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## MISS E. M. B. HAMILTON

To most residents of the town Miss Hamilton was the Corporation, for to them she was the only representative of that Body with whom they ever came into contact. The recent announcement of her resignation as Housing Manager therefore came as a shock for she had come to be regarded as a part of the town. Certainly there will seem to be something lacking in the life of the town now that she will no longer be seen in her car, dashing around the town making her daily calls on tenants.

Miss Hamilton was the first Housing Manager for the town, commencing her duties in December, 1951. She had graduated with a Bachelor of Arts at Oxford and held the Housing Managers' Certificate of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. Before coming to Newton Aycliffe she had had a most varied and extensive experience in housing management. Being a keen sympathiser of the Octavia Hill system of housing management she always regarded the welfare of the tenants, from the social aspect, as being a very important part of her duties. Indeed a great deal of her time was dedicated to ameliorating the problems of tenants and trying to integrate newcomers to the town into the life of the community. In furtherance of this approach Miss Hamilton devoted from the outset, the whole of her spare time in creating and supporting cultural and social organisations in the town for her "Utopia" is where everybody over the age of five years is actively participating in the social life of the community. Miss Hamilton has a dedicated interest in housing, planning and social work and at Newton Aycliffe devoted the whole of her time to this work.

A town can ill afford to lose one so dedicated as Miss Hamilton to the service of her fellow citizens and it is the hope of almost everyone that her new appointment will permit her to continue to live in the town and to play a full part in the life of the community. Miss Hamilton may be assured that her valuable services to the town in the past are greatly appreciated and that the good wishes of all residents are for her future happiness.

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They will come to your door and ask for a job to do. It is hoped that their good friends the townspeople will again give them jobs, but will they please make a note of the following :-

- be sure the boys really are Scouts ; outsiders sometimes try to horn in on the scheme ;
- choose a job suited to the age and capacity of the boys who come ;
- see that they do it properly ;
- pay them what the job was worth ;
- enter the amount on their Job Card.

The Scouts will like it if they are treated seriously and given real work for a real reward. It will help their training.

You have nobly supported Scouting in the past. This Bob-a-Job Week is another opportunity for the townspeople to show their appreciation of the value of Scouting.



## DURHAM COUNTY CONSTABULARY MOVEMENT OF CASH

Crimes of violence committed against people carrying cash or valuables are on the increase and the police ask you to observe the following simple rules to safeguard your staff and your property and thereby help to combat this type of crime :—

### Movement of money on foot.

1. Vary the time and routes of collection and deposit. **Don't be a habit man.**
2. Use only able-bodied males and wherever possible provide an escort.
3. Consider using an alarm bag or cash-carrying waistcoat.
4. If you use a night safe—only expose money when the night safe door is open.
5. Always use a route along a busy thoroughfare, even if it is sometimes slightly further.

### Movement of money by vehicle.

1. Whenever possible use a closed vehicle.
2. Vary the times of collection or deposit and make use of alternate routes.
3. When transporting large amounts the vehicle used should be fitted with immobiliser, siren or alarm.
4. Give consideration to the fitting of a vehicle safe.
5. Drivers should remain with their vehicles at all times and with the doors locked.
6. The size of escort provided should depend on the amount of money to be moved and should never be less than two **able-bodied men.**
7. Separate vehicles should be used for transporting the escort.
8. Secrecy in cash movement is essential.
9. In all cases use only **trusted** employees.

If you have any doubts or queries about any kind of security please contact your local police. You will be put in touch with the County Crime Prevention Department whose advice and guidance is given completely free of charge.

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## NEWTON AYCLIFFE SCOTTISH SOCIETY

At a recent meeting the new Constitution was approved, the most important item being that membership and subscriptions would not be asked for formally until February, 1967. This will give time to test the support in the Town for the new Society.

It is intended to hold regular functions, success depending upon the Scots and their friends in Newton Aycliffe. With the growth of the Town we are confident that the support is there if we, the Committee, can produce the goods.

Arrangements are well forward for the Dance and Social which is to be held in the Over Sixty Club on Tuesday, 12th April, 1966, from 8-0 p.m.—11-30 p.m. Buffet supper will be provided and we promise there will be a Bar this time! Tickets at the usual popular prices 5s.-0d. and 2s. 6d. for O.A.P.'s.

Let's see all our friends and have a "rerr terr".

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## NEWTON AYCLIFFE KARATE

In the March edition it was mentioned that Mr. Bryan Crossley would represent Great Britain in an international contest to be held in France. Bryan Crossley was one of two contestants from a team of eight who was successful in defeating his French opponent. Although the French team won the over-all contest Newton Aycliffe can be proud of Bryan for putting up such a good show. He comments that the French team were most polite and courteous; and he gained valuable experience. The French, as a gesture, presented the British team with a medallion.

The appeal in last month's issue for lady members met with a most gratifying result and many new faces were seen. There is still room for more. Ladies who are 'thinking' about joining should act and be at the Beveridge Hall, Finchale Road on any Friday evening; training starts at 7 p.m. and continues until 9 p.m. This is a great opportunity for women to combine 'keep fit' with self defence. In your own interest take advantage of it.

N.A.P.



## WOMENS' COLUMN

March having enjoyed its last mad frolic and driven the last untidy leaves of winter away as if with a giant broom we can now look forward to one of the poets favourite months . . . APRIL—the very sound of which brings Spring to mind with all its attendant joys. It is now possible to forget that January almost buried us in snow; February almost as unkind nearly drowned us with its incessant rain; March, a little kinder, merely blew us from place to place. With heads in the clouds on thoughts of Spring and trilling with the larks, we return to earth with a thud and thoughts of the other 'lark' . . . spring-cleaning. Every true daughter of Eve knows that strange restlessness and urgent desire to 'put her house in order' which necessitates upsetting all the family. Chaos reigns, instructions are issued. To father its "you'll have to lunch out this week" and to the children "you'll stay at school for yours, I'm going to spring clean the house from top to bottom." As the process develops things that have been lost for months turn up, Aunt Mary's letter, never answered; the knitting pattern mysteriously mislaid; and you find all sorts of things you'd forgotten you ever had. But gradually everything falls back into place, you work yourself to a standstill each day for six of them and then if you are fortunate on the seventh you rest. Oh yeah! sez you.

Speaking quite seriously there are a few do's and don'ts attached to spring cleaning which are worth making a note of :-

- (1) Check that every electrical appliance in use has no chipped plugs, no frayed flex, and above all no bare wires. And if you remove the guard from an electric fire to clean behind it REPLACE IT IMMEDIATELY.
- (2) Of course you won't overload your washing machine . . . but be careful "its the last straw that breaks the camel's back."
- (3) When washing the treasured possessions, glass or china, fold a cloth thickly and place on bottom of bowl or sink. Then if anything slips through your fingers there is less chance of breakage.
- (4) Glass that deserves that extra shine will get it if you add a few drops of methylated spirit to the rinsing water.
- (6) If you have enamelled furniture which has become spotted or stained this can be freshened up by rubbing with a soft cloth moistened with paraffin, any surplus oil (and its smell) being removed with lukewarm soapy water.

Notwithstanding all your work, meals will have to get some attention and this recipe for your own hamburgers is reasonably quick and little trouble.

1lb. rump steak, 1 sliced onion, 1 oz. flour, 1 oz. suet, (or clarified dripping) 1 tablespoonful chopped parsley, seasoning. Mince the steak and onion together, add the parsley and seasoning. With well floured hands shape lightly into eight patties and fry in really hot fat in a thick frying pan. They will take three or four minutes on each side.

M.M.G.

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## THE BEVERIDGE ROLLER DANCE & FIGURE SKATING CLUB, NEWTON AYCLIFFE.

This year the club's anniversary was celebrated in two parts the main idea being to cater for all ages which in the case of our members ranges from five to fifty five. On February 15th a grand night full of games, dancing, refreshments and lots of prizes proved very successful and was really enjoyed by all. Mrs. Shirley Bennett cut the beautiful sixth anniversary cake made by Mrs. Atkinson of Darlington. Many thanks to committee members who really worked so hard on this occasion—Mrs. J. Greaves, Mrs. F. Tinkler, Mrs. S. C. Bennett and Mr. N. F. Bennett. The second part of the party held on the 19th of February again proved to be enjoyed by all and both young and old were delighted to see the Super Panavision production of "My Fair Lady". Following our trip to Middlesbrough high tea was the menu which completed a very full and entertaining occasion.

On April 24th class members will be in competitive mood once again, this time for "The Free Skating Handicap Trophy" which is held each year to encourage improvement in the free skating field of the sport. Spectators will be made welcome at 4-15 p.m. and should time allow general skating will be held following the competition which will be held in the Beveridge hall.

A reminder that the club will be closed for Easter holidays on Saturday, April 9th and Sunday 10th.

The Saturday public skating sessions are still held each week from 6-0 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. and a warm welcome will be given to all new faces. Spectators 6d. Skaters 1/6d. Anyone making the effort to attend the public sessions in the next few weeks will be well rewarded with our special FREE GIFT OFFER.

Godfrey A. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

## N.S.P.C.C.

N.S.P.C.C.—Initials too well known to need any explanation Who would think in this enlightened age that such a Society was necessary? But it is a sad fact that it is absolutely essential that a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children must continue to operate and needs all the help it can get.

The Annual Flag Day is to be held on May 7th, but it is hoped to cover the whole town with a house to house collection during the previous week. Volunteers to help with this collection would be most welcome and those wishing to offer their services should get in touch with Mrs. Clark, 11 Cumby Road, Newton Aycliffe. Telephone Newton Aycliffe 662.

## NEWTON AYCLIFFE MUSIC SOCIETY

The society's Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday evening April 21st gives members the opportunity to air their views and elect the committee of their choice. Several of the present committee do not wish to stand for re-election therefore nominations are required and names should be sent to the Hon. Sec. at 15 Lowery Road, before April 20th. **All nominations submitted must have the consent of the person concerned.** After the business is completed the remainder of the evening will be devoted to a choice of members favourite records.

The society is extremely grateful to everyone who supported the "Marriage of Figaro" which was performed at the Aycliffe School on February 18th and to those who sold and bought tickets, and to the people who displayed posters. It is not necessary to stress what a delightful evening this was, the local press gave it excellent publicity.

L.M.B.

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### R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



The Annual General Meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Association was quiet, as per usual, and it was pleasing to note that so many of our full and friend members attended. The Officers and Committee duly elected are as follows: President elect, former Sqdr. Ldr. Dr. D. S. Hawe. Mr. J. Hobson and Mr. W. Carr were elected vice-presidents. Re-elected were Mr. Alec Belton, branch chairman, Mr. C. E. Manning, branch secretary and Mr. G. Smith, treasurer. Of the 18 members nominated for committee, the following fourteen were elected. Messrs. J. J. Bell, E. Branford, D. Catmull, A. Coates, A. Johnson, O. Huitson, J. Martin, A. McLean, R. Meggison, J. Norris, H. Pletts, C. C. Reed, W. H. Sayers, H. G. Simpson (Publicity Officer).

We sat in the Queens Lounge, the golden elixir flowed, as did the conversation. We absorbed our 'execution' ale with gusto and much lip-smacking, then someone said, "Did ya ever do any 'jankers'?" My mind oozed back over the years! Jankers! No I didn't do any real jankers myself, but I knew plenty who did. Especially one, a bod called Ken!

I had been in the Air Force for about three weeks when I became involved in a very, how shall we put it, 'minor' incident within our billet. Caught red handed by a blustering discipline sergeant and the Orderly Officer, what had been a great jape finished up by being re-named 'an act of hooliganism which would not be tolerated AND was prejudicial to all the things the Air Force stood for' (or words to that effect). For this heinous offence, I and two fellow 'hooligans' were 'chastised' (for use of a better word), in front of the whole Flight. Me branded as a 'hooligan' crikey! The outcome of this sordid effort was that we were all three cast into a torture chamber known to all that have served, as 'the Tin Room'. (Charming)!

The tin room adjoined the airmans mess, and for three days we toiled in denims and gum boots, cleaning dozens of great greasy gravy stuck up trays and tins, which had to be ready for cooking the following day. Great balls of fire, what a job! By the time I got back to the billet at night, I was as stuck up and 'gravyfied' as the flippin trays I had just cleaned! I vowed from that time on, no more bother, no more 'hooliganism', no more tin-room, no noffink! I would dedicate myself to being a 'goody'.

After passing out from square-bashing, I lost track of all my old pals, and it was almost two years before I met up with one of my 'hooligan' chums again.

Working in the Orderly Room one day, the door crashed open, and a new arrival to the camp staggered in, loaded down with all his kit. I recognised him immediately, it was one of my cronies, 'Ken' one of my old 'hooligan' cronies.

We shook hands and laughed about our 'tin-room' escapade, it was like old times! A great guy Ken! Being a clerk in stores, Ken would kip in our billet! Great! A great guy Ken!

When Ken's documents arrived from his last unit, I studied them in open amazement! His 120 and 121 (Conduct sheets) had more entries than a leopard had spots! Ken was janker prone, as all the billet would have to find out.

Ken was with us three days when he received 7 days C.C. (Confined to Camp) for walking out without his hat on! Pow! We soon found out who got the jankers, it was US, every man in the billet. Ken was a likeable bod, and soon we were 'bulling' up his kit, what he didn't have, he borrowed from one of us!

After tea, Ken would come in. We would rally around, pressing pants, 'bulling brasses', and doctoring the best set of webbing in the billet! A great guy Ken! When Ken turned out for six o'clock parade outside the Guardroom, he was immaculate!

We assisted in this all the week, but by the time the weekend arrived, there were murmurs of discontent from some of the bods (Discontent, discontent, discontent!) Someone queried, "Who's doin these ruddy jankers, Kenny, or us?" We agreed that it was time for Ken to get the 'hard word'.

Saturday arrived! About half the billet prepared to descend on the local town with the intentions of having a big 'ram-sammy'! A 'ram-Sammy' I should point out, included drinking, dancing, 'chatting' up the bints, and if there was anything left over, perhaps a fish and six to walk back to camp with. (Crazy!)

Ken was deflated when informed of our departure to the bright lights. He gazed around the billet, deserted now apart from one or two 'Mars-Bar' eaters, who reclined in there pits, absorbing volume after volume of uninteresting 'bumph'.

"Sorry Ken old son, can't help tonight!" We caught the camp bus and soon lost ourselves in all those places beloved to the serving airman. (Yab-a-dab-a-dooo!)

Late that night we tottered back to the billet, all beery and fish and chippy! Ken lay on his pit staring glumly at the ceiling. "wasa mara Kenny" queried someone. "On another 'fizer'" murmured Ken. The old story, mankey buttons, dirty cap badge, 252 action, Crikey! The poor devil.

Ken got another 7 days, and once again we buckled in! When Saturday came again, we ensured that Ken's kit was ready for him, 'bulled' to the knocker. He didn't get caught again, WE saw to that.

Shortly afterwards Ken was drafted to the Far East. We were sorry to see him go! Ken was a character in his own right, his only fault, 'janker' prone. Being with Ken was the only time I ever saw a whole billet do 'jankers' ALL together.

### Notes:

Mr. Alec Belton is our Branch Chairman, Mrs. Belton, our Ladies Section Chairman, a family affair, well done.

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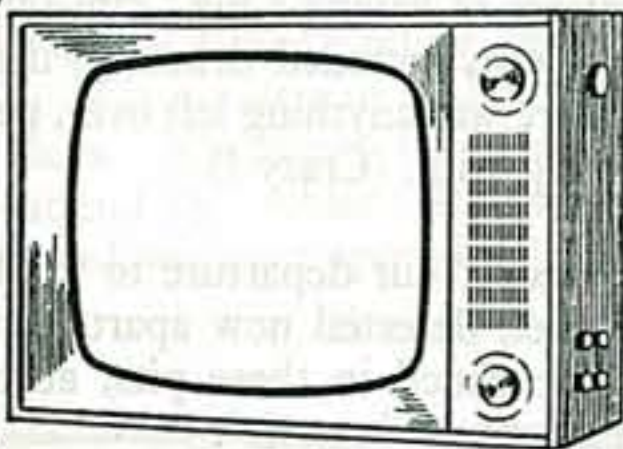
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## OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

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"April"—This is the month the Society has been working hard for and in particular one week of it—18th to 23rd. That week Marlowe Hall School will ring every night with some grand singing as the Principals and Chorus go through the ever popular show. Do not miss this great production. Get your tickets from members of the Society or by booking at Mr. Harry Cox, Hairdresser, Town Centre, who has most generously put his salon at our disposal again this year.

J.B.

## GARDENS GUILD

The Guild is once again fully affiliated to The National Rose Society. Any members with a query regarding roses can now receive information from the country's leading authorities on roses.

The secretary of the guild has in his possession two books from the society, one is titled 'The Cultivation of Roses' the other 'A Selected List of Varieties', both are available for loan to members.

Seed Potatoes are now available at the Guild hut. The usual northern favourites being stocked. Potatoes planted Easter week-end will be ready for lifting 'Newcastle Race' week.

The best seed potatoes are about the size of a large hen's egg. Bigger ones can be cut ensuring at least two shoots are on each piece cut. When potatoes are cut they should be dipped in lime before planting.

Before planting 'sets' should be placed in shallow trays or boxes with the end containing the most 'eyes' uppermost. This will enable the potatoes to develop sprouts before planting. These should be a purple colour to ensure a good crop. The boxes should be placed in a frost free place but with sufficient light. Lack of light will cause the sprouts to be long, weak and useless. If a crop of large potatoes is required rub off all except two sprouts, if a large crop of small potatoes is required leave all sprouts on when planting.

It is proposed to assist the aged residents of the town keep their gardens tidy. Two things are required, the youth of the town to do the actual work and members of the gardens guild to supervise. Will you assist in this worthwhile venture? If so please contact the secretary of the gardens guild at the Hut, Clarence Chare and give him your name and address.

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### NEWTON AYCLIFFE A.F.C.

Sophie Loren, Ursula Andress, Sussana York, Elizabeth Taylor etc. etc. etc. are finished. No more will their beautifully proportioned bodies move sensually across the screen, no more will those exquisite features move our palpitating hearts. They have left us for good, with tears in our eyes we wave farewell.

Has the Newtonian got a world scoop ? Have all these beautiful maidens (well hardly !) been killed in some disaster, or been smitten by some fiendish disease. Fortunately not, all these women as far as I know are still very much alive. Why then will we see them no more ? The answer is simple—the adult film shows at the Beveridge Hall have finally ground to a halt. So my friends if you want to see these beautiful bodies again you will have to drag yourselves some distance to the nearest cinema.

I'm not making any complaints to the pleasure-loving people of the town—we ran for two years and in that time we had some great nights. However the decline has been steady over the past months and for our last show but one the attendance reached the fantastic total of twelve.

I would genuinely like to thank all our patrons for the support we have had and we would have liked to carry on but I'm afraid basic economics have forced us to close the doors for good.

Goodbye Sophie, Goodbye Ursula, we will never see your like again.

### Football News :

Results: Darlington Weekend League—First Division—First 11.  
 6th March Northern Echo 3 Newton Aycliffe 6

Darlington Weekend League—Second Division—Second 11.  
 27th Feb. Cockfield Reserves 2 Newton Aycliffe 1

K.O. Cup—Third Round.  
 Newton Aycliffe Res. 2 Staindrop 6

You will note from the above that there hasn't been much activity last month, this was due to the appalling weather. Things are looking much better now and we hope to be playing all our home first team games on the Rugby pitch at Moore Lane.

### Childrens Cinema Matinees

Fortunately the attendance for these are much improved and we will keep running these shows as long as the attendances warrant it.

We have now started a scheme where each child is given a membership card on which are marked attendances, after six attendances, the child will be admitted to the following show free.

All shows are held in the Beveridge Hall every Saturday morning at 10-0 a.m. Admission 1/6d. each. Films for April are :-

Saturday 2nd April

### DAVY CROCKET AND THE RIVER PIRATES

*starring*

FESS PARKER BUDDY EBSSEN

Saturday 9th April

### THE KIDNAPPERS

*starring*

DUNCAN MACRAE ADRIENNE CORRI  
 JON WHITELEY VINCENT WINTER

Saturday, 16th April

### FUN AND FANCY FREE

Cartoon Film

Saturday, 23rd April

### IT'S ALL HAPPENING

*starring*

TOMMY STEEL MICHAEL MEDWIN  
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Saturday, 30th April.

### CARRY ON TEACHER

*starring*

KENNETH CONNOR CHARLES HAWTREY  
 LESLIE PHILLIPS JOAN SIMS  
 KENNETH WILLIAMS TED RAY HATTIE JACQUES

Saturday, 7th May

### TONKA

*starring*

SAL MINEO PHILIP CAREY

All the above films are accompanied by cartoons, comedies etc.  
 See you next month, Haurel.

## AYCLIFFE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### EASTER HOLIDAY

The Corporation's Offices will be CLOSED on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th APRIL. The Rent Week will close at 4 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 6th APRIL.

Tenants will be notified beforehand of any change in Rent Collections.



## NEWTON AYCLIFFE ARCHERY CLUB

The Archery season is now under way. We can only hope that the weather will be kinder for out-door activities than it was last season. One of the drawbacks to archery in the north of England is the frequent heavy winds. In the South, where the sport has a much stronger hold, the gale conditions are not so prevalent and this fact is reflected in the scores returned. Nearly every time we hold a Tournament the wind really goes to town, in fact, Newton Aycliffe has the name of the 'Windy City' to nearly all the visiting archers.

At a recent meeting of the Archery Club a new Committee was formed, the Chairman is Mr. Jim Oliver of 6 Liddell Close and the Secretary Mr. Fred Taylor of 6 Jackson Place. Both are non-shooting members and we hope that they will boost the social side of the section. A social evening has been arranged for Thursday, April the 7th comprising a buffet supper, dancing, a short bingo session and possibly a raffle. The Committee are trying to arrange for the co-operation of a well-known north-east entertainer to give a turn. The charge for the evening is half a crown to help cover the cost of the supper. All Sports Club members and their friends are cordially invited.

The shooting season started on Friday, April 1st. Prospective members can contact the Chairman or the Secretary or they can wander down to the field of the Newton Aycliffe Sports Club in Moore Lane. The official club days are Thursday at 7-30 p.m. or Sunday afternoon at 2-30 p.m. Some members of the section will be on the field to provide information regarding the section or to give shooting instruction to new members.

**To the Ladies of Newton Aycliffe.** Is your boy-friend a cricketer, a footballer or a rugby player? If so then I am afraid that you have no chance against him in competition. However, there is one sport that a member of the 'weaker sex' can compete and even surpass the efforts of the so-called stronger sex. This sport is archery and some of the scores attained by lady archers make me shudder. If you men don't believe it, just come and try.  
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## RENT ACT, 1965.

The Minister of Housing and Local Government appointed 1st March, 1966 as the date on which Part II of this Act came into operation for the Registration Areas covered by the Northern Rent Assessment Panel. This means that, with effect from this date, a landlord or tenant, or both acting jointly, may apply to the Rent Officer of their particular Registration Area for the registration Area for the registration of a fair rent for any dwellinghouse which is the subject of a regulated tenancy.

Any person wishing to make such application should first of all call at the local Council Offices, or write to, or call upon the Rent Officer, for a form of application for the registration of a fair rent (Form RR1.), and a copy of a Ministry pamphlet entitled Rent Regulation. The latter is a guide to all applicants in ascertaining whether or not the tenancy concerned comes within the provisions of the above Act, and gives details as to the completion and submission of the appropriate forms etc.

The whole of the Administrative County of Durham forms one Registration Area and it includes all the geographical county except the County Boroughs of Darlington, Gateshead, South Shields, Sunderland and West Hartlepool, each of which has their own Rent Officer. The Durham County Registration Area has, at the moment, two Rent Officers based at County Hall, Durham, (Telephone: Durham 4411—Extension 625/6, to whom all applications (Forms RR1.) must be forwarded, and who will take the appropriate action for the registration of a fair rent.

The particulars of the Rent Officers for the Durham County Registration Area are as follows:-

**Senior Rent Officer** Mr. J. W. Robson, County Hall, Durham.  
(Telephone Durham 4411—Ext. 626).

**Rent Officer** Mr. J. Dixon, County Hall, Durham.  
(Telephone Durham 4411—Ext. 625).

Persons living within the boundaries of the Durham County Registration Area are particularly requested to address all applications enquiries etc., concerning the operation of Part II of the Act to "The Senior Rent Officer", County Hall, Durham. They should not be addressed to either the Clerk of the Durham County Council, or the Clerks of the Local District Councils as this will only cause unnecessary delay in attending to the matter. Calls should only be made at District Council Offices for the collection of Forms RR1. and the aforementioned Ministry pamphlets.

There is a separate procedure for application by a person intending to provide a dwellinghouse by erection or conversion or to make improvements in a dwellinghouse or to let a dwellinghouse on a regulated tenancy which is not already let and has not got a rent registered for it, for a Certificate of Fair Rent. Special forms of application (Forms CFR1.) can be obtained by contacting the Rent Officer for the appropriate registration area.



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Slim was always in trouble, he could not mind his own business and was for ever startling people so that they ran away. He loved to hide, then pop up unexpectedly in front of little girls, and laugh if they began to cry. As you may have gathered Slim was far from popular, and his friends were very few. However he had one very loyal one who was just the opposite to himself, a beautiful gold-fish with a name to match her beauty. She was known as Sunbeam and moved among the lily leaves as gracefully as any ballerina, when she glided through the water her scales shone like sunbeams and that was how she got her name. There were lots of other fish in the pond, grey ones, black ones, and brown ones but Sunbeam was the only golden one. The bed of the pond was of the finest sand, very soft and comfortable with lots of pretty shells and stones which gave the fish cover when intruders appeared. The water plants were cool and green and the fish loved to swim in and out of the leaves. All around the pond were willow trees, their long weeping branches swaying to and fro making pretty little ripples on the surface. A very quiet and peaceful scene and just the right time for me to tell you how Sunbeam and Slimy Slim became such good friends. Very few people know this story, if they did they would change their opinion of poor old Slim, and this is what happened.

One day some children came to the Willow Pond and they brought their fishing nets. Now to the inhabitants of the pond nets are very dangerous and frightening things, and as soon as they saw the childrens nets all the fish scurried away and hid under stones or buried themselves in the sand. That is everyone except Sunbeam who because it was a warm and sunny day had been playing so long that she had got tired and had fallen asleep.

In the middle of a lovely snooze she didn't see the hungry mouth of the net until too late. The next thing she knew was being lifted high into the air and she was trapped. This was humiliating enough for any fine lady fish, but the next second she was dropped upside-down into a dirty old tin can, which made her extremely unhappy. As soon as Sunbeam realised that she was trapped in such a small space she was terrified but she need not have feared for help was at hand. Slim had seen the boys arrive he'd watched them have their picnic, and when they had finished eating their sandwiches and drinking their lemonade they threw the paper on the banks of the pond and took stones to smash the bottles that had held the lemonade. This was very very naughty and very dangerous for innocent children who would come to play round the pond. Slim decided that he would frighten these untidy and naughty boys away, so taking one big deep breath and a great big jump he let out the loudest croak you ever did hear and he did look fierce. The boys jumped up dropping the old tin can that held Sunbeam prisoner and they ran away as fast as their legs could carry them.

Sunbeam gave a little gasp as the tin trolled over and landed her on the grass near the edge of the pool, with a flip in the air and a wriggle of her elegant tail she was back in the safety of Willow Pond. And there was Slimy Slim waiting for her. She thanked him very prettily and said "if it hadn't been for you Slim I just don't know what would have happened."

So there it is, that is why Sunbeam and Slim are such good friends. He is her hero: Slim is very proud and is always close by to see that his little golden friend keeps free from trouble.

S.M.

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### **NEWTON AYCLIFFE TERRITORIALS**

Our news has been missing from your columns for some months but because we have been quiet does not mean we have not been active. After our Annual Admin Inspection and with the advent of Spring we always look forward to a few days on the ranges. We had a very pleasant week-end camp and shoot at WHITBURN during March, and during April we hope to have at least one Sunday on BATTLE HILL Ranges and a week-end towards the end of April either doing an exercise with 150(N) Regt RCT (TA) or a Squadron exercise at BELLERBY Camp.

Our football teams have done very well this season and should finish second top of the Darlington Church and Friendly League, due in no small measure to the enthusiasm instilled into the team by Staff Sergeant CALDICOTT.

We are now busy arranging for our Annual Camp which will be held at OKEHAMPTON in DEVON this year, and we plan to drive down in 4 days, staging in the LINCOLN, NORFOLK and MARLBOROUGH areas, then spend a week in OKEHAMPTON and return, staging in GLOUCESTER and NOTTINGHAM areas. This will be a wealth of experience for our drivers, and learner drivers, and given fine weather will be most enjoyable.

### **Child Welfare Centre**

Monday: 2 p.m.—3 p.m. Registrar

Wednesday: 2 p.m.—3 p.m. Registrar

The Registrar is also available as follows:-

Darlington Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sat—11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Shildon Tues., 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-30 to 4 p.m.

„ Thursday 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.

„ Sat., 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Darlington Address of Registrar :-

Craiglea, Uplands Road, Darlington.

### **Child Welfare Clinic**

Tuesday March 1st, 15th, 29th.

April 12th, 26th.

} a.m. Infant Injections.  
p.m. Ante Natal Clinic.

Tuesday March 8th, 22nd.

April 5th, 19th.

} Health Visitor Sessions  
No Doctor in attendance

### **Relaxation Class**

2-30 p.m. every Friday.

Every Thursday

9-30 to 11-30 a.m.

1-30 to 4-00 p.m.

} Child Welfare Clinic

Welfare foods are on sale at all the above sessions.

### **Mothers Club**

Last Tuesday of each month, 7-30 p.m. All mothers welcome.

### **TOWNSWOMENS GUILD**



April 4th in the Beveridge Hall at 7-15 will see this month's meeting devoted almost entirely to the animal kingdom. Sqdn. Leader G. E. Meek who is the north regional organiser for the preservation of 'World Wildlife' will speak of the tremendous strides that are being made by all countries to ensure that many species of wild animals are not hunted to extinction. The competition will be a 'dyed Easter Egg' the sales table 'White Elephants' the social half hour 'Animal Anagrams' the surprise parcel will be donated by Mrs. Thurston.

It is hoped that the Guild will be able to get sufficient names to warrant a bus being arranged for the Harrogate Flower Show on April 21st this day's outing has proved so popular in the past that it is being continued. Besides giving the chance to see the beauties of the spring flowers, it provides an interesting day just to look round Harrogate. Those of you who would like to take advantage of this opportunity should give your names to Mrs. Corner.

Dates to make a note of . . April 20th a Coffee Morning in the home of Mrs. Kennedy, 2 Isherwood Close from 10 a.m. to 12 noon to help Guild funds. May 4th Coffee all day at the home of Mrs. Stafford, 9 Brough Close, Copelaw. (which is at the Aycliffe School on the opposite side of the North Road at the Central Avenue entrance to Newton Aycliffe.) This is mentioned just in case some of the new members are unsure just where to go. The hours for this Coffee All Day are from 10-30 a.m. to noon : 2-30 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. and from 7-30 p.m. onwards.

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### NEWTON AYCLIFFE BOY'S CLUB

It gives the Management Committee a great deal of pleasure to announce that the central heating plant for the club is installed. It has not been possible to pay outright for both plant and installation, contrary to the expectations of those people and organisations who gave generous financial aid following the destructive fire of last year, but terms for easy payment of the balance are quite favourable and the club will be able to meet its commitments without undue strain upon finances. Both the committee and members wish to express their thanks to F. D. Nicholson Esq., Chairman of Vaux Breweries, and President of the Durham County Association of Boy's Clubs, who so kindly agreed to be guarantor for the debt incurred on the balance of the heating unit.

During the very cold winter many boys found the temperature of the unheated premises too much for their comfort. Now that this has been remedied they can return and bring their friends, confident in the knowledge that the warmth of their welcome will be equal to the reading on the thermometer.

The committee do not want to give the impression that the club's financial state is all that could be desired. If any person or organisation has a suggestion by which our funds could be augmented the Secretary will be only too pleased to discuss the matter.

### NEWTON PLAYERS

"MURDER AT MIDNIGHT" . . . a 'who done it' by Peter Hoar, chosen as the end of season play in the Beveridge Hall on the nights of May 11th, 12th 13th and 14th. There are no prizes for unmasking the guilty party; but surprises in plenty. To find out who did do it costs little, you haven't far to come, and instead of gazing into a small square box you are afforded the opportunity to see actors in the flesh.

Rehearsals are in progress, sets and costumes are being made, and if you would like to help we'd be delighted. All sorts of interesting jobs are just waiting for YOU. Would you care to prompt? Act? stage-manage? produce? If you have a yen in any of these directions call and see us F.O.C. (free of charge) any Thursday evening from 8 p.m. onwards in the Hut behind the Beveridge Hall. You will find it far more rewarding to 'do' than to view.

W.S.M.

### PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to report that membership and attendance continues to increase, the increase in the Craft Class being particularly encouraging—members are busy working for the Autumn Fayre to be held in October.

The Annual General Meeting date has been fixed for Friday, the 29th April, as usual in Marlowe Hall School.

The increased membership has presented transport problems and a particular need is for assistance from drivers with the Countryman/Estate Car type of vehicle, capable of conveying the larger type of folding wheel chair. Mr. Nelson, 3 Bede Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, would be pleased to hear from people willing to give their assistance.

Meetings are held on Friday evenings, commencing at 7-0 p.m. and terminating between 9-0 and 9-30 p.m. Assistance from volunteer drivers being required from approximately 6-45 p.m. to 7-15 p.m. and from 9-0 p.m. to 9-30 p.m. for the return journey.

New members are always welcome.

### BRITISH VISITORS PASSPORTS

The Foreign Office have introduced as from 1st March, stricter controls over the issue of British Visitors Passports.

Mr. Hugill, manager of Aycliffe Employment Exchange, Ricknall Avenue, Aycliffe Industrial Estate explained today that as from that date anyone applying at an Employment Exchange for one of these passports must produce a National Health Service medical card or a birth certificate or a retirement pension book for each person included in the application. And if a wife is to be included in her husband's British Visitors passport she must attend the issuing office with her husband.

Mr. Hugill is particularly anxious that people who obtained application forms before 1st March and have not yet returned them should know about the new regulations and should have the necessary documents with them when they go to the exchange for the passport.

Those who obtain application forms on or after 1st March are given a leaflet telling them of the new requirements.

### AYCLIFFE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### NOTICE to all ORGANISATIONS

A new edition of the **TENANT'S HANDBOOK** is in course of preparation. All organisations are invited to submit as soon as possible, details of their membership and activities for inclusion in the handbook.

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6. Anyone with ideas about advertising who is willing to assist.
7. Anyone with ideas!

Jump on the band-wagon—we've got the wind behind us for a cracking Arts Festival (of which more news next month).

Contact: Mr. J. Land, 31 Vane Road. Telephone 591, or, Mr. P. W. Henderson, Branch Library, Dalton Way, Telephone 713.

**FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION**

The Family Planning Clinic is open each Wednesday from 6-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. in the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Dalton Way. The aims of the Clinic are:

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And they talk about a hell:  
But whether they are right or not  
No son of man can tell."

These words of doubt taken from a folk song by Sydney Carter are the starting point for a dramatic presentation of the meaning of Easter at the Methodist Church on Easter Sunday April 10th at 6-30 p.m. Should you not be able to get to this special Easter Service, you will be most welcome at any of the services held every Sunday at 9-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.

**NEVILLE MALE VOICE CHOIR'S SUCCESS**

Congratulations to the Neville Male Voice Choir on its Silver Cup Award and 91 marks in the Darlington Music Festival. The audience could scarcely be restrained from cheering the choir's magnificent performance.



## MOTORING MEANDERINGS

It is said, "In spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." I don't know if this is true, but I do know that for those of us who feel too old for that sort of thing, the thoughts are liable to turn rather to new motor cars, or a face lift for the old one. The snow has gone, the crocuses abound, and the garages are full of gentry trying to rejuvenate last years vehicle, (and be it whispered in Gath, the Bank Managers' offices are full of gentry trying to raise the wind for a new one.) All of which produces a feeling of restlessness in the breasts of the older people, akin to the effects of love in the younger ones.

The lighter evenings have already had one effect. Survey parties are out reconnoitering the Recruiting Trial, to be held on Sunday, 17th April. The start is at 2-00 p.m. from the Town Centre Car Park, and the scouts promise that it will not be too difficult. After all, we want to encourage our new members rather than frighten them off at the start. Also, to further this end, most of the more experienced rally crews will be on duty as marshalls etc., rather than competing. So, anybody who fancies their chances can have a bash, safe in the knowledge that they haven't got the local experts to beat. In point of fact, our recruiting drive has been going well during the winter, and we are looking forward to this outing as an opportunity of meeting our new friends' vehicles, which have so far been known purely as invisible transport. Who knows, someone may even have a mauve one, which will brighten up the summer outings no end.

The indoor activities so far this year, have been eminently successful. The biggest ever Dinner Dance in January, was followed in February by an excellent film show. (Movies by courtesy of Dunlop, and the cinema by courtesy of The Rev. J. J. Graham.) Though Micky Mouse was not included in the programme, it did range as far afield as Game Parks in Kenya, inflatable life rafts in Southampton Water, and tennis balls and tyres all over the place. Every one had a very enjoyable evening. The Treasurer provided the finishing touch of cinema effects, with a supply of beautiful crackly packets of potato crisps.

Almost like the old courting days in the 1/9d! This was followed early in March, by a Quiz Night held at The Fox & Hounds at Kirk Merrington, where Mine Host provided an excellent supper, and Mine Hon. Sec. provided an excellent selection of pictorial brain teasers. The Gents prize was won by Grant Wood in fantastic time, while the Ladies prize was claimed by our young ma'am, Miss Valerie Jones (who is anything but school ma'amish) Talking of ladies, the boys are still debating whether 007's partner should be called Andress or Undress; anyway, the problem caused a lot of lost time-keeping points. Altogether a most satisfactory evening.

In my last report, I commented at some length on the difficulties being suffered by the Federation of Sidecar Clubs. I am now glad to be able to pass on our Reps. report, that the requested help from the affiliated clubs was promptly forthcoming, and that the Federation is now out of danger. In fact, I gather even the Federation was surprised at the response from the clubs, which has given them new heart in their efforts on behalf of all sidecar owners. The first Rally is Easter weekend, and I gather the chair-wallahs are looking to tents and primuses; watch out for some hair-raising camping yarns in our next epistle.

And now I must swap pen for spanner, and Wife/Typist for Mechanics Mate—my own four-wheeled friends in need of a spot of Spring cleaning and maintenance if I'm to report on the Trial. See you in the Car Park.

E.A.C.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

As a tenant who likes to think he is interested in his Town, I read with great interest a recent enclosure in the Newtonian regarding the new system of rent payment. It was the third section which aroused the greatest speculation viz:- the 50 week rent year.

The explanation failed to make clear the disposition of accrued rent if a tenancy was relinquished. As the whole idea seemed to consist of making compulsory an act which was already permissible on a voluntary basis (how typical of this day and age) and purported to be for the benefit of the populace at large, I wrote to the Finance Department for clarification. The answer, briefly, is that any surplus rental accrues to the Corporation, in other words a minor rent increase unless one is very selective about the dates of moving house.

It gives one a great sense of security to know that, that beneficent big brother, the Corporation, is watching over us, relieving us of the strain of decision and allowing us to donate up to one weeks rent as a farewell gift when we leave. At least the heart will be full if the purse be empty. Just think of it fellow tenants, surely somebody has to be joking.

E. Nelson.

He grabbed me round my slender neck,  
I could not shout or scream,  
He carried me into his room  
Where we could not be seen;  
He tore away my flimsy wrap  
And gazed upon my form  
I was so cold and still and damp  
While he was wet and warm.  
His feverish mouth he pressed to mine—  
I let him have his way—  
He drained me of my very self,  
I could not say him nay.  
He made me what I am. Alas!  
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