting so rarely available to industrialists.

For the people at Aycliffe the arrival of Bakelite Limited opened up new prospects, and their skill and enthusiasm has contributed to the steady growth of the plant since it went into production in May 1946.

Today, the main interests at Aycliffe factory are polyvinyl chloride (P.V.C.) which is sold under the trade name VYBAK, and polyethylene (or polythene as it is popularly called). These raw materials are moulded, extruded or fabricated into finished products by other sections of the plastics industry.

P.V.C. compounds, for example, are used for covering wire and cable, for moulding into vacuum cleaner parts, for pipes and many other articles for the home and industry. P.V.C. sheet materials of many kinds are made at Aycliffe too. These range from the protective clothing to flexible transparent sheets for the rear windows of sports cars.

Polyethylene—which is almost as versatile as P.V.C. and certainly as well known—is the material used for making a host of domestic articles from the well-established 'squeezable' containers to washing-up bowls and buckets. Films for packaging foodstuffs and bags for protecting clothing in shops or in the wardrobe are other examples of the outlets for BAKELITE polyethylene.

Although Aycliffe does not actually make polyethylene, (it is produced by the Grangemouth Division of Bakelite Xylonite Ltd.), it has the vital task of compounding it—that is, adding to the basic resin the chemical ingredients which will ensure that the final product does its job properly. These compound materials go from Aycliffe to plastics manufacturers in all parts of the country.

Other production activities at Aycliffe include the manufacture of phenolic and alkyd moulding materials, much used by the electrical and automobile industries, and plastics monofilaments which are used as colourful, hard-wearing fillings in domestic and industrial brushes and brooms.

It is not enough merely to make materials. Everything that leaves the factory must be tested to see that it meets the highest standards. Quality control, as it is called, is an important activity at Aycliffe, and upon this work rests the Company's trading reputation.

Just as important are the never-ending investigations into the properties and potentialities of new materials, and the maintenance of good labour relations.

In case anyone should think it is all work and no play at Aycliffe, this is the spot to record the sports and social activities which take place. Their number and variety are too numerous to mention here but, as anyone who has passed by the site will have noticed, there is even a 9-hole golf course—a rare achievement shared only by a few companies in Britain!

From the first tentative steps to produce phenolic resins, up to the present day, when hundreds of plastics raw materials produced in the company's factories find their way into nearly every branch of industry, the progressive outlook, energy and initiative of its early leaders lives on. Much has been achieved. The Aycliffe factory of Bakelite Limited is proud of the important contribution it has made, and is making, to the well-being of both its parent company and the trading area in which it is located.

J.A.W.

## THE FRIENDS OF THE TOWN BAND

THE FRIENDS OF THE TOWN BAND, now have a Chairman, Mrs. Rutherford of 9 Central Avenue, and an Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Gaul of 7 Balliol Green. It is hoped that all wives of Bandsmen and all mothers of Juniors will join, but you don't have to know anybody in the Band to be a member. Just come along to any of the monthly Socials if you think the Band deserves support. The next one will be at the Chairman's home (this is one of the firemen's houses) on Tuesday October 6th from 7-30 p.m. Every penny the Friends raise goes to the Band, nothing is spent on administration.

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**R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES**



job, more than well done".

By the time you get your October copy of the 'Newtonian', all Battle of Britain efforts will have been completed, and the Branch will settle back once again into regular routine. Full details of 'Miss R.A.F.A.—Newton Aycliffe', prize winners and monies raised will be published in the November edition. Mr. George Smith, Battle of Britain Organiser, had to put in a vast amount of work into his programme, and I know that I speak for us all when I say "Many thanks George, for a difficult

At the recent 'Tramps Ball' held at the Canopus Club, quite a good number of 'tramps' entered into the spirit of the effort, although the turn out could have been better. Those who attended in garb were all really excellent. Mrs. Sally Reed was selected as Queen Tramp, and stalwart Mr. Clive Reed as King Tramp. I should point out that Mr. Reed is in no way related to Mrs. Reed, but it would appear that they must both have the right idea when dressing the part.

The 'Jumble Sale' was a complete success, but it is not yet known the correct amount raised. Full details of all functions next month.

H.G.S.

**LABOUR PARTY—WOMENS SECTION**

A Farewell Party was given for Mrs. P. Spencer, a founder member of the section, in September. Mrs. Spencer who is leaving the town to take up residence in South Africa with her husband and family, was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. E. Meadows, with a gift subscribed for by the members, all of whom wish Mrs. Spencer great happiness in her new sphere.

Looking ahead we can tell you that a Christmas Fayre will take place in the British Legion on November 14th and the Annual Dance will be in the Gretna on Friday December 11th., tickets for which can be obtained from Mrs. Cessford, 27 Macmillan Road.

C.T.

**THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE**

Following the retirement of Mr. N. Foulger the Cadet Division has been taken over by Mr. J. Moses of 10 Elisabeth Barrett Walk, from whom all Medical Comforts may be obtained and to whom all those out on loan should be returned when no longer required.

A Flag Day in aid of the brigade is being held on Friday, October 9th: ex St. John Cadets are asked to help, and those who would like to assist are asked to give their names to Mr. J. Moses or to Mr. R. Vasey, 14 Swan Walk.

Recruits to the Cadet Section are needed and they may be either boys or girls from the age of 10½ to 14 years. Class nights are on Fridays from 6-30 p.m. in the upstairs room of the Community Centre for Ambulance Cadets, and at the same place and time on Tuesdays for Nursing Cadets.

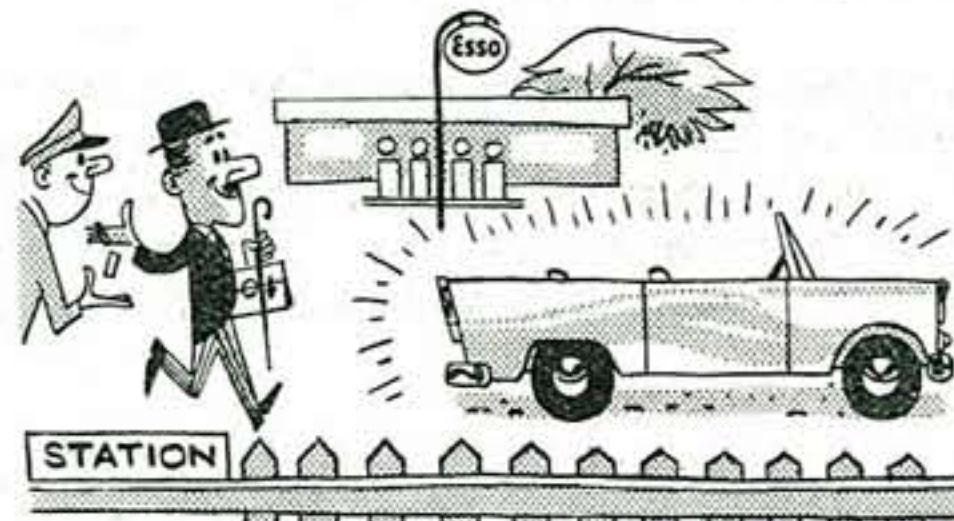
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J.M.



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### NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Motor Club was held in "The Gretna" on Wednesday, 9th September, 1964, when over 50% of the membership turned up. Due to our Treasurer's indisposition a report on the club's financial state was given by the Secretary who said that the club had had a good year in which the various ventures although few in number had all shown a small profit. The meeting then went on to elect a new committee for the next twelve months and this is as follows :-

*Chairman :* Mr. G. Holter.

*Secretary and Press Secretary :* Mr. E. Nelson.

*Treasurer :* Mr. B. Turnbull.

*Members :* Mr. R. Ingram and Mr. O. Rutter.

Mr. G. Butterfield was co-opted as club contact to the Sidecar Federation.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up by discussion on the matter of the Annual Dinner Dance and the childrens Christmas Party of which more details later. The meeting closed at 10-25 p.m.

I would like to remind members that subscriptions, were due on the 1st September so if you haven't paid yet 'lets be seen yer lolly'.

Cheers for now ERIC.

## WOMENS COLUMN

At a mixed (sexes) gathering the other day a chance remark was made that at the time sounded most odd but on reflection since it really does make good sense. The remark was, "how odd the human race is, it treats its body in a way that it would never dream of treating a machine" this of course is true. Who would try to drive a car with the petrol tank empty or the oil sump dry and how much stitching can be done on a sewing machine without cotton. What was behind the remark was that so many of us try to do a days work without a good balanced breakfast—be honest, how many of us make do with a slice of toast and a cup of coffee? and then have that sinking feeling by 10 a.m. Apparently what we should remember is that although asleep, energy is used up by mechanical movements breathing etc. and we need to be re-fuelled after the long break of night, usually about eight hours, if we are to be fully alert during the early part of the day. So there it is a good breakfast is essential to your well-being.

Most of us have seen the advert "Go to work on an egg" (personally I should hate it, bus or bicycle-much simpler). I presume the E.M.B. don't mean it literally; they want us to eat it and go to work with it nicely placed where it can do most good, for whether it be boiled, scrambled, fried or poached it is fuel to the human machine.

For childrens breakfast Peeping Toms add variety and it is simple—from a slice of bread cut a round from the centre, fry the slice in bacon fat or dripping till brown, turn, and drop an egg in the hole, cook till set and the bread is crisp and brown both sides. A mere touch of marmite on the bread makes it very tasty.

### Lunch Tip

Instead of thickening soups and stews with flour, grate a raw potato and add—cook 8 to 10 minutes.

### Fish Tip

Dip fingers in salt to prevent them slipping when skinning fish.

### County Recipe—Somerset—Apple Butter.

Windfall or cooking apples, washed and cut up without peeling or coring, cooked to a pulp, rubbed through a sieve and the puree cooked to a set with sugar, 1-lb. sugar to 1-lb. of pulp, pour into smallish pots ( $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb.) and seal as for jam. Usually used as jelly for tartlets and topped with cream.

M.M.G.

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#### Coming events

Husbands and friends have been invited to an American Evening on Thursday October 8th when dancing will take place after a "party" supper.

A Jumble Sale in the Over 60's Club from 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 31st. Coffee will be served from 10-30 a.m. till 12 noon and it is hoped that members will ensure a well stocked Cake Stall.

At the monthly meeting on Thursday, October 15th in the Over 60's Club Mrs. Gore-Booth will tell of a "Haphazard Holiday" and the competition will be for the most attractive Harvest Basket.

J.D.



**NEWTON AYCLIFFE A.F.C.**

There were twenty-two, beautifully turned out males, ready to do battle for the honour of gaining a place in our great and glorious team. The field of play lay ready for the onslaught, the sun shone warmly, everything in fact, was perfect, except for one thing. **THERE WAS NO BALL.** Even though the cry of "Forget about the ball, lets get on with the game" is sometimes heard, someone had taken the saying too literally. Scores of kids were sent scurrying around, but all they came back with were a couple of tennis balls and a burst bladder. At last someone remembered he had one in his junk store at home. A quick car ride. Great. Only one thing wrong now—it wanted blowing up. Who could have imagined such a small operation would take so much time and trouble. Four or five warriors wrestled, pulled, blew, nearly tore the damned thing in half, before success was achieved. Since this debacle another trial match was held (with a ball in attendance) and war has now been declared against the legions of the Darlington Weekend League. We started the season in great style winning our first three games.

Results at the moment of writing are :-

23rd Aug.	Newton Aycliffe	5	Barnard Castle Spartans	3
30th Aug.	Northern Echo	1	Newton Aycliffe	4
6th Sept.	Newton Aycliffe	2	Staindrop	0

At the last game a very good crowd turned out to watch, so come and give the lads a cheer some Sunday afternoon up at Simpasture playing fields, they would really appreciate it.

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we'll be seeing you, Haurel and Lardy.

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

On August the twenty members of the Beveridge Skating club enjoyed the club's annual outing which this year took us to Scarborough. It was very unfortunate that so many club members were on their holidays at the time of our outing, however all the members who took part had a grand day, and were blessed with fine weather.

Now that holidays are a thing of the past, and the dark nights a thing of the very near future, many Newton Aycliffe children will be looking for a new hobby—something to keep them off the streets and out of the cold. How about ROLLER SKATING in the warmth of the Beveridge Hall. We would like to remind the people of the town that our club is intended for ALL residents and that new members are always welcome regardless of age.

If you would like to join the skating club please contact me at my new address 12 Hardinge Road, Newton Aycliffe.

Hope to see you soon—Godfrey A. Bennett.  
Honorary Secretary.

**NEWTON PLAYERS**

Our thanks to those of you who supported our Car Rally, which was most successful. We take this opportunity of again expressing our appreciation for the many prizes, contributed so generously by various Town Traders. Subject to their approval a list will be published in the next issue. You will remember in September's 'Newtonian' we announced a new annual innovation, OPEN NIGHT. Held on Thursday, 24th. September it provided as anticipated the opportunity many people wanted to find out what Amateur Dramatics have to offer. They went away impressed with the many aspects of this very rewarding hobby. We believe these impressions will lead them, not only to take an active part in our many activities but to appreciate the work 'behind the scenes' all aimed at their and your entertainment. Lack of space precludes further remarks on OPEN NIGHT but we will return to the matter next month. If, at anytime in the next few weeks, you observe assorted vans through your window and hear a knock on your door, be not alarmed. It will be neither the bailiffs nor a remote cousin from the outback come to visit you. It will be one of our members seeking haberdashery, objects d'art, bric a brac, in fact anything from a tin tack to a railway engine for an Annual Jumble Sale. The date, 10th October, the time 10-30 a.m., the place, The Boy's Club, Central Avenue. Be there first to select your winter wardrobe, paper weights and rug material. Do your Christmas shopping now. Rehearsals are now in progress for the first play of the season. You will all be delighted to hear that it is 'BONAVENTURE' by Charlotte Hastings. Presented in The Beveridge Hall, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 25th., 26th., 27th., November we look forward to the pleasure of your company.



## NEWTON AYCLIFFE TOWN BAND

Following the 'holiday break' practice has been resumed in earnest and the band is hard at work again. The outstanding engagement of September was on Sunday 20th when the band had the honour to lead the Battle of Britain Church Parade for the Royal Air Force Association.

From October 24th to 31st 1964 the Band will stage an intensive campaign in aid of its funds. This will be a house to house collection and during the period the Band will give an open air concert in the town centre. The cost of upkeep for the Band with uniforms, music, instruments etc. is extremely high and when the Band appears in public either in this town or elsewhere we are representing **you** the townspeople of Newton Aycliffe and it is our desire that at all times we should be a credit to you and the town. We have therefore to rely almost entirely on your generosity to enable us to reach and maintain a high standard.

DURING THE COLLECTION WEEK—PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

V.J.T.S.

## CONGRATULATIONS

At the Verse Speaking Examinations of the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art held at Bishop Auckland the following pupils of Mrs. V. Saunders, 4 Henson Grove were successful :-

Helen Cowin aged 8 Distinction—Preliminary.

Jennifer Hudspeth aged 10 Preliminary.

Gillian Hudspeth aged 8 Junior Preliminary

Sandra Hargreaves aged 15 Grade 11.

Judith Haw aged 10 Preliminary.

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