

NEWTONIAN NEWS

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No. 2

Rents to rise again?

We are victims of our development

It would appear that we are rushing head-long towards higher rents unless the Government steps in. The "News" interviewed Coun. Mrs. Catherine Taylor who had protested that she had been incorrectly quoted out of context with the words "rents are reasonable here" in our last issue.

This is not Coun. Taylor's attitude at all and in fact she has very firm views on what should be done about the recurring increases in rents. It should be clearly understood by tenants that Rents and Rates, although paid in one sum by the Newton Aycliffe tenant, are of course two entirely separate items.

Councillors, whilst having some control over rates, have none at all over rents. The

rents are imposed by the Development Corporation and the Corporation as a body is itself a victim of rising costs of building and increasing charges on the money necessary to pay for the building.

And the tenants are the victims of the cost of enlarging the town. The new buildings cost more and more and the Corporation is then faced with the question of either charging very high rents for the new houses, higher in fact than people can pay, or keeping the new house rents down to a payable level and then increasing rents on the 'older' houses in order to get sufficient cash in to pay the development costs.

So, what should be done about it?—bearing in mind that there is some restriction on wage increases—so, we will not get money from that source. The answer appears to be government subsidy or stop building. Coun. Mrs. Taylor, in common with the other councillors (we have 15) would like to have a councillor in the Development Corporation. We depend on our elected representatives, not only to know what is going on, and to tell us what is going on, but also to help us get a 'square deal'.

in the battle of rising costs.

Get some councillor representation into the Development Corporation. Without that, you, the customers, you—the tenants—have very little influence on rents, or—are you going to sit back in the comfort of your high rented homes and just grumble. Can we hope that a few of you good people could spare the time to write us what you think.

**Low Moor
to cost
O.A.P.'s
£3 15s**

We understand that rents with rates for these new dwellings at Simpasture Gate will cost £3 15 0 per week. The Rural District Council is building the flats and bungalows which will be completed in about two months time. The cost—about £69,000.

It is obvious to all of us, that the senior citizens who are to be the tenants, will be unable to pay £3 15 0 a week. They will be expected to go, cap in hand, to Social Security for help. And then to the Rates Office for a rebate in rates. And if the Rates Office grant the applications, the senior citizen tenants will not get the rebated cash until long after they have had to pay in at the rent office. What a 'carry on'! And what about the damage to the pride of these good people. Will they have to submit to 'means tests'—will they have to declare that they have a few Premium Bonds and a few pounds in the post office and then will they be told 'whatever you do—don't go earning any money to help yourself out because if you do, we will cut your rent or rates allowance. What plans, if any, are in hand to get rid of these 'red tape' measures?



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Coun. Mrs. Taylor



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The origin of carpets and rugs is rather obscure but, examples of knotted pile carpets have been found in Siberia and date back to the 1st century A.D. (it is interesting to note that the first mechanical carpet Sweeper made its appearance in 1860).

In the 16th century, Persia attained pre-eminence in the artistry of carpets, many of them being ornamented with pearls and precious stones. However, it was Turkish Anatolia which first sent carpets in any quantity to the Western world in the 16th century.

THESE ARE THE CARPET PEOPLE

At first, they were not used just as a floor covering but as 'tables.' Even at the present day, the Middle Eastern countries use carpets extensively as wall decorations. For the last 60 years at least, the world lead in carpet manufacture has swung between Great Britain and the United States.

There have been fantastic advances in the progress of machines and man made fibres and dyes. Even so, wool is still the basis of a good carpet and with the addition of nylon, we get carpets beautifully designed and coloured and giving as long a life as is desired by this world of changing tastes. Remember, dust and the dirt which you tread into the house and on to the carpet should be removed.

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Not of course with the same kinds of fabric that is used on floors. And, how about the gardens. Already there is a minor boom in 'lawn carpet'—instant lawns and mountain slopes are being supplied with ski-ing carpets.

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ENTRY FORM

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KAREN FIRTH

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Look Out!

FOR
Help signs

SOMEONE MAY BE URGENTLY IN NEED

Band No. 2 underway

Proudly marching and counter marching, is the 'NEWTONES' Jazz Band. We were all emotionally moved with feelings of pride during this last summer when the children went on parade through the town and on to the Sports Ground. At that time, there was only one band—the Grenadiers. Now there are two. Think of that—Newton Aycliffe now has two young folks jazz bands. These youngsters are from 8 to 14 years of age and remember, they have banded together to give to the town a great deal of extra gaiety—more colour—more entertainment. No hoch-ganism here and these young people are not bored with nothing to do.

They have problems, but they are hardly aware of them. The job of getting the money for the equipment, the uniforms, drums, kazoos etc.—this task will be achieved by the Committee headed by Mr. T. C. Wells. All sorts of plans are in hand to raise money for the equipment fund. In addition to Mr. Wells who is the Chairman, the Committee is: Mr. V. Kilpatrick, vice-chairman; Mrs. R. Collings, treasurer; Mrs. D. Sutton, secretary; Mr. Derek Sutton, band trainer; Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Palmer, Mr. N. White, and Mr. W. Rowland. There are 55 children in the band and about 40 waiting to get in. "55 is a manageable number in terms of band formations" said Mr. Wells "we have joined the Northern Association of Jazz Bands. The South Hetton band especially is being very helpful in lending us, when they can spare them, a few items such as drums which are so necessary to the marching training. Then we had the job of finding somewhere to do the training. It's not easy anywhere to get the use of an indoors place, big enough. But the Parish Church came to the rescue with an arrangement for us to use St. Clare's Church Hall on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4. Now we must go 'all out' to get some cash into the equipment fund." Well, there it is, the children and their Committee—all keen as mustard. They will succeed. The town must help them to succeed. We have, all of us, complained in the past, that there is not enough life in the town.

The childrens jazz bands are doing something about it. Come on you folks. Applaud them. Cheer them on. Clap your hands as they go marching past. The children will then know that you think they are doing a grand job for the town.

A photograph taken by Bill Roberts prior to the split.



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Members of the Newton Aycliffe Operatic Society rehearsing for their latest production, an Old Time Music Hall to be given on Friday, 31st October and Saturday 1st November, 1969, in Marlowe School Hall, Newton Aycliffe.

'It's a grand night for singing'

Town's Operatic Society offers a gay and interesting past-time

The Society, formed originally in 1963 as a Gilbert and Sullivan Society, gave Mikado, Gondoliers and Iolanthe as its first three productions, before branching out into Quaker Girl in 1966, Belle of New York in 1967 and the tremendously popular Merry Widow in 1968. Gilbert and Sullivan came to the fore again this year with their production of Ruddigore and all look forward eagerly to their production of Pink Champagne, the Amateur version of Die Fledermaus by Strauss, in April next year.

It was in their second year as a Society that their worth was recognised by the Doyley Carte Opera Company, who asked them to accompany their principals in excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan Operas in the first local presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan for All at the Civic Theatre, Darlington. This highly successful partnership is now firmly established.

The Society has also recently supported Welsh and Scottish Opera principals in a night of Opera for All also at the Civic

Theatre, presented the concert version of Merrie England at Marlowe Hall School and given numerous local concerts, particularly to local hospitals and the Red Cross Society holiday home for the disabled at Morris Grange. During Arts Festival Week in 1967 the Society presented their first Old Time Music Hall and it is that tremendous success that they are hoping to repeat in this their latest production.

This is being produced by Mrs. Joyce Walton and directed musically by Mr. Bob Hymers.

The society always welcomes new members, back and front stage. The extensive cast list of their next major production Pink Champagne, means quite literally that "There is a part for you in the next show."

If you would like to see how this society lives and laughs, come and visit any practice, Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. in Marlowe Hall School. You can be assured that if you are not on stage, you most certainly will be buying a ticket for the next production.

The Secretary, Mrs. Marshall of 10, The Oval, St. Helen's Auckland, Bishop Auckland would like to hear from you if you can Sing. Help backstage with lighting, Makeup, Scenery, Costumes or administration etc.

WE WILL CHANGE OUR NAME — Slightly

According to C.S.S many people are confused by the present situation of two newspapers bearing similar names.

After our first issue "The Newtonian" were getting telephone calls meant for "Newtonian News".

We have decided therefore to drop the "Newtonian" part of our title and substitute "Newton". This change will take place ready for our next issue so be prepared and look out for "NEWTON NEWS".

The reason for choosing "Newtonian News" in the first instance was to try and create a local affiliation with Newtonians printing a newspaper for Newtonians. The name was accepted by the Registrar of Business Names and duly registered.

We expected some initial confusion, but thought the different layout and colour would be sufficient to mark the difference.

In any event we believed in time we would become known as "The News".

This is usual in the newspaper game. Rarely is a newspaper known by its full title instead it is shortened—like "The Echo", "Despatch" or "Gazette".

Apologies to our readers and after the changeover we look forward to a more settled future.

YOUTH CENTRE APPOINTMENTS

This month sees the appointment of two new leaders for the Youth Centre.

The new "leader in charge" is Mr. Daniel Yarrow aged 24 who comes from West Lothian where he was employed as area youth worker. He is married and has one child. Assistant Youth Leader is Mr. Arthur Coulthard aged 29 from Haswell, Co. Durham. He has just completed a course at a Leicester College for youth leaders and gained much experience prior to that at Wheatley Hill Youth Club.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

FRED BAINBRIDGE, well known hairdresser of Greenwell Road, second subject in our series "Getting to know you" answers questions put by the "News".



News: Where were you born and when did you come to Newton Aycliffe?

Fred: Brandon Colliery, lived in Cheshire for 9 years, came to Newton Aycliffe July 4th 1954.

News: What do you like about our town?

Fred: The open planning in the old parts of the town which leave you feeling free and able to breathe.

News: What do you dislike?

Fred: Adults who forget that they were young themselves.

News: Do you have a pet hate?

Fred: Being late, I think when you are late for an appointment, not only is it bad manners but I seem to spend the rest of the day running in an attempt to make it up.

News: What do you consider our biggest problem?

Fred: That we are not in command of our own town but have to rely upon Rural District Council etc.

News: What amenity would you like to see provided in Newton Aycliffe?

Fred: A golf course, because it could be used by every age group and it is a frustrating sport which helps you with any inhibitions you may have.

News: Have you any strong views on Politics or religion?

Fred: No, but I think people should be able to follow their convictions and views without fear or favour.

News: As a new town do you think we are progressing in the right direction?

Fred: No. We have strayed too far away from the original plan. I don't think Lord Beveridge would have been very pleased to see the original open planning he envisaged being scrapped. Also the pioneering spirit which was Newton Aycliffe has gone, and has been replaced by apathy. People don't seem to care any more, which in my opinion will prevent Newton Aycliffe from ever becoming a Town in the real sense of the word.

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Catering for young children 3 to 5 years of age, a nursery school approved by the local authority is well equipped and staffed by children's nurses and teachers and children get advance education and an introduction to the world outside their homes.

Good preparation for the time when, at 5 years of age, they are launched into the hurly burly of the infant schools. Apart from all that, there are many mothers who would welcome the opportunity to get out to work. And industry want them.

The next 5 years will see the establishing of equal pay for women. What an opportunity to hoist up the standard of living from just making do—to comfort, holidays, better furnished homes and all the rest that money can give. Money is not the root of all evil. Most of us will say that money brings many advantages. And nursery schools will help many parents to get money and more freedom and at the same time, experience gained by already established nursery schools indicates that the children also benefit.

Where is the money coming from to build and staff these places? Make no mistake about that we already have it. And, if employers want more women, if exports gain by having more women in industry, if the increased incomes give parents more money to spend (and to save) and last but not least, if the children benefit by advance training, then, all you have to do is to get your M.P. working for you and you will get Nursery Schools built as quickly as they make atom bombs.

COUNTY BIRTH RATE CUT BY PILL?

Dr. Stanley Ludkin, the county medical officer, has stated that probably family planning was the reason for the lowest on record birth rate in the County of Durham last year.

There were 13,304 live births—and this is the lowest for 70 years. Normally there are between 16,000 and 17,000 children born in the county each year.

Perhaps the most popular method in family planning is the Pill. More than ever, the pill is being prescribed by family doctors and hospitals.

● PARISH COUNCIL PLAYLEADER- SHIP SCHEME

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Last week the Fire Station opened its doors to the public. Hundreds of children realised their ambition to be a fireman even for just a few minutes. Among the visitors were members of the Council Playleadership scheme. Our photo shows how enjoyable their visit was.

Letter to motor cyclists

Dear Sir,
I wonder if your paper would be interested in writing a report on our forthcoming motor cyclists camping rally. We are convinced that this will be the largest gathering of enthusiastic motor cyclists to spend a week-end together in the North of England.

Here are some details of the rally.

Captain Cook Rally on 24th to 26th October, 1969 at Witton Castle, on the A68 5 miles N.W. of West Auckland.

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The participants of this rally will have travelled from every corner of Great Britain, the long distance winner being expected to cover some 300 miles or more. As an extra attraction, the Durham Constabulary will be giving a display on Road Safety and Crime Prevention on the Saturday in the castle itself. I am sure this type of event will be of interest to all motor cyclists.

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Tickets priced 7/6 (4/- for Senior Citizens and Students) are available in advance from the library or may be purchased at the door on the night of the concert.

● THOSE WERE THE DAYS

The town's operatic society are holding an Olde Tyme Music Hall on Friday 31st Oct, and Saturday 1st November in Marlowe Hall.

It will be organised similar to the Television Show "The Good Old Days" with the audience invited to dress up in old time costume.

As an incentive to dress up the society is giving prizes for the best dressed lady and gent on each evening.

It looks like being good fun so if you enjoy a sing-song go along to the Music Hall.

● NEW LABOUR MAN FIGHTS FOR R.D.C. SEAT

John Flynn of 16 Windlestone Walk contests for the vacant R.D.C. seat in a Bye-Election on 30th October.

Mr. Flynn has lived in Newton Aycliffe for 14 years and is employed at BXL.

In his electoral address Mr. Flynn is presented as a "conscientious and willing representative" a man living on the town with children brought up here, and aware of the problems of the people living here.



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Grandmother predicted "You will play for England"

A Newton Aycliffe 18 year old, Peter Carr — born in Ferryhill, and playing for Darlington Football Club is now included in the training squad at Lillleshall from which is selected the international youth team—a chance for Peter to get his first international cap.

This strapping and skilful young footballer has been encouraged all along by his Mum and his brother in law Joe Jacques who is the Captain of Darlington.

There was a time when Peter nearly gave up football altogether. He said yesterday, "I remember the day the headmaster at school asked me to get my hair cut. I had been picked to play in the school football team, but the rule was 'hair to be cut short' and I liked long hair in those days. I wouldn't get it cut—so, no place in the team. When I got home and told Mum and Gran they were a bit upset. I just

put all my gear away and said 'that's the end of football for me.' But they persuaded me not to give in so easily—and I got over it. But I had to have a bit cut off my hair. It was worth it."

Everyone at Ferryhill will remember his Gran—Mrs. Holt who was Isabella Grafton before marriage. 'Bella Grafton, —she had the Sunday papers business and sometimes mixed up the paper deliveries with football and marbles with the lads.

She could pick out the future footballers and said you could tell by the look of their legs and how they balanced them-

selves as they scrambled madly down the road. "Peter" she said to him many a time "one day you will play for England." And so it may be.

Several of the first division teams are interested in Peter Carr. However, at the moment, he is satisfied with the experience he is getting playing against players in the top clubs and he wants to do a good job playing for Darlington Football Club.

The "News" will continue to watch the career of Peter Carr with interest and wish him every success in the profession.



Left to right: Mrs. Carr, Peter, his sister and her husband Joe Jacques captain of Darlington and Peter's younger sister.

4-A-SIDE

FOOTBALL?

David Rowe Council Play-leader has started a Four-a-Side Football League in Newton Aycliffe for the youth.

The games will take place in the Boys Club on Monday evenings.

Mr. Rowe wants 2 leagues each with 16 teams and so far he is half way towards that aim.

Would persons interested contact David either through the Parish Council Office in Churchill House or at Moore Lane.

The entry fee is 5/- per team which goes towards the cost of medals.

Asked why four-a-side and not the usual 5-a-side David replied, "There simply isn't a hall big enough in Newton Aycliffe to play with 5."

SELL OUT FOR OPERA

On Monday November 17th the "Opera for All" company present "The Italian Girl in Algiers" at Newton Aycliffe. This is the 3000th performance by this national touring group and the audience is expected to include a number of well-known personalities. Tickets for this popular event will be strictly limited. They will be on sale for the first time during the interval of the Gabrieli Brass Ensemble Friday 24th October.

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Letter to the Editor

A week ago my young son was thrilled to receive from his Dad a new blue coloured racing cycle. He in fact was receiving his Christmas present in advance.

On Friday evening last he came to meet me outside Broughs Stores in Newton Aycliffe to help carry my week-end groceries—and alas—whilst he was in the shop—a person or persons unknown stole his cycle.

My son is absolutely heart-broken.

Can I hope to touch the conscience of the culprit(s) by making this appeal from the for the return of the stolen cycle—just leave it outside the address below and help to restore faith in human feelings.

Any reader who might have witnessed the theft or has any information are asked to contact me immediately or to advise the local police.

Mrs. Ada Catterick
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Ed: The bicycle has now been found by the Police, but we print this letter to warn others to lock their bicycles.



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CONSTITUTION

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Objects of the committee are:

To help young people without distinction of race or sex or of political, religious or other belief or opinion through leisure-time activities so to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

General Functions and Powers

(a) The Committee shall be the management committee of the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre ("the Centre") and shall maintain the affairs and activities of the Centre in accordance with its regulations (so far as not in conflict with the Committee's objects) in co-operation with any Local Statutory Authority or National or Local Voluntary Organisation whose purposes include the promotion of the welfare of young people in accordance with the Committee's objects.

(b) The Committee shall have power to affiliate the Centre to recognised and approved National and County and Area Associations whose purpose is to promote the welfare of young people in accordance with the Committee's objects.

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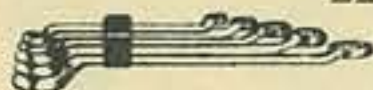
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