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The new centre due to be completed in 1974 will be more than sufficient to serve the population so much that we will have to attract outside users to run it as a viable proposition and, justify its existence.

The growth of the town population has slowed down considerably and the centre was planned to accommodate the needs of a 45,000 population.

It would seem we are very lucky to have a magnificent building more than adequate for our town needs, but don't forget it has to be paid for and run by the rate payer! There lies the crunch—it could result in higher rates if the centre is not used to its full capacity.

There is no doubt that Newton Aycliffe Recreation Centre will be a major attraction in this area, and we expect people will travel from a wide area to see and use the centre in much the same way as Billingham Forum is used.

What are we getting exactly in the new centre?—On the ground floor off the main entrance hall is the creche with administrative offices and lifts to first and second floor. The Physically Handicapped will be pleased to hear they have not been forgotten and that provision for wheel chairs have been made.

A learner pool and main pool with wet and dry changing rooms, Sauna baths, massage machine, a lounge and kitchen facilities.

First floor comprises spectators area for ground floor activities, three sizeable meeting rooms, and a practice hall big enough for 5 a side football, tennis, Basketball or badminton, also four Squash courts with participants lounge.

The Main Sports Hall which will be situated above the new shops will be approximately 120ft x 110ft, big enough for 2 tennis courts, or 6 badminton courts.

There is a spectator gallery to seat 200 people. The floors throughout will be best possible sprung hardwood and suitable for dancing.

There is some doubt, due to

Elizabeth Firth and Raymond Jenkins both of Newton Aycliffe were married at the Methodist Church on Saturday 22nd July.

The bride is to take up a teaching position at Elmfield School next term.

On the second floor spectator areas have been provided for the Squash courts and a large room is available for either a dining room or ballroom, with kitchen facilities attached.

Plans for the Bar and lounge have to be re-drawn and will probably be on the first or second floor.

The County's decision to provide the Arts Centre, incorporating Theatre, Pottery, Music Rooms, Studios etc. necessitated a re-drawing of this part of the centre. It is interesting to note that the County Council are not contributing to the Recreation Centre at all.

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All hands to the Pumps!

The forecourt attendant is going out of style, and self-service petrol stations are coming in—but not without some unusual problems, some of which are included in the latest edition of RAC World.

Motoring correspondent Gerald Carr recalls that it was not so long ago that motorists used to have forecourt attendants dashing around the car. The windscreen would be cleaned, the petrol carefully dispensed, and the free gift offered.

Now the attendant often sits in a warm dry office pushing computer like controls which monitor the motorists' actions. But there are a lot of problems.

Like the attendant who got left with a large belligerent Alsatian dog in lieu of payment. Admittedly dogs are not often left, but filling stations gather such valuables as wedding rings, watches and brooches from motorists who find they cannot pay.

One attendant had a regular customer who filled up and tried to get away without paying. One day the customer arrived in a large lorry and bought 34 gallons of DERV—and then announced he could not pay. The attendant quickly took the ignition keys out of the lorry and then syphoned the lot back out of the tank.

"If petrol tastes sour in your mouth, believe me it tastes like champagne compared with DERV" was his wry comment.

The microphones that are used to explain to some customers the intricacies of working the self service pumps cause a few problems too. One motorist tried to put his money in the microphone, and another tried to put his money up the hose nozzle. And once a man was only just stopped from emptying a fire extinguisher into his tank—he thought it was upper cylinder lubricant.

But in spite of all this, Gerald Carr says the self service station is here to stay. In Sweden more than 60% of all petrol is dispensed this way, he maintains, and already one of the largest chains of service stations in this country plans to change over to self service stations. And others are on the way he says.

Flower Festival planned

A Festival of Flowers and Music is to be held at St. Michaels, Heighington to aid the renovation of the Church organ.

The Festival runs from 7th September to 10th and the programme includes Gainford Choral Society, Music for Brass and Organ and special music during services.

Flowers are on display in the Church and refreshments will be available daily. More details in our next issue.

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CANOPUS NOTES

During the holiday period things are pretty quiet in the Branch.

However, I would mention that the tickets for the Tramps and Vamps Ball on August 26th are now on sale. There will be no prize for the best entry, as it is hoped that the majority of members attending will let their hair down, and get dressed up (or is it mucked up)!

Tickets for the Battle of Britain functions will be available after the factory holidays.

By the way, another invitation has been received for an evening at R.A.F. Leeming during August, and more 'gen' will be available at the weekend in the branch.

Finally for the benefit of the townsfolk who did not see the result of the Festival Balloon Race, it was won by Miss Judith Dixon, 1 Stephenson Way whose balloon landed in a field in Nuneaton. Other balloons were returned from Bedale, Newton-le-Willows, Bradford, Leeds, Guiseley, Masham, Catterick, Harrogate and Ripon.

Tail End Charlie

Newton Aycliffe Operatic Society

After our week end of Old Tyme Music Hall, we are having a well earned rest until September. Then we will start rehearsals for "Orpheus in the Underworld" which we present next Easter.

We would welcome new recruits especially men in the Avenue Comprehensive School at 7.30 p.m. any Wednesday.

Thank you for support for The Good Old Days and the warmth of your reception make us think you enjoyed it. We had a few empty seats and our committee thinking this being due to people being on holiday and the glorious weather debated whether we could repeat this show in the near future, but decided it might interfere with other activities.

We are pleased to retain the services of our Musical Director, David Garood (the accompanist in the Good Old Days) but Producer Oliver Heron (Very versatile and full of fun as shown in the same show). Richard Pearson as accompanist (he was sorry to miss our last show but has been taking more exams.)

We have, we think, something to offer Newton Aycliffe in "Live" stage shows and during the last 7 months we have proved this with "Waltzes from Vienna", "Songs from the shows" and "Those were the Days." With this to offer, we hope we deserve your support so look out for our future efforts and be prepared to come along.

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Garden Competition Results

The competition was judged on Friday, 21st July by Mr. Derek Robinson, Deputy Parks and Cemeteries Superintendent, Darlington County Borough Council. Mr. Robinson adjudged that the best garden entered was that of Mr Dennis Fawcett, 26 Butler Road and he will be awarded the Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl to be held for one year. Mr. Fawcett won the Rose Bowl in four previous competitions in 1965, 1966, 1969, and 1970 and now holds the record for winning this competition.

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Calling all Singers

The proposed choral union of Newton Aycliffe choirs and singers to present the "Messiah" has received overwhelming support.

The first meeting is called for Tuesday 15th August at the Avenue Comprehensive School. Mr. Frank Batley will act as chairman and outline the administration then he will hand over to Mr. Peter Tiley, Musical Director who will talk about rehearsals and choir requirements.

The performance of the "Messiah" is provisionally booked to take place at the Methodist Church on 17th

December. Although most of the choirs and singing groups in Newton Aycliffe will come together it is realised that there are a number of individuals not connected to any group who will be interested in joining for this "one-off" presentation of Handel's work.

It is hoped as many as possible will come along to the meeting and subsequent rehearsals, to make up a total of 80 to 100 voices.

If anyone has any copies of music for the 'Messiah' they would loan, please contact Newton Press.

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The Council have acted immediately to warn users of the danger, and posters printed urgently and placed in prominent positions at the affected areas.

The following is a message from Clerk of the Council John Farquhar:

GREAT AYCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

"Following tests on the water it is inadvisable to paddle or swim in the West Park Lakes and Woodham Burn."

"Any person or persons swimming or paddling in these areas do so at their own risk."

Latest

JOBS?

The long awaited "shot in the arm" for Aycliffe Industrial Estate seems imminent, with the announcement that British Steel are extending their factory to give another 50 jobs to semi skilled workers. Rumours too that Eaton may take over the advanced factory which has stood vacant for 3 years. This may mean more jobs, but at this time we are not sure.

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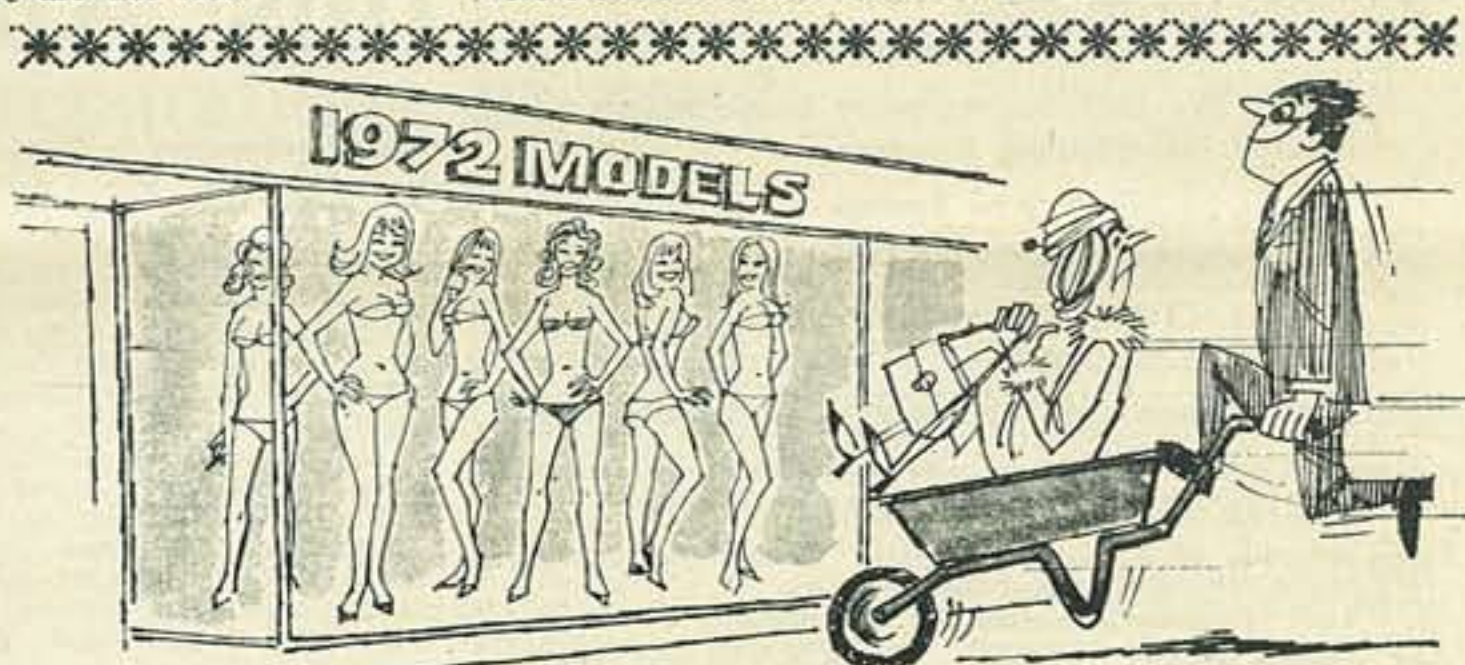
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Royal Lancers hold own Carnival

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Parade commencing from
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Displays on Simpasture start at
2.15 p.m.

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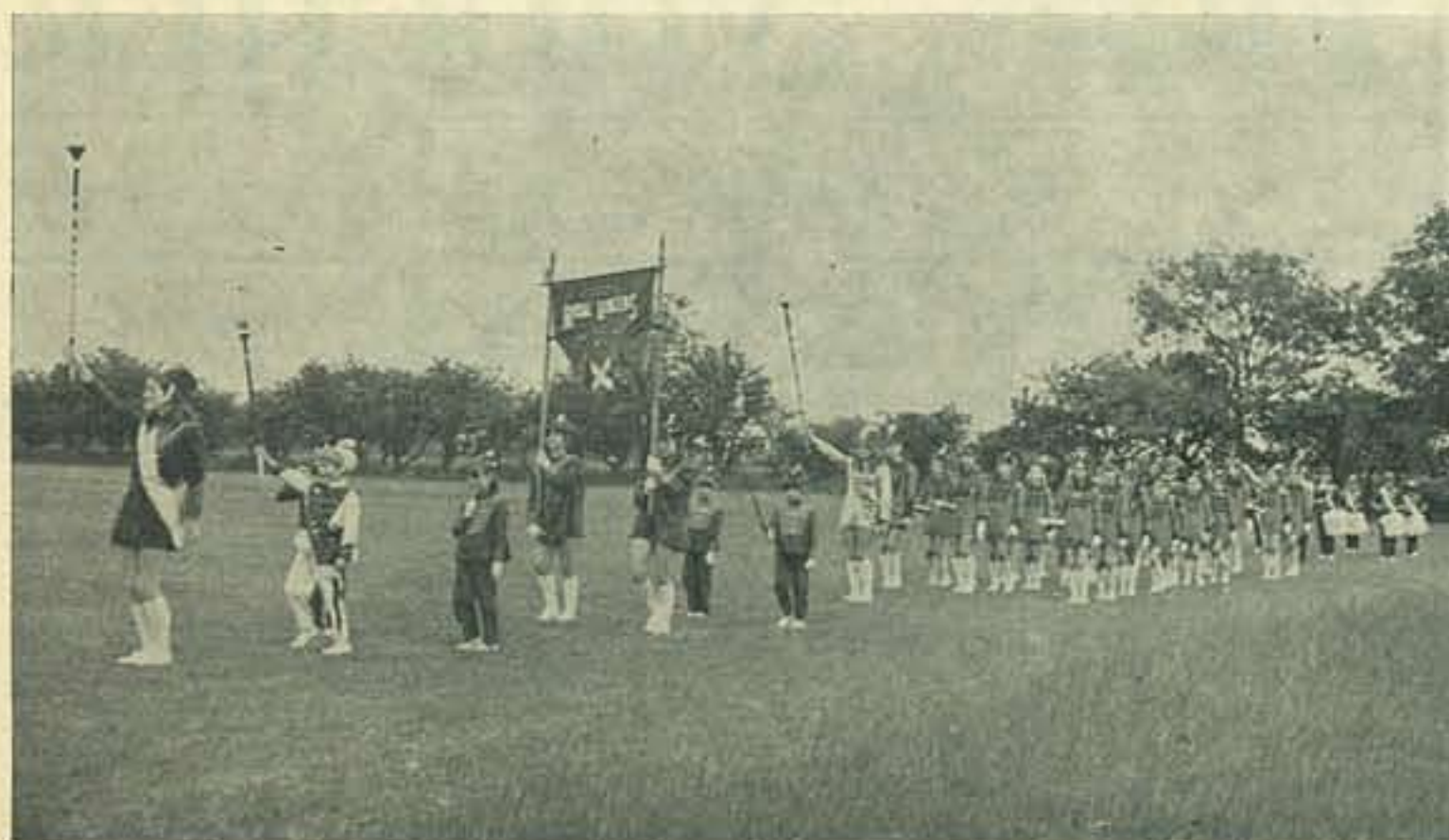
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"An egg trying to be a big Chicken"

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your article re "Peter Bibby and his Despatch column."

The sooner the better that people realize all he is "An egg trying to be a big chicken."

As for taking the credit for stopping the sale of goods by so called Handicapped people may I say that when I was Chairman of the Physically Handicapped Society in Newton Aycliffe some 4 or 5 years ago, I submitted proof to the Northern Despatch who was operating this with the operator's address. But they chose to take no notice.

Information was also passed to the local reporter, of the racket existing in Newton Aycliffe and Ferryhill.

Peter Bibby wants to get into the town more and he will see for himself the good that is being done.

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second hand information—because this is all he is doing.

Let the egg grow up—then perhaps it may grow into a chicken and stop these personal vendettas.

D. Evans

17 Church Close

Personal Comment

Dear Sir,

My comments in the last issue of Newton News concerning Mr. Bibby were not made in my capacity as an officer of the Aycliffe Development Corporation.

Harry Robinson

Thankyou all

Dear Sir,

I would like through your paper to thank all the people who were concerned in making the trip to the Lakes for the physically handicapped such a success on July 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, their daughter Mrs. Vickers, the St. John's Ambulance attendant and the coach drivers were kindness itself and nothing was too much trouble for any of them. They really gave us a grand day out and I'm sure all the members thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you all once again.

Fred Watson
91 Beechfield

Camping Trip - Sunburn and Sausages

The camp organised by the Round Table and attended by Recreation Officer of the Parish Council, Dave Rowe, went off very smoothly with everyone thoroughly enjoying the experience. The sun shone throughout, resulting in sun burn and heat exhaustion afterwards.

The first night under canvas was inevitably an exciting time for the 15 boys and they chatted till the early hours of the morning. Unfortunately this did not ensure a long "lie-in". Before the larks were up, all the boys were out on "nature trails" or playing cricket.

At 4.30 a.m., the reader will agree, this is a little "off-putting", but after a wash in the icy cold water of the stream it was fun—for some! Breakfast was served at 7.30 and on the menu, Sausage,

Bacon, eggs with orange juice.

The rest of the day was taken up with walks, rock climbing, football, cricket games, swimming, eating, washing up.

Mercifully the pace was beginning to tell on the lads—it was just as well—some adults were on the verge of collapse. The campers settled down early and all had a good night's sleep.

Sunday was a day for swimming, games and a gradual clearing up of the site to go home.

The boys reluctantly packed their equipment and wearily we all made our way back to Newton Aycliffe.

A wonderful weekend with benefits all round. If you would like to support one of these camps contact David Rowe c/o Great Aycliffe Parish Council.

Bonfire Night Displays preparations in hand

Preparations for an organised "Bonfire Night" this year are well in hand. Recreation Officer David Rowe's meetings with organisations have arranged a programme of events which should attract the townspeople to Aycliffe Stadium in their thousands.

A Poster competition is to be held with prizes for all classes. The theme will be "Organised Bonfires are safer, Come to Aycliffe Stadium on November 4th".

Hot dogs and soup will be on sale and in addition to the

Firework Display, a competition for the best Guy Fawkes, Jazz Band Displays and the Pipe Band.

Volunteers to act as marshalls or stewards are asked to contact David Rowe or Newton Press.

Parents will welcome this event not only for the safety angle, but because it should be cheaper. Entrance fee to the Stadium will be 10p for Children and 20p for Adults. Transport to and from the event is included in the admission charge.

DANGER!! WATCH FOR IT

The police are anxious to warn motorists of the re-arrangement of roadways down Stephenson Way.

No longer is Stephenson Way a main road out of the town. A re-alignment makes it a subsidiary road and traffic approaching the new road going across Stephenson Way from Burn Lane to Williamfield Way must give way.

Already there have been some near mishaps due to motorists carrying on straight round into Williamfield, believing they still had the right of way. Signs are there so observe them and please take care.

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Staff of the Housing Department gave Sheila Toner a good "send off" as she left the office last week. As is the tradition "brides to be" are dressed up and made to walk home in whatever strange garb her fellow workers care to adorn her with.

Sheila, whose parents live at Hatfield Road, was married at St. Marys Church on July 15th to Gerald Mulligan of Chilton. The newly weds honeymooned in Ireland. Photo: Roberts

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Corporation Comments

NEW SHOPS & OFFICES TELEPHONE SERVICE

The Secretary of State for the Environment has approved the Corporations proposals for the second phase of the re-development of the town centre area which will provide shopping at ground and first floor levels with office accommodation over, along the line of the existing Dalton Way.

A tender amounting to £209,230 submitted by Edgar Lawson Ltd. of Darlington has been accepted and work will commence within a few weeks.

This development which will connect with the walkway for the first floor shops already built in Beveridge Way also includes the provision of public conveniences at ground and first floor levels for the Darlington Rural District Council.

GARDENS COMPETITION

Final judging of the annual gardens competition took place on Friday 21st July, by Mr. D. Robinson, Deputy Parks and Cemeteries Superintendent of Darlington County Borough Council.

Unfortunately, the number of entries is not as high as in previous years. This may be due to the competition being restricted to Corporation tenants only. A large number of houses have been sold during the past year and it may be that the Corporation will need to make the competition open to all residents of the town in future years.

Newton Aycliffe must be one of the few towns in the country where there are few, if any, telegraph poles and overhead wires. The policy of undergrounding cables has been extended to include Middridge Village. Underground cables have been laid throughout the village and it is now up to the Post Office to effect the transfer from the overheads and remove the poles.

SCHOOL AYCLIFFE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

The development of approx. 25½ acres of land at School Aycliffe by the erection of private houses has proceeded steadily. The first phase of 49 houses is almost completed. Of the 42 building plots in the second phase, only 3 remain unsold and design works have commenced for the layout of the third and final phase of about 60 plots.

SALES OF HOUSES

The sales of houses principally to sitting tenants continues to increase. Since the scheme for selling houses at up to 20% off current market value started, about 18 months ago, the sales of 229 houses have been completed and the sales of a further 312 houses are in progress.

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RECREATION CENTRE

In other areas County Councils have contributed up to two thirds of the cost of a town swimming pool and then had schools use the pool. In Newton Aycliffe Durham County are providing swimming pools in the schools and throughout school holidays and after school hours they are little used.

A new Comprehensive school is to be built for Williamfield area. I wonder if the County have even considered giving the money they would save on a pool to help pay for the Recreation Centre and using the town pool for swimming classes?

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