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Father Christmas is on his way

Father Christmas is in Newton Aycliffe on Christmas Eve touring the whole town.

He will be waving to all the boys and girls before they go to bed, but remember boys and girls you must go to sleep right away as Santa will not return with gifts until all are sleeping.

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6.25 Liddell Close, Vane Road, Fowler Road area.

6.35 Oakfield, Beechfield, Elmfield.

6.40 Stanfield Road, Eden Road area.

6.55 Welbury Grove, Washington Crescent, Hylton Close area.

7.00 Cumby Road area.

7.10 Watson Road, Simpasture Gate, Finchale Road, Lee Green area.

7.15 Felton Close, Defoe Crescent, Hardinge Road area.

7.30 Burn Lane, Bousfield Crescent, Kendrew Close area.

7.30 Dixon Road, Emerson Way, Butler Road, Castlereagh Close, Bowes Road area.

7.45 Thurlow Grove, Burn Lane, Church Close, Isherwood Close area.

7.50 Ritson Road, Wallas Road area.

8.00 St. Cuthbert's Way.

An explosive situation

A few days ago a tanker was parked in the Town Centre Car Park. This was no ordinary tanker, it contained a large quantity of poisonous inflammable Dimethylaniline and had a flash point of 63 degrees centigrade and is bodily harmful on personal contact.

In the event of a leakage, it is also necessary for anyone approaching to wear breathing apparatus.

A resident in Church Close reported a smell of gas to the Fire Brigade and the tanker was taken to open ground on the outskirts of the town for examination by an official from I.C.I.

Later, it was taken to I.C.I. Billingham.

The "News" understands that this car park is controlled by the Great Aycliffe Parish Council. Will the Council tell the residents of this town that steps have been taken to prevent any recurrence of this potentially explosive hazard?



Santa Claus at his recent visit to Stephenson Way Infants School Party.



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Getting to know you

The Reverend
PETER SCHOFIELD

Popular Methodist Minister who lives in Rowan Place answers questions put by the "news."

Q. Where were you born? And when did you come to Newton Aycliffe?

A. I was born in Halifax, Yorkshire and came to Newton Aycliffe in September 1967.

Q. Methodist Ministers are known to move quite often. Do you agree with this policy which breaks you away from a town which you may be just getting to know?

A. The tendency nowadays is for Methodist Ministers to stay longer in a particular place. Personally, I feel that in some situations a longer stay is better, one can get to know people at a deeper level. Newton Aycliffe certainly needs people, especially in the new area, who are willing to settle down for a while, this can add a great deal of stability to a moving community.

Q. Do you have a personal ambition which you hope will be achieved in your occupation as a Minister?

A. I have many ambitions. One is that people will see Jesus through and in my ministry. I became a Christian when a young man in my teens, and I believe that His Way of love, His Pattern for living now, is real freedom and life, and the only way our world will work properly.

Q. If you were not a Minister, what would you like to do?

A. Work with young people, i.e. Youth Leader.

Q. What pleases you most about Newton Aycliffe?

A. The challenge presented by a new community. Many people grumble about our town, but travel and seeing other places makes me realise that we are very fortunate. This does not mean that all is well in his community, but we have a lot to be thankful for.

Q. What are your pet likes and dislikes?

A. (a) Friendly and caring people, who love you for yourself. (b) People who grumble and grouse about a situation, but but never become involved to put that situation right.

Q. Do you feel that you are succeeding in your "teaching" of things spiritual or do you feel that you are just another Welfare Worker?

A. This question falls into the trap of separating "spiritual" and "welfare". Ever since I became a Christian I have tried to hold the two together. The Master I serve did this, He did not minimise the physical needs of man's existence. The Gospels are record of this. He healed, fed, befriended people. He never belittled the awfulness of poverty. But we know that He taught something more, that if we want to find real life, his comes when we lose ourselves in other lives.

Q. What is your Christmas Message to our Readers?

A. The message of Christmas is that God in Christ, has not left us without help or hope. Jesus has come, with a new kind of life, a new way of living. Something in the history of man has happened which should make us rejoice, for nearly 2,000 years ago a new power was released, the power of transforming love. A love for all people; this kind of love makes possible a better way of life. How?

(a) Because this love deepens our love for all, instead of a bias to believe the worst of others, we believe in the best.

(b) With this love there is a growing desire to help, and to latch onto the potential within people.

(c) We have a desire for the beautiful instead of the ugly, a desire for the good.

"Love came down at Christmas." My hope is that this Christmas you will see and find the real message. Why not accept the invitation and go to join those who will celebrate the Coming of Jesus Christ. You will be welcome at any of the services held in the different Churches in our town.

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● LAST CHANCE FOR FILM SHOW MEMBERSHIP

Children! There are just a few membership cards left for the Saturday Morning Film Shows to be held in St. Clares Hall.

Remember! You cannot get in unless you have a membership card. They are available for a shilling from Newton News office, Greenwell Road between 8.30 and 5.30 during the week.

The first show is on Saturday 10th January starting at 10 o'clock and members are asked to bring their membership cards with them and the admission price of 1/6d.

● MOTORISTS TAKE WARNING

Police forces throughout the U.K. will be supplied with approved tyre tread depth gauges within the next two months.

Po lice, up till now, have been unable to enforce the regulations and consequently many motorists have ignored the danger involved in using worn tyres.

This gives police a free hand and motorists are reminded every prosecution "tots up" and three endorsements are followed by disqualification.

TOO OLD AT EIGHT



photo by Bill Roberts

Margaret Burke of 146 Linden Place will be too old to be mascot of the Grenadiers Jazz Band by the start of next season.

The Jazz Band Association stipulates that mascots must be under 8 years old so Margaret has to relinquish her position.

Although very disappointed Margaret will join the ranks and help the Band in its effort to be top band in the area.



photo by Bill Roberts

Drum major says "thankyou"

Pretty 14 year old Annette Mooney of 5 Hunter Road. Drum Major for the Grenadiers Jazz Band, she also likes netball enjoys music and wants to join the Town's Operatic Society. The "news" is very proud to print a letter of thanks Annette has written. Here is a teenager not taking things for granted and the letter is proof of her conscientious work for the band and her high regard for others who have helped.

Dear Sir,

At the end of 1969 I feel I would like to thank the townspeople, press, tradespeople and associations of Newton Aycliffe for their generosity, kindness and support to the Newton Aycliffe Grenadiers Juvenile Jazz Band during the past year, for making it such a memorable and enjoyable one.

Thanks to the many people who have worked hard behind the scenes, the two kind dress-makers, the ladies who made the banner and the hats etc., Mr. Derick Sutton our extra-trainer for his first advice. Sgt. Mike Trevors our present trainer who gives us so much of his precious time and is working so hard to give the town a Jazz Band to be proud

of. Our two drum instructors, our lovely little mascot, Margaret Burke who unfortunately will be retiring from the position owing to her being eight years old during the next year (you will be a drum major one day Margaret, and a very good one).

Last but not least to my many friends both past and present members of the Grenadiers for the fun and happiness we have shared together in our first year, may I also thank our parents for their expense and work in keeping our appearance so nice.

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"Its a danger" says angry mother



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Heat in the home is a pleasure which almost makes up for the wintry weather. Lots of fireplaces in Newton Aycliffe houses are great ugly monstrosities . . . but, on the whole they do give off a good heat.

Mrs. Bennett living in Defoe Crescent has one of these ugly monsters and it is a really good burner. And that is Mrs. Bennett's complaint; "it burns everything near to it; the carpets—the children's toys and anybody who stands near to it. I've reported it but nothing is done. It's a danger to children and very elderly people, in fact, it's a danger to anyone who is the least bit careless. I'd like to have a fire officer's opinion about it," said Mrs. Bennett.

"Anyone can see that it is badly installed—not nearly enough protection at the front. It's no good talking about reporting it to the Development Corporation. I've done that—and what happened? They sent a young man along who just looked and went off, nothing done and nothing promised. And that is why I've asked the Newton News what they think."

Mrs. Bennett showed the damaged carpet (has been repaired once) and the burnt teddy bear, and pointed out that it didn't take an expert to see that if the fireplace had been fitted right back to the wall as they are in other houses there would be a bigger safety clearance at the front.

Even so, the fire bars appeared to be much too low for safety, and if the fire doors are

kept closed, the room gets cold.

We would mention here that Mrs. Bennett keeps an excellent fireguard fitted around the fire but the hot coke tumbles down and through the fireguard on to the carpet.

The Newton News is not an expert on fire hazard, so we asked the Fire Officer.

"This fireplace does not present a fire hazard when the fire doors are closed, it is appreciated that the door must be opened for re-fueling and of course hot solid fuel sometimes sticks to the doors and may drop on to the carpet. But this will not happen if ordinary caution is exercised. The existing fireguard should be replaced by a larger one which would prevent close contact with the front heat."

The Corporation says.

Whilst we appreciate that this appliance is not of a particularly attractive appearance, it is efficient and it will be realised that the Corporation cannot go to the expense of replacing a serviceable unit simply because of its appearance.

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On Christmas Eve at 11.30 p.m. there will be the blessing of the Crib, Procession, Carols and the Midnight Communion of Christmas.

Christmas Morning there will be Holy Communion at 8.0 a.m. and the Parish Communion with Carols at 9.30 a.m. Later in the morning at 11.0 a.m. there will be a family service to which all parents and children are invited.

St. Stephen's Day (Boxing Day) Holy Communion 7 a.m.

Sunday after Christmas. The usual Sunday Services but at 6.30 p.m. there will be a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

New Years Day. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

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The Annual Chairmen's Dinner Dance was held at the Morritt Arms, Greta Bridge, where tablers, their wives and guests got together to honour the chairman and his wife. There was a sherry at the reception with flowers for the ladies.

In an after dinner speech the chairman in his welcome to the guests made comment on his pet scheme "The Squires", an organisation for those aged between 18 and 25 who would graduate to Round Table membership.

Guest of Honour, Area chairman Mr. R. Nutall was introduced with bagpipes and ceremoniously presented with a ??? (something made from cucumber etc. — a haggis not being available).

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Mrs. Milburn has borne seven children and has at this moment seven granddaughters, seven grandsons, and seven great grand children.

Mrs. Milburn who lives at Crowley Place has no superstitions and places no luck omen on the number seven.

SEASONS GREETINGS to all our READERS!



240 enjoy Christmas party at Over 60 club

Full marks to the Committee of the Newton Aycliffe Over 60 Club for the magnificent Christmas Party and Dinner given to 240 members on Wednesday 10th December.

There is an amazing amount of voluntary work going on behind the scenes at this Club and the Committee is ably supported by others from outside the Club.

The decorations were beautifully done by the Newton Aycliffe Old Tyme Dancing Club, and Over 60 Club Secretary Mr. Hindmarch say "we couldn't have managed without their help." "Also the entertainers for the concert, we are always grateful to these good people who give us music." Tenors Mr. Tyson and Mr. Usher, The Newton Singers and the Trio from the Southern Club, and Mrs. Proud at the piano. The concert was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. T. Proud.

As a further Xmas Gift, this week each member was given £1. The Party was attended by Mr. Sansom, Miss Riley Lord, Mr. H. Robinson, Mr. M. Hutchinson, and Mr. Reagan.

The Committee Officers: Mr. Stitt, (Chairman), Mr. Hindmarch (Secretary), Miss M. Dobinson (Treasurer).

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● NOBODY KNEW ABOUT IT

On Thursday 11th December there was a demonstration of cookery and an exhibition of modern cookers in the Over 60 Club Hall and only about 20 people attended.

This is a pity as so many more are interested in cooking and modern appliances. What went wrong?

If the Gas Board had told the Newton News, the message would have gone out to the 23,000 in Newton Aycliffe and good audience.

It really does pay to advertise! People wish to know what is going on, but they are not mind readers.

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Monarch's committee accuse band chairman

The committee of the "Monarchs" feel that some articles published are very misleading to the people of Newton Aycliffe, on the subject of Juvenile Jazzbands.

The most recent appeared in the December issue of the Newtonian under the title "Spotlight on the Grenadiers."

The Editor of the Newtonian is also the Chairman of the "Grenadiers," and therefore must have been in possession of all the facts relating to the parade and competition held in Darlington for the arrival of Santa Claus. Yet he felt inclined to allow very unfair criticism of Member Bands of the Northern Area Association to be printed when in fact it was the Billingham "Silver-tones" members of this Association, and not the Northumberland and Durham Association who won all the major awards and earned the "tremendous reception" quoted.

We feel also that it is most unfair to publish, insinuating remarks to convey the impression that one group of children are inferior to another, and had all the facts been presented, the people of Newton Aycliffe would not have been misled,

and the children in the Northern Area Association Member bands would not have been upset.

It appears that one person has quickly forgotten the assistance the "Grenadiers" received from the Northern Area Association when they were trying to form their band, but the "Monarchs" have not forgotten and are deeply appreciative of the help, that in spite of what transpired, has been forthcoming to our band. Not only from their Secretary, but all their member bands.

Juvenile Jazzbands are formed, to provide the children with the opportunity to add sparkle and spectacle at various functions, and to compete in friendly rivalry with each other. Neither the "Grenadiers" nor the "Monarchs" were formed to provide a platform for an adult in a responsible position to air grievances and allow misleading articles to be printed.

All of the "Monarchs," give the children and instructors of the "Grenadiers", every good wish for their competition on December 17th, and best of luck for 1970.

Signed the Committee.

TALKING POINTS

● COUNCIL ROW OVER WARDS

At a Special Meeting of The Great Aycliffe Parish Council on Wednesday 10th December, the main item on the Agenda was to consider the question of inequality of representation which has arisen because of the growth of Newton Aycliffe.

Councillor Alex Cessford questioned whether the Meeting, having been called at such short notice, could make any valid decisions, observing that the authority for making adjustments, the Durham County Council, having already made decisions on ward boundaries and councillor representation, would require a petition from at least one tenth of the electorate before they could consider making alterations at this stage.

There are 21 Councillors representing Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village and of these, the Village with its small electorate has four.

The Labour members of the Council are organising a petition to be presented to the County Council.

Apart from this, Councillors, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Frise were of the opinion that Dur-

ham County Council had not given this matter proper consideration and the Parish Council decided to send a letter calling attention to it.

● NO FRESH BREAD FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK-END

Fresh Bread will not be available for sale from shops closing Xmas Eve until following Monday (unless there is some left over in shops open on Saturday).

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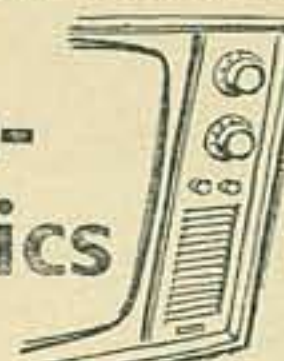
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Italian Cinema portrayed magnificently the emotions of a young man taking his first job in a large company. Loneliness and bewilderment of a small cog in the industrial wheel, difference between management and help all came through vividly.

Where the money goes? Nearly £21 million spent last year by BBC on radio which employed 5,700 men and women. Average audience in the evening (during T.V. times) 1½ million. Third programme 50,000. Television audience 27,000,000.

tele-topics



Quip of the month must go to Bob Hope who said of Discotheques. "They do things in there I wouldn't do on my honeymoon."

Morecambe and Wise are back and their "ad libs" get very near to the shade of blue.

Saturday afternoons, B.B.C. and I.T.V. both insist that rugby and racing are good enough for everyone whether you like it or not on Saturday afternoons. These are the times when most people are free (and not asleep or dozing as on Sundays.) Wonder what a Gallup poll would tell us.

Andy Williams Show has a quality we should try to emulate. Even the corny gags are delivered with a professional polish. One American import we ought to keep.

Feast of Television over Christmas, but is it too much? Its a family occasion—a religious festival. Don't let the "telly" dominate your time table. Happy Viewing this Christmas.

● SHOP HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

The "news" has collated information on shop closing over Christmas.

Not all shops are following Chamber of Trade recommendation to close on Saturday after Christmas.

Most shops seem to be opening late on Christmas Eve for the convenience of customers.

Doctors. Phone as usual. Petrol Stations. Xmas Eve. 8 a.m. till 9 p.m.: Xmas Day. 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.: Boxing Day. 9 a.m. till 6 p.m.: Saturday 8 a.m. till 9 p.m.

Off Licences. Xmas Eve till 10 p.m. Xmas Day and Boxing Day same as Sundays. Saturday Open as usual.

Post Office Xmas Eve till 4.30 p.m. Then closed till Monday.

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Pretty Newtonian



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Fancy being a pigeon fancier?

This article is written for those who might be thinking about joining the ranks of pigeon fanciers.

Firstly you must be interested in keeping livestock. For those who genuinely like to keep a pet of some kind then do give our sport earnest consideration. If you keep a dog you have to have space, you have to take it for a walk, you may have problems when you go on holiday, etc. A cat is much less trouble, but still the holiday problem.

Let us compare the racing pigeon with other forms of pet keeping. Birds were born to fly. This is one of the first pleasures you get from keeping pigeons. You can let them out for exercise and watch them enjoying themselves. You don't have to be active yourself to exercise your birds. Like most pets you can train them to know you, and to be tame. You can pick them up and handle them without fear of damaging them. To the real enthusiast, hours can be spent studying them.

They are intelligent creatures. By observation you can learn a lot about the individuality of each bird. They may look alike to the non-fancier but each has a personality of its own. How much more fun to be able to use this personality as part of the pleasure of keeping a pet. In bad weather, between exercising, during breeding and other occasions, you can walk into your loft and amuse yourself with your birds. They need inspecting to ensure health so pleasure can be combined with a necessary duty.

In the sport of racing it is necessary to breed new birds. Breeding is as important to the fancier as to the farmer, or the kennels who breed for show or profit. Rigorous standards need to be followed if you wish to breed quality birds, and who gets satisfaction from breeding useless birds? This more exacting side of the sport stimulates one. It is a science, a gamble, a pleasure, and sometimes a disappointment all rolled into one.

For those truly dedicated to the sport the rearing of their first pair of youngsters still lingers in their memory. The possible results from the pairing of any two birds can be so diverse as to make the process of breeding your own birds intensely absorbing and a lifetime study.

Pigeon racing does not end with the keeping or the breeding of pigeons. The true fancier can see the results of his own management on his birds. Their fitness, their love for their loft, their physical and mental well being, all dependent on him, and so rewarding when one sees that one's management is right. To the inventive mind and providing it is not to the detriment of the happiness of the bird, some forms of experimentation with

selected members of your team of birds can be highly rewarding and interesting.

Not just a game, a sport requiring skills, though, hard work, a few heartaches, but a spare time pleasure that can take as many hours as you have to put into it. You can spend all day with your birds, or just as long as it takes to give them food and water. You can get close to them, handle them, or you can see them free as the air and full of joy that they can fly.

If you have ever asked yourself, 'Why keep a pet at all?' and you have found an answer that convinces you that you should have some kind of pet, and you are still wondering what is right for you, look up at the sky, and when you see a team of pigeons exercising, watch where they land. Knock at the door of the owner of those birds, and learn a little more by seeing for yourself and join one of the most interesting groups of people there is who keep their particular pets in rather a special way, because they know how much their birds put in for them.

Mixed fortunes at Rugby Club

As this is the last issue before Christmas and the turn of the year, a mid-season report and our hopes for the second half of the season in 1970 might be in order. The first half of the season has been one of somewhat mixed fortunes, whilst it has seen the gradual accumulation of a standard first team pool with a sprinkling of really good experienced players mixed with the up-and-coming young men and the second team developing as an extremely young fit side, which is at the moment lacking in the necessary experience required to round off a team full of basic skill and enthusiasm.

NO LUCK

On the result side however, we have been rather disappointing, although we have a basically good first team, we do not seem to have both the luck or the run of the ball to avoid some rather demoralising defeats. An instance of this was the game against Redheads in the Junior Cup, although our best display of the season a last minute try by the opponents sent us out of the cup by a score of 11 points to 6, but with the team as good as it is I can see that as we progress towards the end of the season it is inevitable that our luck will change and produce some resounding victories.

On the second team front, again we have not won as many games as we would have liked but we have had some good wins and very narrow defeats and as we are still in the running for the fourth team shield it's a question of not looking back but forward.

The social life has been mixed with a lot of lively entertainment and good company in the congenial atmosphere of our clubhouse, and still more members on both the playing and social side would be most welcome, just come along to the club, anytime.

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help yourself to a good start by making certain that the car is a good starter. The heart of a car is the battery.

Let the engine warm through for two minutes and while it is warming through, clean off all the windows. (have you a plastic scraper?)

And remember, the tyres are your contact with the road. Go out on a poor tyre and your life and the lives of others are in danger. If your brakes are pulling to one side—you may be in for a shock!

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If there is a stream of cars, then just place your foot on the crossing and the cars will stop. And they will stop (with few exceptions) because most drivers are sensible, courteous people. And it is mainly the women pedestrians who are guilty of madly rushing on to the road, sometimes pushing prams in front. Entitled in law, perhaps. That, is no satisfaction if it entails you being crushed under a ton of mobile metal.

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To help tenants, the Corporation would like to remind them that rent can be paid at ANY TIME from 9.15 a.m. Thursday until noon the following Wednesday and it is not necessary to pay on the day on which the rent collector used to call.

Due to this mis-understanding many tenants are paying on a Wednesday morning when they could, in fact, pay on another day when the office is less congested with more comfort and convenience.



● OLD PEOPLES WELFARE

Dear Sir,

It is with regret that I have again to write you and correct statements made in the 'News'. I refer to the investigation conducted by Iris Collin into the Newton Aycliffe Old People's Welfare Committee.

This Committee was formed some years ago at a Public Meeting attended by representatives of many organisations in the Town. It is a Voluntary and Autonomous Committee and has never been a Committee of the Parish Council, and consequently could not be handed over to the Council of Social Service by the Parish Council. It is true that the then Clerk of the Parish Council Mr. F. Batley was Secretary to this Committee, but this was purely his private concern.

This Committee has done much useful work in the Town, and amongst other things was responsible for the commencement of the "Meals on Wheels" "Luncheon Club" and Chiropody Services to the Elderly, and as such has received funds from Local Authorities as their Agent. It has recently been reported that this Committee has not functioned for some time, and I have no doubt that it was right and proper that the matter should be considered by the Council of Social Service as it

would be disastrous if the services inaugurated by this Committee should suddenly end without some effort being made to prevent this.

The matter was brought to the notice of the Parish Council by Coun. Mrs. E. Meadows who represents the Council on the Executive of the Council of Social Service; it was brought forward as a matter of public interest. The result is that a Meeting will be called early in the New Year to which organisations in the Town will be invited; this Meeting will be called by the Parish Council because it is the only body in the Town that has the right to do so. It is at this Meeting that the future of the Old Peoples' committee will be decided. It is true that the Parish Council has expressed an opinion that the Committee should become part of the Council of Social Service—an opinion with which I entirely agree—but this does not necessarily mean that this will be so.

It is hoped that those who gave wrong information to Iris Collins will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending this Meeting and expressing their opinions. I am sure they will be welcome.

A. Cessford,
59, Ashfield.

● W.R.V.S. OFFICE AND STORE

Dear Sir,

I note in an issue of Newton News, Mrs. Earp of the W.R.V.S. expressed a hope for offices and store room to enable the efficient carrying on of this very important welfare work. Such facilities appear to be basic and a vital necessity, and since a noble army of people are giving dedicated service to mitigate dire need and distress one would have thought office and store would have been provided. Of recent weeks I have seen at close quarters the kind of work done, and I am dismayed when I learn the only store room pro-

vided is a garage which is inadequate and unsatisfactory, and because of which goods offered during winter may have to be refused. I believe the Local Authorities, directly or indirectly concerned, are warming up to a more practical approach to welfare, but I share the hope that provision of office and store will be moved to a point of priority. With such an assurance I am sure meanwhile the W.R.V.S. would be encouraged to carry on the good work despite the handicap.

W. A. Bell,
22, Stephenson Way.

● APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS BLOOD DONORS

Dear Sir,

The month of December, is always a difficult one for Blood Donor Sessions because of bad weather, the prevalence of seasonal illnesses and the Christmas holidays. Not only do we find that attendances drop during this month but also we lose a number of sessions due to the holidays. The fact that Christmas Day and Boxing Day fall on Thursday and Friday this year makes matters especially difficult as we will have no sessions taking place for three consecutive days.

To avoid any shortage during the Christmas Holiday period it is essential that we build up stocks of blood in the Regional Blood Bank throughout Dec. and I am appealing through

your columns to donors who are invited to a session to make every effort to attend.

I am also appealing to those members of the public in Newton Aycliffe who have been considering becoming donors but have not yet taken this step to make their first donation in December. This will not only help us to overcome any seasonal shortage but will also provide the increase in the panel which is so essential as we will have to collect even more blood in 1970 than we have collected in 1969.

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● A.D.C. SAY PAY RENT IN COMFORT

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Apparently the rent office is crowded out on Wednesday mornings and the A.D.C. hope to encourage tenants to pay rent on other days with "more comfort and convenience."

● CHIROPODY SERVICE QUESTIONED

In a reply to a letter by one of our Councillors concerning the administration of the chiropody service in the Newton Aycliffe area the County Medical Officer writes:—

Chiropody Service—Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village. A direct service was introduced in Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village as from 12th May, 1969 as the Chiropodist, Mr. Walton who was employed by the Great Aycliffe Old People's Welfare Committee, terminated his employment. Due to a shortage of Chiropodists, it was possible to allocate only one day a week to Newton Aycliffe, as against 1½ days previously, and the fortnightly session at Aycliffe Village is now carried out in the evening, on an overtime basis. Although the Old People's Welfare Committee still arrange appointments for the Aycliffe Village session, they asked to be relieved of the Newton Aycliffe appointments and these are now done by the Area Office.

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Coun. White pulled, but nothing happened everyone looked up, but it seems they should have looked sideways where the electrician was working frantically to get the lights on.

All was well eventually and the lights lit up to brighten the occasion.

Thanks to Coun. White who took it all in good part, and congratulations to the Chamber of Trade for providing the display and the Parish Council for their help in erecting it.

● MONARCHS GIFT TO NEWLY WEDS

The "Monarchs" Christmas Fayre was a success. We raised £31 2 3 on the day, and there is some more when additional orders are completed, and we thank all those who gave us their patronage.

The bride and groom of the Wedding Party in the adjacent church, were presented with gifts off the stalls by members of the band, an impromptu gesture that was very well received.

● CAGE BIRD SOCIETY HOLD SHOW

The Annual Show of the Newton Aycliffe and District Cage Bird Society was held in the Beveridge Hall on Saturday 13th December. The competitions were for 12 Trophies and over 50 Special Prizes divided into four groups, budgerigars, border canaries, Norwich and Yorkshire canaries, British and foreign birds.

The award for Best Bird in the Show went to Mr. T. W. Wilkinson of Darlington for his border fancy canary.

● AQUARISTS WIN COMPETITION

The Town's Aquarists Society gained a win in an inter-club competition against Bishop Auckland.

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● TOWN FOOTBALLER MISSED CHANCE

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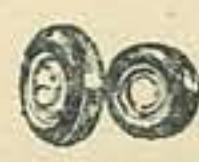
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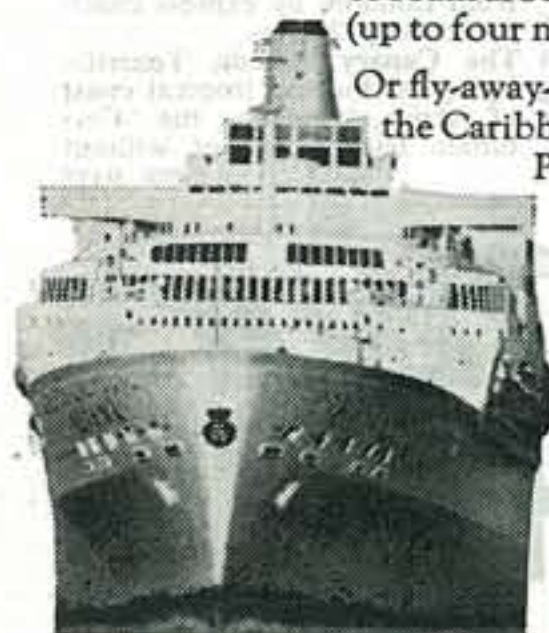
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