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PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH No. 10



Mr. Leslie Parker of Mellanby Crescent, founder of the Newton Aycliffe Operatic and Dramatic Society spent many months planning the organisation before holding the inaugural meeting and the success of the society is attributed to the basic ground work and the vigorous enthusiasm of both the acting and non-acting members, plus good publicity. The advance of the society has been so rapid that re-organisation has been necessary to include the re-formed senior

and junior sections and plan for future expansion. Mr. Parker is a native of Co. Durham, born at Willington, educated at the county school and various technical colleges before going on to Durham University. He is a qualified youth and social service organiser, and studied music under the late Mr. Oliver May, the Covent Garden opera singer Vallata Iacopi and Durham Academy of Music and joined the Bishop Auckland Operatic Society after it was re-formed in 1949. Coming to live in Newton Aycliffe 8 years ago and having been an active Methodist all this life he joined the local church choir and was chairman for 3 years. He thinks that this town has a great part to play in the future development of the north-east and considers that the young population, many of whom hail from every part of the British Isles are largely responsible for the town's appeal and its broad forward outlook. In these socially exciting times the expansion of the town and the possibility of a new theatre in the future plans, opens the door for all the various societies to give superior performances in the field of music and drama. It is to be hoped that the people who will be performing on the stage of this proposed building will be consulted and allowed to make suggestions with regard to the stage itself and to the various services which will be required. Mr. Parker says "music and dramatic art take many forms, of which opera and drama play an important part in the cultural life of the community, and the uplifting effect of any artistic performance raises the desire of the people for that which is first rate. It is most important, and must be encouraged as far as possible, to guide young people in the direction of all that is best in music and drama." Mr. Parker continues by saying "the trend of various societies is to be rather narrow in outlook. It is my ambition to see all the musical and dramatic sections in this town join together and give a planned yearly programme. The organisation of such an undertaking could be so designed as not to interfere with any societies individuality or identity. The variety of entertainment would benefit the community as a whole and each society in particular from the wider experience and broader outlook they would acquire from their pooled resources."

Editor.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Now that the summer holiday season is over both operatic and dramatic sections of the Society are getting down to some serious practice. The drama section meets in St. Clare's Church Hall each Thursday evening at 7-30 p.m. and are reading for a Dramatic Production the title of which will be announced later ; this section also have a most enthusiastic youth group who hope to present a sketch sometime in December. The operatic section are rehearsing for their forthcoming Gilbert and Sullivan "IOLANTHE" to be staged in the early spring of 1965.

People who would like to join any section of the society, (both men and women) will be very welcome. The operatic group meet each Wednesday at 7-30 p.m. in the Marlowe Hall Secondary Modern School.

J.B.

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

As autumn comes and the dark evenings become longer a new season begins for many organisations and societies and a new year starts for N.A.C.O.L.O. The past twelve months have been, without doubt, the busiest yet and more people than ever before have heard of N.A.C.O.L.O. and learned what it means! (Anyone still mystified is recommended to read the front page of this paper, just below the title.) For most people N.A.C.O.L.O. is the body which organised the Carnival Week in June, but little more is known of its activities. It may come as a surprise, therefore, to learn that it has met as a Council seven times since the last Annual General Meeting in November, 1963, and that no less than thirty four adult organisations have been represented at some time during the year, not to mention several individuals who have come along as associate members. This illustrates the growing belief that N.A.C.O.L.O. has something to offer the individual club and a part to play in the life of the town. There have been eight committees working during part or all of the year on matters varying from the welfare of old people to the organising of the carnival, from the problems of youth to the production of a new film of the town.

It would be nice to think that more of the fifty-odd adult organisations would come into the Council during the year to come, which should bring with it many changes, not least being the actual planning of a Social Centre in the town centre, under the new town plan. We have waited long enough and N.A.C.O.L.O., with the strength of **all** the organisations behind it, can be a power towards the real achievement of something in bricks and mortar.

The Annual General Meeting of N.A.C.O.L.O. will be held at 7-30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18th in the Parish Council Chamber in Churchill House and **anyone**, representing an organisation or independently interested, will be welcome.

MJK

THE CARNIVAL

HARD WORK BUT FUN. THIS WAS THE OPINION OF THE ORGANISERS OF LAST YEARS CARNIVAL. UNFORTUNATELY MOST OF THE COMMITTEE HAVE MOVED OR WILL SHORTLY BE MOVING AWAY FROM THE TOWN AND NEW PEOPLE WILLING TO FILL THE GAPS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP RUN NEXT YEARS CARNIVAL PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY, MRS. A. E. HOLMES 4 THURLOW GROVE, NEWTON AYCLIFFE.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

9 Ritson Road,
Newton Aycliffe,
Co. Durham.

Sir,

I note in the September's issue of the "Newtonian" that N.A.C.O.L.O. ask for advice for next years Carnival. May I suggest that they get their priorities right and plan how they can compensate Mr. Jack Davey for all the misfortune he has suffered and is still suffering as a result of this year's Carnival. It is now over four months ago, wake up N.A.C.O.L.O.! not words but deeds.

A. J. Stanyer.

46 Washington Crescent,
Newton Aycliffe.

Sir,

It is perhaps a pity that the efforts to commence a First Aid class should have provoked the somewhat critical letter from Mrs. Allan, the Red Cross Commandant, which appeared in the October issue of the Newtonian.

I was indeed aware that organisations existed in the town, and am surprised to note that Mrs. Allan omits to mention that I paid a courtesy call upon her, and the officials of the St. John Ambulance Brigade units, to inform them of what was being attempted and to ask for their co-operation and help. I therefore plead Not guilty, Sir, to the charge of cutting across existing arrangements.

In spite of the claim that "First Aid is already being taught on the town", the plain fact is that there has not been a public Adult First Aid class for some considerable time. Such a class can only be of ultimate benefit to the Order of St. John and the British Red Cross by providing possible members possessing First Aid qualifications, and to the town itself by having more trained personnel available. In any case there is surely room in a town the size of Newton Aycliffe for even several branches of the National First Aid organisations—one can only wish that such was the case now.

The original article in the Newtonian was intended to create some interest in First Aid preparatory to forming the class, and I am not aware of any method of contact for those interested other than one's name and address appearing "in print".

However, I am sure that everyone will be pleased to learn that the class has been formed to run at the club on Monday evenings. We are all most grateful to the officials and Committee of the Club for granting the use of a room when it had begun to appear that the quest for accommodation was well nigh hopeless. Mr. Ian Pollock, 100 Faulkner Road, Newton Aycliffe, has kindly volunteered to act as Class Secretary, and both he and I will gladly furnish any information that will help spread the gospel of First Aid.

J. J. D. Kerry.

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R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



The Childrens Xmas Party is to be held at the Canopus Club on Saturday, 19th December, 1964, and all members are requested to contact any member of committee for the necessary pro-forma. Children who will be eligible to attend must be at least 5 years old at the time of the party, and no older than 11 years (inclusive). The pro-forma should be returned to the organiser Mr. John Norris or to the deputy organiser Mr. Alex Belton by not later than noon on Saturday, 14th November. As we all remember, last year's Xmas Party was a terrific success, and from what I can see from the programme, this year should be even better. Please make sure that you return your pro-forma in good time so as not to disappoint your kiddies.

Winner of the 'Miss R.A.F.A. Newton Aycliffe' title this year was Miss Pauline Harrison, with Miss Dawn Colvin running a close second. I consider the job of judging the contestants at this beauty competition a most difficult task, and I personally would hate to have to make the final decision. All that entered looked delicious to me, but as we all know, Pauline was the judges choice. Congratulations and good luck Pauline, we all look forward to seeing you in the R.A.F.A. National finals.

Mr. Ron Manning tells me that many of the cards attached to the balloons let off at Battle of Britain have been recovered, and two have been returned all the way from Sweden. Amazing isn't it, I bet mine didn't get any further than Shafto Way.

H.G.S.

Notes :-

Next month I intend to tell the story of what happens when one is 'called up' and the delicate operation of being 'kitted out'..

WOMENS COLUMN

ALL STEAMED UP—"What's for dinner mum? is there a pud?" When there is a nip in the air young children and most husbands enjoy (and deserve) a good sweet, and dare it be said—a starchy pudding. Imagine the aroma of a steamed apple pudding, with a mere suggestion of nutmeg added to the apples and sugar, or the almost too sweet tang of a jam roly poly, the delightful treacle pudding, and the golden ginger with lashings of syrup poured over; enough to make any schoolboy ask for a second helping. Try using mincemeat for a change, use two tablespoonsful to 1 egg stir well and steam as usual. Mix suet paste with hot water it will give a much lighter crust. It is often said in these times that meat is very expensive and all of us are fully aware of the fact, so there is much to be said for the old idea—pudding first, it takes off the sharpness of hunger; in the days gone by this pudding first idea was applied to large families especially when fresh meat was not so easy to come by. In the north midlands a great favourite was an unsweetened 'Spotted Dog' served with good beef gravy. This was suet paste with plenty of currants added rolled in a cloth and steamed—usually on Mondays to use up the gravy from the Sunday joint. Have a go and try it out on your family. It is a county recipe, from Stafford actually.

Did you notice in one of the national dailies that some enterprising hoteliers in U.S.A. have sold the bed-linen used by the 'Beatles' for a substantial sum and that the purchasers are having sheets and pillow slips cut into 1 inch squares, mounted on parchment with a drawing of a four poster bed and with the name of the appropriate 'Beatle' suitably inscribed, and sold for seven shillings each. Have we no firm that could have beaten or equalled such enterprise?

M.M.G.

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FUTURE EVENTS

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| NOVEMBER 17th. | N.A.C.O.L.O. Annual General Meeting, Parish Council Chamber, Churchill House, 7-30 p.m. |
| NOVEMBER 21st. | Neville Male Voice Choir Celebrity Concert, Marlowe Hall, 7-30 p.m.
511 Coy. R.A.S.C. TA Bounty Dance and Social, T.A. Centre. |
| NOVEMBER 25th, 26th & 27th. | Newton Players present "Bonaventure" Beveridge Hall, 7-30 p.m. |
| DECEMBER 19th. | 511 Coy. R.A.S.C. T.A. Children's Party and Christmas Dance, T.A. Centre. |
| DECEMBER 23rd. | 511 Coy. R.A.S.C. T.A. Christmas Draw. |
| JANUARY 21st to 23rd and 28th to 30th. | Newton Players' annual Pantomime "Aladdin". Beveridge Hall. |
| JANUARY 29th. | Motor Club Annual Dinner Dance, Gretna Green Wedding Inn. |

NEWTON PLAYERS

Our thanks to you who gave so freely of your Jumble and to you who came and bought. To each of you we owe the success of the Sale and to the Boys Club for the use of their premises.

Rehearsals are well advanced for our opening play of the season "BONAVENTURE", by Charlotte Hastings. It will be performed in the Beveridge Hall on the nights of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 25th 26th and 27th November. Please make a note of the dates. Tickets will be available from October, 20th from any of our members and also at the door on the nights of the play. Prices of admission are 3/6d. for adults, 2/- for children and Old Age Pensioners, and the curtain will rise at 7-30 p.m. Kindly contact our Secretary, Miss Susan Parker, 14, Windlestone Walk, for further information.

Children and Parents will be pleased to learn that the Pantomime chosen for this year's Festive Season is "ALADDIN". There will be eight shows in all; four during the week ending 23rd, January and the same in the week ending 30th January, 1965. Watch this column for more details.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

The dates for the childrens Christmas Party and the Annual Dinner Dance have now been fixed for the 16th December in the Clarence Hall, the latter for the 29th January in The Gretna " ". Tickets for the dance are not available yet but the list for the party closes on Wednesday, November 18th. except for members joining the club for the first time after that date, so members if you have any youngsters who want to attend the party please give names and ages, particularly ages as Santa Claus wants to know in advance, to any committee member for transmission to me. That's it for this month folks.

Be seein' you.

ERIC.

Thought for the Month

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one pace.

THE BEVERIDGE ROLLER DANCE AND FIGURE SKATING CLUB, NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Until further notice the Saturday night public skating sessions have been cancelled to allow the club members to use the rink to rehearse a skating show which will be staged in late November. By the time these notes are in print we will have the show tickets on sale, these will be obtainable from the Beveridge Hall along with more details regarding the date and time of each performance.

Our Tuesday and Sunday class sessions continue to be well attended, and members are once again working hard for future N.S.A. tests.

By the time you read these notes members who have not yet passed an N.S.A. test will have competed for the Beginners Trophy plain skating event (The result will be announced in the next issue.)

In the last few weeks we have been pleased to welcome many new members and at this stage it is impossible to enroll more skaters for the Tuesday night classes. I am pleased to say that we still have a few vacancies in the Sunday class which is held each week from 4-0 p.m. until 7-0 p.m. If you are interested do please call and see me at the rink.

Take care on the roads.

Godfrey A. Bennett.

511 COY R.A.S.C. (MOT AMB) (T.A.)

There is always a feeling that Christmas is in sight when we get round to November. However we have a lot to get through before we start organizing Children's Christmas Party and other Festive Social events.

November sees the culmination of a Year's Training in the form of "Bounty" night. This will be held in the "Barnard Armoury", Newton Aycliffe, on 21st November when balance of Annual Bounties will be paid. This is also an opportune occasion for the Annual Presentation of Prizes and Trophies which will be made by our Commanding Officer Lt. Col. C. J. Wetherall. The prize list is not yet complete, and we hope to publish this in next month's edition. "Bounty Night" is usually followed by a Social Evening and Dance and this will be no exception.

A "Safe and Skilled Driving Competition" will be held in Newton Aycliffe on the 1st November 1964, to find who is the best driver in the Company. Up to the time of writing we have not been able to settle on a site for this event but it will probably be on Aycliffe Stock Car Stadium Car Park; these competitions are quite good to watch and we would welcome spectators who would like to see this event.

Armistice Day Parade is being held on 8th November 1964, (Sunday) and a contingent from this Company will attend the Parade.

We are now allowed to recruit young men from the age of 17 years so come on you youngsters of the Newton Aycliffe who would like to start a profitable hobby and at the same time serve your Country. Even if you are under 17 years, why not join the Cadets. Read our advert in this issue.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE A.F.C.

On Friday 2nd October there took place on the town an event of national importance, the new Sports Club was officially opened by Lady Masham. As the sports club as a whole never contribute to this worthy journal, we would like to legitimately blow our own trumpet. The two men most responsible for the new club being such a success—it really is a fine building—are both members of the Football Section committee.

We are now well into the football season and the team continues to do well. At the time of writing we have played six matches, winning five and drawing one and are second in the Darlington Weekend League table. Results for September are:—

20th September.	Newton Aycliffe	5	Gainford	3
27th September.	Staindrop	3	Newton Aycliffe	3
3rd October.	Newton Aycliffe	2	Wanderers (Darlington)	1

(Who is this team "Sunderland" anyway?)

The club is now considering starting a second team, to play friendly matches this season and if it proves successful we will join a league next season. Anyone who would like a game please contact our Secretary, Mr. B. Gale, 14 Markham Place.

In a previous Newtonian we offered to rid wives of their husbands, but up to now we haven't had any takers. Most wives must be very much in love, or is it perhaps that the old man brings home the bacon? Anyway, we are now offering to rid mothers of kids (as well as fathers) for two hours every Saturday morning. Send them down to Beveridge Hall at 10-00 a.m. for the weekly Children's Film Matinee—admission is 1s. 6d. at the door.

FILM NEWS:

Film for 9th November—7-15 p.m. Beveridge Hall.

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DEAD AS THE PANDA?

by Peter Scott.

'Daddy, what was a wild animal?'

This question might seem odd to you today. But it may not seem so odd to your grandson when his children ask it—at least not if the most superior animal on earth—man himself—continues his present stupid and senseless policy of making the world unfit for all other animals to live in.

No matter how brilliant future generations may become in the realms of science and technology, no matter what space barriers they may conquer, they will never be able to re-make the dodo. Nor could they re-make the Cambodian wild ox, the Blue Whale, the Galapagos giant tortoise, the Arabian oryx, the whooping crane, the Japanese crested ibis, the Javan Rhino, the orang utan—As you read this, these creatures and hundreds more too are in imminent peril of becoming as dead as the dodo. Over a thousand kinds of vertebrate animals are on the danger list.

The Dodo.

The dodo—poor bird! Only its name lives on as the symbol of extinction, meaning something never to be seen again, something that cannot be brought back. The dodo was a gigantic flightless creature weighing up to 50 lbs. Discovered on the island of Mauritius in 1598, it had been exterminated a hundred years later—clubbed out of existence by the crews of visiting ships, in their thoughtlessness and ignorance; their eggs and young scoffed by the pigs ignorantly let loose to run wild on the island.

At about three o'clock on the afternoon of June 3rd, 1844, the last two great auks on earth were clubbed to death by a sailor on Eldey Island off the coast of Iceland. They were a pair. If, instead, they had been allowed to breed, there might still be great auks today.

Buffaloes roamed the North American prairies in tens of millions only a century ago. One herd was so numerous that it had to be measured, not counted—50 miles long and 25 miles wide. Fifteen years later they were down to 541 animals but they were rescued in the nick of time from the bullets of the mass slaughterers. Now there are some thousands again.

A near thing for the Koala

The lovable koala bear can neither run for cover nor defend itself. Yet in one year 600,000 were shot for sport and another two million were killed for their skins. When they were all but gone the Australian Government stepped in, and just managed to save these harmless and cuddly little creatures.

Do you remember the land development programme in Tanganyika just after the war that became a music-hall joke—the ground-nuts scheme? That fiasco was no laughing matter for wildlife. To clear the land for plantations thousands upon thousands of antelopes, zebras, giraffes, rhinoceroses, and other animals were shot. In five years, between eight and nine thousand of the larger mammals—the ones that take longest to recreate themselves—were destroyed, and all to no purpose.

It may be idle to cry over spilt blood, but these few examples of man's crimes against other living creatures are not a thing of the past, similar things are happening still.

It still goes on

Today the Blue Whale is on the edge of extinction. Not only is it the largest animal in the world, growing to nearly 100 feet

long and weighing up to 190 tons, but it is, as far as science can tell, the largest animal there has ever been in the world—more than four times as heavy as the largest dinosaurs. The Blue Whale is the unit by which the whaling industry measures its catch. In 1932 Blue Whales were 82% of the catch, but in recent years it has dropped to less than 5%. Although they have now been given some protection Blue Whales may still be taken in certain areas, in spite of the fact that the whale biologists believe the 1963 population to be no more than 2,000 at the outside and possibly as low as 650.

The Humpback Whale is in comparable danger but has now been given complete protection.

The Fin Whale—second only in size to the Blue—is at present the most heavily hunted species. In 1956 there were estimated to be 110,400. The number has dropped steadily each year until the 1963 total was no more than 40,000. At this rate the species could be extinct by 1967, but Antarctic whaling will cease to be economic before that, though not necessarily before the Blue Whale has gone, nor before the others have passed the 'point of no return'.

We now know that Whales are very intelligent animals and it is safe to assume that they are correspondingly sensitive to pain, yet the method of catching them involves an average period of about half an hour after the explosion of the grenade in the explosive harpoon and before the whale dies.

Here then is an industry which all civilised people must condemn absolutely on moral grounds, yet it goes on because there is big money in it, because it takes place far away, because not enough people know about it.

A few years ago the industry was said to be worth £50 million a year. In a House of Lords debate in 1958 the line was taken that with so much money in it the pain probably wasn't too bad, and the imminent extinction of the whales was not even mentioned.

Magical Properties

Today in Africa both the black and the white rhinoceroses are threatened by excessive hunting, most of it illegal—poaching. The future of the great Indian rhino, the Sumatran rhino and the Javan rhino is infinitely more precarious—all because of an ignorant belief that powdered rhino horn has magical properties which will renew the lost youth of tired Asian businessmen.

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Giraffes and antelopes lose their homes to land drainage and agriculture, or are flooded out by the vast dams. The crocodiles—the largest living reptiles—and the elephants—the largest land mammals—fight losing battles with men who find it profitable to kill for skins or tusks.

Thoughtless people set fashions in leopard skin which push up the price to £75 a young leopard and bring down the population at an alarming rate. The demand for tinned turtle soup brings three marine turtle species to the brink of extinction. Whole rivers hundreds of miles long are poisoned deliberately to 'eradicate the trash fish' (which are usually the unique native fish) in order to introduce rainbow trout for sport, which is egregiously called a 'rehabilitation programme'. The 'rehabilitation' of the Green River in Wyoming eliminated from the river the second largest minnow in the world, which grows to nearly six feet long and nearly one hundred pounds in weight. Since the war eight species of North American fish are believed to have become extinct.

Our own rich heritage of birds, beasts and wild flowers—more than half the pleasure of a walk through our countryside—is being destroyed indiscriminately and often needlessly by poisonous chemicals on farm land and roadside verges. Our rivers are used as sewers into which towns dump their filth and industries pour their waste. Beneath the billows of detergent foam the fish gasp and die.

The relationship between soil and water, plants and animals, and man himself is intricate and subtle, and scarcely understood yet, even by the scientists. A new chemical that claims to wipe out all flies is widely hailed, though its ultimate effects may be very different from those intended. When you use a sledgehammer to crack a nut it is easy to smash your fingers.

A state of emergency is now facing the wildlife of the world. Animal species have been evolved over at least two billion years. Who are we to wipe them off the face of the earth in a few decades? Of course, species have become extinct since the beginning of life, but man has suddenly and vastly accelerated the process. If we let this go on our children's grandchildren will have good cause to condemn us because in the 1960's we seemed to be too preoccupied in reaching the moon to bother about saving one of the most precious inheritances of our earth.

This is not a conflict between animals and man (with me arguing on the side of the animals). The extinction of animals is man's loss. Conservation is for man—for the long-term benefit of mankind. All over the world it is a question of how best to use the land for the greatest benefit of the most people—and that includes the people of the future, and it also includes their spiritual and mental benefit as well as their material benefit. There are ethical, aesthetic, scientific and economic arguments which add up to a responsibility that cannot be ignored.

A New Ark

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To raise the money required, the British National Appeal of the World Wildlife Fund is now setting up a regional Organisation throughout the land, based on hundreds of Local Supporters Groups. We aim to establish one or more groups in every town in the country. I feel certain you will agree that this is a worthwhile and important task needing action now.

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If you are under 18 years old, you can still help by joining either The Wildlife Rangers or the Panda Club; for details write to the same address giving your age.

Many of the world's wild places and most of the threatened animal and plant species can be saved without delaying or interrupting man's progress in the smallest degree. Indeed it can be argued that to accept the moral responsibilities involved is an integral part of human progress. Concern for the continued existence of a rich variety of wildlife and wild places is as surely a manifestation of human enlightenment as art, discovery, exploration, education and tolerance. If we evade this issue, if we make no effort, then our children's grandchildren may well be asking, 'Daddy, what was a wild animal?'

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Saturday, 21st November. Celebrity Concert.

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We are once again at the height of preparation and rehearsal for our 11th Celebrity Concert to be presented at the Marlowe Hall School at 7-30 p.m. on Saturday, 21st November. For this occasion we have been fortunate in securing the services of two singers who possess all the attributes which are enumerated above and are at the peak of their profession.

Miss Norma Procter. Contralto.

Possessing a voice of unusual beauty which developed at a very early age, Norma Procter studied under Roy Henderson and Alec Redshaw and rapidly made a name for herself throughout Great Britain.

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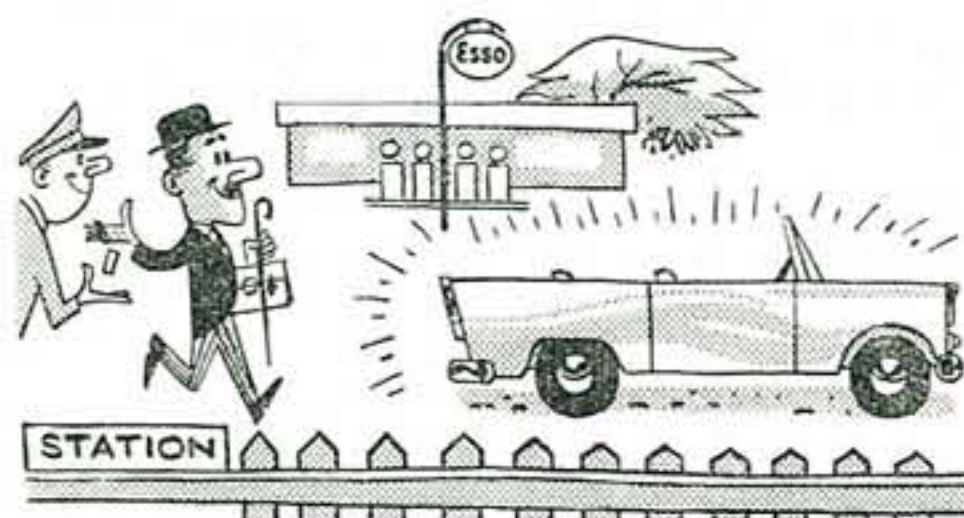
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December—birthdays in this month are often a disadvantage, the Townswomen's Guild however think otherwise, for in December it is the Guilds birthday and this year we want to make it a memorable occasion, there will be guests from many other guilds in the area and all our friends in Newton Aycliffe are invited to join us on December 7th, and enjoy an evening with a special 'tea interval' business will be kept to an absolute minimum. Although a little early for the festive season Christmas will be in the air for the sales table will be for Christmas Tree Decorations, and twelve surprise parcels are to be given, which will be suitably wrapped in seasonable paper. The competition is for the most decorative parcel, and of course it need not be in Christmas paper. The birthday meeting is on December 7th. at 7-15 p.m. in the Beveridge Hall.

M.M.G.

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E.S.

GIRL GUIDES-LOCAL ASSOCIATION. NEWTON AYCLIFFE.

Coffee Evening.

Miss Hamilton will be pleased to welcome all friends to her home, 15 Bede Crescent on Tuesday, November 10th from 8-0 p.m. for a coffee evening on behalf of the association.

Looking Ahead.

Please keep the evening of Thursday, December 17th free in order to attend a Carol Service with the Guides and Brownies at St. Clare's Church. The Service will be followed by a Christmas Coffee Evening in the Church Hall. Details of times etc. will be given later.

In response to many enquiries following our recent article dealing with the association we are pleased to report that the growing membership is enabling us to begin to be really helpful to both the Guides and Brownies. May we remind you that membership is open to parents and friends of the Guides and also any of the townspeople who approve of the movement and wish to give tangible encouragement. The present aim of the association are twofold. The first to provide camping equipment; most urgently needed; and far too expensive for the girls to purchase for themselves. Lack of equipment is limiting the camping activities for to hire is a costly business. The second aim is to start a building fund for premises to be used as headquarters, preferably in the town. The number of children wishing to enrol increases daily and will continue as the town grows, and a headquarters will become essential so we are determined to begin collecting seriously for this most expensive project.

Membership is 2/6d. per year commencing each January; next years subscriptions are already being accepted so if you would care to be associated with us in this work, the President, Mrs. C. E. Clements, 7 Kemble Green North or the Treasurer, Mrs. Boyd, 12 Greville Way will be most happy to receive your fee and enrol you as a member.

The activities of the Association are advertised in the Newtonian and the Diary of Events in the Public Library. The District Commissioner, Mrs. J. Snowden, 3 Mills Close is seeking recruits as "Guiders", a "Guider" is a leader, a Captain of her Company; and Mrs. Snowden will be most pleased to arrange training for any lady wishing to accept this responsible post. As the strength of our numbers increase many more "Guiders" will be needed most urgently so if you have a flair for this type of leadership contact Mrs. Snowden.

C.E.M.

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