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Delay in school building

The changeover of Milton Hall and Marlowe to comprehensive is being delayed due to difficulties between the Development Corporation and the County Education Authority in the siting of a new building which is to be part of the new Marlowe Comprehensive.

The A.D. Corp want the building on the re-aligned Dalton Way, which when the new town centre is developed will run along the other side of the Boys Club.

The County however want the building built closer to the school in between Marlowe and Milton which will eventually become one large comprehensive.

On educational grounds a site near to the school would be better, the Education authority have good reasons, but

on the other hand the Corporation feel that town centre planning could be helped by siting the building on the Dalton Way site.

The hold up is preventing the building going ahead. The money is available for the project and if it is not spent in this financial year it is lost for this year. So the money that was to be spent here will go to Shotton Hall, Peterlee, and the building delayed until next year when it is hoped the issue will be solved.



Officials relaxing at the Southerne Club

left to right: Derek Kirby, games secretary, Bill Sloan, treasurer, Jack Molyneux, entertainment secretary.

ELIZABETH FIRTH IS BEATING POLIO



Elizabeth Firth is to be a school teacher. Not an unusual achievement, you may think excepting that, she has not had as wide a choice as most people in the selection of a career.

Elizabeth was stricken with polio when she was very young and poliomyelitis is, a very serious handicap indeed and to overcome most of the physical restrictions which come with it, one must have good fortune, excellent surgical treatment, good nursing and close family support.

Elizabeth has had all these and, she is gifted with a tenacity of character and strong sense of humour which has assisted in overcoming the embarrassing moments bound to occur in contacts with the few who do not understand that being physically handicapped does not mean that you are also mentally slow. Far from it in her case as Elizabeth has gained eight G.C.E. certificates at O level.

We associate children with light hearted, spritely ability of movement, dancing, tip toes, skipping. Polio not only deprived Elizabeth Firth of these but also kept her moving in and out of hospitals until she was nearly eleven years of age.

This, was from the time when, as a baby of eighteen months, the symptoms first appeared. We can imagine the dreadful hours and days of fear suffered by her parents as they watched the dread illness develop. Hoping—but helpless.

At this present time, we hear many discussions on radio and television by a tiny minority who decry family life as being outmoded. Elizabeth Firth can give the answer to that. She is not expecting praise for what has been accomplished. Her parents hope that Elizabeth's progress may be an encouragement to others who may find themselves similarly placed.

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He said of the choir "A fine choir, good voices, highly delightful and a pleasure to listen to."

Two songs, the first a test piece gained 87 points and the second 90 points.

High marks indeed and this points to an evening at Marlowe Hall which should not be missed. The choir is singing better than ever so get your tickets now. The artistes appearing are:—

WILLIAM McALPINE Tenor

This Scottish-born tenor studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama under the late Walter Hyde and Joseph Hislop, the distinguished Scottish tenor. He made his operatic debut, with the Covent Garden Opera Co. in 1951 and has made regular appearances both there and with Sadler's Wells Co. over the years.

He also enjoys a fine reputation as a concert and oratorio singer. He frequently broadcasts, and also appear on T.V.

JANICE CHAPMAN, Soprano

Born in Adelaide, South Australia and received her musical education at the U. of Adelaide, Elder Conservatorium, and gained the U.A.U. degree, and 2 scholarships for

A regular broadcaster in song recitals for the Australian Broadcasting Commission and appeared in every major city as a soloist with the Commissions Symphony Orchestras, performing operatic arias, and in Oratorio. In Adelaide she became a notable T.V. personality, through her appearances in concerts and recitals, and also through her association with children's musical programmes.

Her first operatic experience was obtained under the direc-

tion of ex-Sadler's Wells baritone, Arnold Matters. He arranged for her to sing to Norman Tucker, who was in Melbourne with Sadler's Wells. Mr. Tucker suggested she should continue her studies in London. She entered and won the celebrated "Sun Aria" vocal contest, and left for London in 1962. Soon after arrival, she won the "Kathleen Ferrier Prize" (1963). After a year at the Royal College of Music, she enrolled at the London Opera Centre.

Her first professional en-

gagement came in 1964, when, following an audition by Sir Benjamin Britten, she was engaged for the role of Miss Jessel in "The turn of the Screw" for the English Opera Group's tour of Russia, and the (English) provinces.

Her London concert debut was on 15th Jan 1965 in a concert performance of Richard Strauss's "Intermezzo" at St. Pancras Town Hall. After taking over the part at very short notice, she received enormous acclaim from the London press.

Carole's essay

ME AND MY SCHOOL—

I like going to school, because you see all your classmates again, and of course your very own teacher. I enjoy school very much except for a few things, and I will tell you the things: the first one is history, the second is arithmetic, the third geography and the last one French.

What I do not like about arithmetic is that I'm not very good at adding up, and when I get my sums wrong, I get very angry at this, because the crosses make my book very untidy. History makes me quite bored, so I only like History a little bit. Geography is a little bit hard when you have to find places on a big map. When it comes to drawing maps I absolutely hate it.

There are seven things I like, here they are: painting, swimming, English, drawing, reading, science, games and singing. I am quite a good drawer, and I love colouring with pencils.

In my school we have a television, which I like looking at, a wireless which I enjoy listening to, and best of all, all the teachers to talk to. The headmaster, Mr. Swainston, has a rather jolly looking face with a kind smile. Mr. Wheatley, one of the teachers, is very funny indeed. Mrs. Miller is my French teacher and Mrs. Hook is my own teacher. I have two best friends at school, and they are Karen Henderson and Eunice Parkin.

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● SEA FISHING CLUB GETS UNDERWAY

An amazing response to the article in the last issue of the news for the formation of a sea fishing club.

Mr. Colin Buck has been overwhelmed with enquiries and hopes to get a committee together this month to constitute the new club.

Ed. Perhaps this could truly be called a "steering" committee.

Apparently ladies have expressed interest too, and Mr. Buck says, "There is no reason why ladies should not be members."

Persons interested in taking up this thrilling pastime are asked to contact Mr. Colin Buck, 37, Eden Road.

Tablers visit Windlestone

Windlestone Hall, the ancestral residence of the family of Anthony Eden, and now a Residential School for delicate children.

Newton Aycliffe Round Table went to the school on November 5th to join the pupils and staff in Bonfire Night celebrations.

Tablers put on a firework display and provided soup, potatoes in jackets, hot dogs and pop.

The boys and girls enjoyed the visit and the chance of meeting people from outside the school.

Mr. Ablett, headmaster, voiced his appreciation to Round Table, and the children asked for further visits.

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How Marlowe and Milton go comprehensive

The change over will be organised so that Marlowe Hall pupils go to the new Woodham Comprehensive and Milton pupils will move into Marlowe while their school is being adapted. After alterations they will return to Milton and Marlowe will be adapted and eventually joined together to provide one large comprehensive school.

This will give us two comprehensive Schools by 1971. Marlowe Comprehensive and Woodham Comprehensive.

Durham Education Authority and Development Corporation hold up Marlowe Comprehensive.

Legion Women's Section organise Xmas Fayre early December.

Great start for Sea Fishing Club. Ladies invited too!

Round Table entertain Windlestone Hall pupils.



Male Voice Choir gain top marks at Stockton and confidence for concert.

British Legion Remembrance Parade, wet, but well attended.

Ted Carr helps Church by giving Film Shows for Kids this Winter.

News has a new column on television topics. This issue David Frost on Family.

Elizabeth Firth beats Polio and shows how to succeed.

New Vicar appointed chaplain to British Legion.

Round Table Chairman's Night December 5th.

Newton Singers give Concert on Monday December 1st at Elmfield School.

Methodist Church "Beach Party" in the Lounge December 10th.

R.A.F.A. Club are organising Dances for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Eve.

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**SUNDAY
SCHOOL
IS FUN HERE**

St. Clares Sunday School is very popular with the 'kiddies' and this is probably due to the policy of its Superintendent Miss Judith Brewis 23 years old secretary who works at U.M.M. She has a squad of young girl teachers who get on extremely well with the youngsters.

At the moment the children are rehearsing their songs for the Church Concert to be held in January.

**MONARCH
JAZZ BAND
JOTTINGS**

The Christmas Fayre will be held on 6th December in St. Clares Church Hall.

The Christmas Dance given by U.M.M. Sports and Social Club to help Jazz Band Funds is on 17th December. There will be a guest artiste and Buffet. The cost of tickets are 4/-.

Mrs. J. M. Wells has been elected Assistant Secretary of the Northern Association of Jazz Bands.

The Drums have been ordered and the band will soon be fully equipped.

**CHRISTMAS
FAYRE AT
THE LEGION**

The British Legion Womens Section are holding a Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 2nd December at 7.30 p.m.

On sale will be cakes, fancy goods suitable for Christmas Gifts.

Exciting at play group

What an exciting time we've had recently! A little thing like a Half Term holiday couldn't stop us celebrating Hallowe'en we simply brought the whole thing forward a week. There really was magic in the air. The children made a turnip lantern and as fast as they spooned out the turnip it disappeared, perhaps not exactly into thin air but it certainly disappeared. Next year we're going to whistle as we work to see if that will keep the ghosts away!

We all enjoyed watching the lighted lantern in the darkened hall, all, that is, except Paul who needed a special cuddle before he would agree even to live in peaceful co-existence with it.

We bobbed for apples too and somehow everyone who tried ended up with a piece of apple. In fact the apples too disappeared the minute the teacher's backs were turned. And the turnip lantern just grinned.

Young Richard wasn't going to risk getting his nose wet however, he walked off with an apple before it had a chance to go in the water and there was little more than the core by the time he was discovered.

On the fifth of November, we lived dangerously with our usual firework display. Every child had the opportunity to wave at least one sparkler after a cautionary lecture and the Guy Fawkes story. We made splendid "Bonfire Night" collages too. As in previous years it was an event everyone enjoyed, as well as being an entertaining way to teach a child a healthy respect for heat and fire. I wasn't sorry to see Mischief Night die a natural death but long may we remember the Fifth of November.

We still have a few Monday vacancies and would like to hear from a Qualified Teacher or N.N.E.B. Nurse interested in helping one or two days a week. Tel: Aycliffe 2851.

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There will have to be a strict control on membership and children are asked to get their membership cards from the news office, Greenwell Road.

Membership Fee is 1/- for the season from January until March and admission to each show is 1/6.

Mr. Ted Carr a home movie enthusiast is offering his services and equipment to St. Clares to help raise a little money and at the same time provide a service for the town.

**SNAPSHOT
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The Reverend Hall remarked that he will always help in whatever trouble they may be in. They have just to come to the Vicarage and he will listen to them whatever the problem may be. Telling all that a problem shared is a problem halved and Senior Citizens can always be certain of his attention.

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Bad weather spoils Remembrance Parade

There was much confusion in St. Clares Church on Remembrance Sunday and the vicar had to apologise from the pulpit for the apparent lack of preparedness.

The reason for the chaos was the clash of the entrance of the parade with the exit of the congregation of the 9.30 service.

All this was probably the reason why there was so much noise in Church before this solemn service began.

The parade came in soaked, and some youngsters were only in thin uniforms. Is it necessary to parade in bad weather?

After The Wings Week Parade the news commented on "the few mourning the few." This was quite the reverse numerically, but the numbers were made up of youngsters who couldn't possibly remember anything of the wars.

There is doubt whether youngsters should be involved at all on these parades. The act of remembrance is of

course impossible, for them but on the other hand the horror and death caused by war must be made known to all. Perhaps our readers could write to us on this subject.

The service of remembrance should be solemn and dignified and one small thing spoilt it for the writer—the sight of ugly collection tins in Church and the inevitable noise the coins made as they dropped.

Perhaps the British Legion should look into the question of Parades in bad weather, make-up of the parade itself and better timing with the Church.

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New Vicar of St. Clares already getting known for his friendly good humour, talks to the news.

News: When and where were you born?

Vicar: Seaham, Co. Durham. A long, long time ago.

News: A Question for the ladies. Why aren't you married?

Vicar: Perhaps the ladies could tell me.

News: Do you have a favourite hobby or interest?

Vicar: I have many hobbies and interests. To enumerate some, they are:— photography (still and movie); travel; music (including "pop"); dancing; magic and reading.

News: What personality do you most admire?

Vicar: I have a great admiration for people of faith and courage. I admire this in personalities like the astronauts; those who sail round the world in tiny craft—but I also see and admire these same qualities in Mr. and Mrs. "X" (O.A.P.'s) who live out their lives day by day with this same faith and courage and it is perhaps only the Parish Priest who knows just how courageous they are.

News: Have you a favourite food and drink?

Vicar: Mixed grill and a glass of beer.

News: What are your first impressions of our town?

Vicar: Very favourable. I do like the broad thoroughfares, the open spaces which are so carefully tended, the respect shown to the newly planted shrubs and trees, the general friendliness of the people, and the brightness of the town as a whole.

News: As Vicar do you have any hopes or ambitions for your new parish?

Vicar: One reason why I came to Newton Aycliffe was because I have great hopes for the parish of St. Clare. No small task awaits me here. I look forward to the completion of the new Church School, but I am also aware of the tremendous amount of development which our church must undertake in the immediate future, which I know I can only do if I have the prayers and support of the people — this development we can do together. What I want more than anything else is for the people of Newton Aycliffe to know that they are cared for by the Church.

News: Do you find any difference in attitudes here?

Vicar: Not really. You must remember that Cockerton (my last Parish) was a very similar parish to Newton Aycliffe. The population of both parishes must be around the 20,000 figure. A large number of people living in Cockerton have come from all parts of the British Isles to seek employment. Many of them stay only for a year or two and then move on. The great difference between the two parishes is that the development programme in Cockerton is now almost completed, whereas here the work is only half completed. So you see, we have a great deal in common with the people of Cockerton, and I find that as a result we have a great deal in common too in our attitudes to many things.

David Frost's millions of viewers are sometimes entertained—but, quite often left wondering at so much time and money being spent on exhibitions of layabouts, extroverts and perverts, getting not only publicity but so much of it.

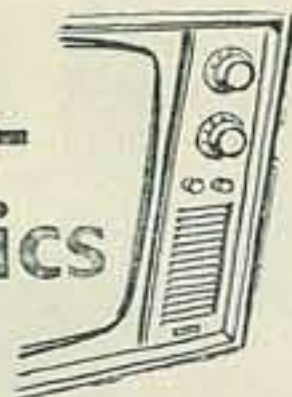
We do appreciate that a dog biting a man is not news or amusing—but when a full programme is devoted to expounding crazy theories trying to show that family life is outmoded and asking us to let ourselves 'go'—undress in public and roll in the aisles so that it can be seen that at last we are freed of the family bonds which restrain us. Well we've just about seen everything.

We watch and listen—completely fascinated—and wonder—are there many more people like this down in London? Are these people just a fragment of a jungle, a conglomeration of cesspits into which hundreds of our youth boldly stride in search of city adventure.

We say to David Frost 'get your programmes balanced up a bit; if you wish to debate with these people let us also see a programme of young people, who have answered the calls of the city jungle and learned the lesson that family life is the foundation for a secure and happy future.'

We are reminded of the girl who protested when friend wished them to go to a 'lay-about' party. The friend said

tele-
topics



"don't you know that we are now in the permissive society." And the girl replied "permission—not only to be promiscuous, but also to be decent."

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The Ku Shin Kan Karate School of the North first began in Newton Aycliffe early in 1964. There have been many successes in championships at local and national level, even to taking all the cups and trophies from Crystal Palace at the 1965 All Britain Karate Championships.

There have been successes at Northern championships at Murton 1966, Manchester 1967, Darlington 1967 and Sunderland 1969.

The chief instructor has travelled Europe taking part, and at various times refereeing Karate contest internationals.

The average age of members is 27 years, some being as young as 14 years. Many of the older members take up Karate purely to keep themselves fit.

There are still people who have the wrong idea about Karate. They see James Bond on film finishing off the bad-dies with the Karate chop, when in fact the chop or the "Shuto-Uchi" is usually only used to block an attack to the face and it is very likely that if anyone under the Black Belt grade tried this it would be more painful for the attacker than the victim.

Although it is possible to kill, it takes the student of Karate

a minimum of six months training to be able to deliver a killing blow, and even then he would have to be very accurate.

The legend goes that the most vulnerable zones were discovered by experiments on slaves, their bodies being jabbed with instruments to locate where the nerve ends to cause pain and even death. There were highly secret techniques devised by a Chinese named Ching Olem Ping who lived in Japan in the 17th century.

He taught his systems of wrestling and hitting to the professional soldier of the day, the Samurai Warrior. The infamous Samurai used this knowledge to intimidate the ordinary people.

Karate was almost forgotten until the time the Japanese troops were taught the arts of their ancestors, the Samurai.

It was pretty futile against an armed enemy, but there are cases of quarrels between the Japanese troops in which death resulted from Karate fighting.

In a Karate contest the winner is decided when he delivers a strike, punch or kick at his opponent stopping the blow a fraction of an inch from him.

Early in 1970 the chief instructor will become fully professional, but at the present

time private lessons for anyone between 14 years and 50 who is organically sound can be arranged.

There are requests from all parts of Great Britain to give Karate courses and award gradings and the chief instructor recently refereed the All Britain B.K.A. Championships at Crystal Palace. If you are interested contact Bryan Crossley, 8 Chandler Close, Aycliffe 3899.



● SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR

This month the First Annual General Meeting of Newton Aycliffe Bowls Club was held with a disappointing attendance. The Club has just been formed after the completion of the new bowling green at St. Oswald's.

After the treasurer's report the secretary stated that good progress had been made in membership and ability.

The Club has been accepted into Division IV of Darlington and District Bowling Association and received a Silver Cup together with a cheque for 10 guineas.

Founder member and secretary Mr. Grieves resigned in order to make way for a younger man. The chairman thanked him for his work for the bowls enthusiasts of Newton Aycliffe.

Friendly matches have been played and an invitation to play Spennymoor in an indoor match had been received.

Mr. Dodd is now the new secretary and lives at 1 Humphrey Close.

Mr. Eglington, who works in Churchill House, was re-elected chairman.

The new green has been much appreciated and the Club look forward to next season when it can be used fully.

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Good start for new co-op club

The newly-formed Co-operative Women's Guild of Newton Aycliffe is getting off to a good start in the first four months it has been going. The Guild has a membership of over 25, but is still on the look out for new members, so if there are any ladies in the town looking for an interesting night out with talks both on government and social aspects, etc., they will be most warmly welcomed every Wednesday evening in the Clarence Hall at 7.30 p.m. The only thing a member requires to do is to become a member of the Co-operative—which costs only 6d.

So far the programme has ranged from talks on Council work to the last meeting which was a cake icing demonstration. In between these there has been such topics as talks on play leadership, League of Friends of Aycliffe Hospital, education, development, as well as social

side of things like wig parties, pie and pea suppers, flower arranging, mystery trips, and Bring and Buy, as well as a concert party from Whickham Guild.

To end this year there are film shows and a talk on young people by the Rev. P. Schofield. The Guild are also planning an outing to see a show, and they are also holding their own Christmas party.

This you must agree is a very well planned programme for a branch which is not yet six months old and credit must go to the chairman, Mrs. S. Mossop, and secretary, Mrs. I. M. Fee, for their hard work. The other officers are as follows:—

Vice-Chairman: Mrs. M. Johnson. Asst. Secretary: Mrs. J. Dunn. Press Secretary: Mrs. P. Lovelass. Committee: Mrs. Hudsbeth, Mrs. Lowes, Mrs. Angels, Mrs. Lovelass.



A pretty wedding took place at the Methodist Church this month when Sharlie Anita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Banks of 22 Defoe Crescent married Mr. Colin Leighton. The reception was held at the White Horse Hotel. Photo: by Bill Roberts.

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This is the abominable way they stay silent, and watch our Nursing Profession exploited.

Because of their devotion to duty the nurses can be relied on not to strike, to draw attention to, or rectify their unrealistic pay conditions.

For this reason Governments Trade Unions, and Society ignore the pleas for fair play of this most humane section of the community.

No one in their tight minds would deny that the nurses are the most essential people in the treatment of the sick, but when it comes to recognition of values in the way of payment they are the last to be considered.

I state here and now, that to my mind the T.U.C. and the P. & I. B. listen only to those who demand with menace, and the plea's of the meek are ignored.

The so called sense of fair play of the British people is a load of old rubbish so long as they stand by, and watch without protest, or comment the exploitation of these devoted girls in our hospitals.

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