

NEWTON NEWS and Newtonian

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER 1975

"SUPER" PANTO FOR THE TOWN

The Newton Players and Scorpions are joining forces this year to give the town a very super Panto. The pantomime "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" has been written by members of each society especially for the children of the town. Rehearsals are well under way and the panto will be staged in January. Good old traditional panto at realistic admission charge 10p per seat. They hope that the children (and mums and dads) will support them in this new venture. More details later.

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"It would take a brave man..."

Residents beyond Woodham Burn complain often at the lack of amenities.

But at this time of the year none can fail to sympathise with the inconveniences they have to suffer.

The town centre is becoming a busy place offering a comprehensive range of goods, but what a distance it is for residents from the outskirts out the town.

The general stores dotted about, do give valuable service and they can supply basic needs.

But what about essential medicines required by doctor's prescription?

Sick persons having seen the doctor and got a prescription, find they have a long journey down to the town centre for the medicine to be dispensed.

It is pathetic to observe mothers with prams and push-chairs battling against cold winds and rain down Stephenson Way to the shops.

It is a scandal, and a growing number of tenants are showing their discontent.

Some councillors have pressed for a chemist shop to be opened, but their pleas have come to nothing.

Having investigated the sit-

uation from a practical point of view, and spoken to members of the pharmaceutical profession, I can hold out very little hope for the likelihood of a chemist opening shop, as it would not be a viable business proposition.

The population is not large enough, there is only one doctors surgery, and the shops in the new area tend to be poorly situated.

"It would take an awfully brave man to open there" a chemist told me.

The only answer is for neighbours to band themselves together and arrange a rota for the collection of medicine, by one person for all.

Maybe one of the social groups in the area could get this organised?

NEW C.C.S.

OFFICERS

At the A.G.M. of the Council of Community Service Mr David Blenkiron was elected Chairman, with Mr George Robson as Vice Chairman. Mr Alec Belton is Secretary and Mr J. Steele Treasurer.



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Photo: Sonny Steele

Council

re-think

market plan

The Town Council have decided to raise again the question of a Market Day for the town.

It is to be discussed with the A.D.C. at a liaison meeting.

There are stronger objections by shopkeepers these days towards this type of trading.

Since shop rates have doubled, many shopkeepers have found reason to criticise Councils who allow one day traders to cream off sales.

In Shildon, the Civic Hall is used for "Sales" of all descriptions and the hirers are taking thousands of pounds off the town. The Hall was built at great cost to the rate payer, not least among them, the shopkeepers.

The Hall is still being subsidised — so it appears the shopkeepers in Shildon are paying to bring in competition!

It would seem reasonable for the A.D.C. and the Town Council to consider our shopkeepers before making any decisions.

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skippers in the Blashford-
Snell expedition through Zaire
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Round Table recently.

He related his many adven-
turous experiences holding
his audience spellbound
throughout.

His photographic slides of
the 2,762 mile river journey
were spectacular.

The massive inflatable boats
negotiated rapids whipping
atop waves of up to 40 feet
high.

The adventurers, who took
the trip to commemorate
Stanley's famous exploration
of the Congo to find the
source of the Nile 100 years
ago, were made up of Army
personnel, University doctors
and scientists.

One of the benefits of the
expedition was the study by
scientists of river insect life
which is probably the cause of
river blindness affecting 50%
of inhabitants in most villages
along the route.

Numerous questions were
asked by members and guests
and Peter Gallagher, gave a
vote of thanks from the chair,
taking the opportunity to pre-
sent a cheque to the Ex-
plorers Association who
raised the expedition and who
are still in debt.

CRIME

PREVENTION TALK

Det. Chief Inspector Tom
Firth, Crime Prevention Officer
gave a very interesting and in-
formative talk to members of
the town's Chamber of Trade
last week.

Tom, who lives in Eden
Road, related episodes from
his long experience in the po-
lice force interspersed with
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All those present enjoyed
the talk and gave Tom Firth
well deserved thanks for at-
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Mr Archibald of Archibald's Transport presents the cup to Sedgfield, who beat Aycliffe 3-1 in the finals of the 5-a-side football competition in the Rec. Centre. Photo: Steele

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Our observations regarding the signs on the ramp have been endorsed by traders in the town centre.

Not only are they critical of the positioning of the new signs, but have little praise for the design.

"Flimsy," "cheap and nasty" are some of the remarks we have heard.

All agreed with our suggestion for more signs and a central guide of town centre shops and services situated in the middle of Beveridge Way opposite Wentons.

The temporary sign on the workmen's hoarding in Dalton Way, indicating services at Upper Beveridge Way has been appreciated by traders. "Can it become permanent?" is the question asked by hairdresser Fred Bainbridge.

Another good suggestion was to position readable signs on the large expanse of wall above the ramp which faces Beveridge Way.

All these ideas should be considered. We cannot be too helpful to shoppers and traders and the A.D.C. should look again at their policy towards signs in the town centre.

No one wants a town centre spoilt by too many signs, but we do need a reasonable and sufficient number to direct residents to services they require.

It is an annoying fact that most of the persons in the A.D.C. who are against the erection of signs do not live here, and the sooner they heed the pleas of residents and traders the better.

"THE MEMORY LINGERS . . ."

It is regretted due to an oversight my tribute to the memory of the late Mrs E. A. Johnson of 15 Faulkner Road was not printed earlier.

On my coming to the town over eight years ago, Mrs Johnson and Bert, her husband, were actively engaged in the work of the Over 60's Club and together were ever ready to welcome the newcomer. She was of a kindly disposition, ever moving among people and doing good.

When the Natter Club was in its early phase, she came along and showed a keen interest. She was appointed the only woman on the committee and never spared herself in the work she did. At social functions she excelled, organising those aspects where ladies were concerned.

It adds sweetness to the memory when it is known the Natter Club is now the flourishing Senior Citizens Fellowship.

A fragrant memory lingers with us, and those who knew Mrs Johnson will hope Bert will find comfort in his bereavement.

W. A. Bell

Face-lift for town centre

Aycliffe Development Corporation and Great Aycliffe Town Council are joining forces to give a face-lift to the approach to the offices at the southern end of Upper Beveridge Way in the town centre. Occupants of the offices being bothered for some time by nuisance and vandalism during the evening and the new scheme is aimed to prevent further occurrences of this sort and to make the area more attractive.

A new screen wall is being constructed along the outer edge of the area and this will have a lockable door, which will be kept closed in the evenings. Behind the wall, there will be a general face-lift with improvements to the flooring and walls and tubs of shrubs and flowers.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE CINEMA SOCIETY

Christmas is very near. Why not get in the Christmas spirit and have a family night out at your own Cinema and see that ever popular film Alice in Wonderland, a film that the children will love to see. It will be shown on Wednesday 10th December in the Recreation Centre.

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ANGLING CLUB

The AGM will be held on Thursday 11th December at 7.30 p.m. in Upstairs Room of the Iron Horse. This meeting will be for senior members only. Subs now being taken, adults £1, juniors 50p. New members Adults £2, juniors 75p. Members who have already paid £1 subs plus £1 Fed. fee are exempt.

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All three would like to thank their customers in a most sincere way for the support given to them for the past few years and after a homely welcome at their new shop.

Mr and Mrs Fox request we offer their best wishes to the new tenants at Neville Parade. F. W. Fuller and Sons have taken over the business and intend to carry on in the way of the previous owners.

Although this is a new venture in retailing, Mr Fuller is quite an experienced businessman.

He has lived in Newton Aycliffe for 12 years and operates a milk business.

Mr Fuller, a Tynesider, told Newton Press his intention was to sell top quality goods with a friendly, personal service.

Town "Pioneer"

Extrovert John Hunter, founder of the Darlington and Newton Aycliffe Travel agencies, helped to promote our town on his recent visit to the U.S.A.

He doled out books of matches supplied by Aycliffe Development Corporation, to all he met in Houston, San Francisco, and San Antonio.

"And they were in great demand" said Mr Hunter, "Probably because the advertising also carried a commemoration of the 150th Railway Anniversary."

B.B. FUND GOING WELL

The 1st Newton Aycliffe Boys Brigade are well on their way to raising their target of £600.

"The response by the public has been magnificent" said Mr Hayzen the Company Captain. Approx. £500 has been raised by sponsored events, and with other sources the final total should be well in excess of the target.

Last year the Company were the top fund raisers in the North of England district, and with this new record amount are hoping to repeat this achievement.

The Candleliters and the Travelling People, together with Gerard Stephenson, a talented local boy, put on a marvellous evening at the Methodist Church hall with an evening of folk music and popular songs.

The grateful thanks of the Company are expressed to all those people who have supported the Boys' Brigade during BB Week. A final figure will be published in a future edition of this paper.



The next meeting of the Guild will be held in the Oak Tree Inn at 8 p.m. on Tuesday December 16th.

The Sales Hut has closed for a few weeks and will probably re-open early in February.

The Chairman and committee take this opportunity to send Christmas Greetings to all members.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Boys Brigade "Guess the Weight of the Cake" won by Mr J. Ferguson 23 Elmfield Pl. Weight: 5lb 1 oz.

Jumble sale Sat. 13th Dec. at 10 a.m. in Greenfield Meeting hall, Horndale Admiss. 2p. Box No.'s MO1 & ES2 please collect replies from Newton Press Shop, Upper Bev. Way

Grand Xmas Bazaar, Mormon Church, Shafto Way, Fri. Dec. 5th 7.00 p.m. Santa Claus etc.

Xmas Fair St Marys School hall, Sat. 6th Dec. 1.30 p.m. Toys, fancy goods, cakes etc. in aid of Brownies and Cubs.

Christmas carnival and fancy dress contest on skates. Sat. 6th Dec. in Beveridge hall 6.30 p.m. Prizes galore

1st Aycliffe B.P. Scouts raffle prizes No. 12 red (Teddy) No. 28 blue (sherry) Dolls name Isobel. No. of peas 728. Winners notify 84 Oakfield bringing winning ticket.

N/A branch R.A.F.A. Wings Appeal collection. Street collections £101.54 Premises collections £1275.07. Total sum £1376.61. A cheque for the sum of £1376.61 was forwarded to H.Q. RAFA. The cost of equipment and local expenses was £19.70.

Pictures at Night, Camera Clubs next assignment Thurs. Dec. 11th leaving 1 Hawes Place at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome, bring your camera. Enquiries Mr Bell, 26 Garburn Place Tel: 3417

Christmas Fayre at Shafto House on Sat. 13th Dec. at 2.30 p.m. Admission, adults 5p (inc. tea) All invited.

WANTED

6 good homes for puppies 1 month old, fully weaned 187 Rowan Place

Loan of cot or playpen for visitor at Christmas, small fee from 20th Dec. to 2nd Jan. Tel 3733

Portable typewriter (not toy) in good working order Tel: 5717 after 5.30 p.m.

Typewriter in reasonable cond. not portable Tel: 2893 Mr Bland

Kitten for Christmas to replace lost cat Tel: Darlington 720800

Ladies cycle (large wheel type) under £10. Also child's bike seat 176 Penning Walk

Cleaner for Greenfield meeting hall, approx 10 hours per week. Written applications to: The Secretary, Greenfield Community Assoc., 85 Fewston Close by 12 December

LOST

Pair mens glasses and case, left in subscribers house week ago. Please return to Mr Pike Rediffusion shop, Town Centre

ENGAGEMENTS

DEWAR — HASWELL

Mr & Mrs R. M. Dewar have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter Lynn, to Stephen, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. Haswell of Murton. Congratulations from both families

RICHARDSON — METCALFE
Mr & Mrs R. Richardson wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter Anne to David eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. Metcalfe. Congratulations from both families.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Mr and Mrs Harry Bliton send Christmas Greetings to all their friends in Newton Aycliffe

Accommodation

Teenage student desires to share a flat in N/A or area. Owns hi-fi and piano; prefers to move piano into accommodation. Tel: 4158 T. Hodgson 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 3 pm Fridays

CARS FOR SALE

Morris Oxford, runner or for spares, £60 15 Wolsey Close 1972 Moskvich Estate needs attention, offers Tel: 2301 after 6 p.m.

1966 MG Midget Mk 11 £165 ono 6 St Aidsens Walk Tel: 6430

news mart

FOR SALE

Boys Crombie navy fit 13-15 years £3.50. Boys Stay prest trousers navy £1 26 Garburn Place

Suzuki GT 250 M reg. 9,000 miles, crash bars, extras good clean bike £400 ono 1 Grange-side, Redworth

Pair mahogany doors 6'6" x 3'6" approx. inc. runners £20 Baby bouncer with stand £3. Tel: 4822

Tropical fish tank 2'6" with hood, stand cabinet. 40 fish, 2 heaters, thermo., 2 starter units, outside crystal filter, Rena pump, extras £40 248 Scholars Path

Dining table (draw leaf) £5 Tel: 4649

Boys blue tweed coat length 18", just cleaned £1.25 Tel: 2030

3 piece suite, 3 seater settee black with red cushions in ex. cond. 11 months old £80 ono Tel: 6861

Tape recorder needs slight attention £3 ono 3 Langley Rd. Gas fire vg cond. £10 120 Washington Crescent

3 wool coats to fit small lady good cond. £4 each. White mohair jacket size 10 £3. Leather coat to fit small lady £8. Tel: 5535

Churchill coach built dolls pram £6.50. Large Triang dolls pushchair £2. Dolls cot, frilly material with canopy £2.50. Scooter £1.50 26 Garburn Pl.

Philips elec. EE 1050, 1051, 1052 plus Philips mech. engineer £5 15 Wolsey Close

Hand knitting machine in good working order £10. Mod tawny coloured layered wig never worn £5 17 Bury Road

Selmer console clarinet needs cleaning £10 ono 84 Oakfield

Swan elec. coffee percolator 10 cup size as new £8 Tel: 4789

Flourescent lights 3 ft. 30 watt new, unused £7 with diffuser £7.50 Tel: 2593 after 6 p.m.

Childs wooden desk £2 ono. 5 Ewbank Close

Harry Moss 8 track car car tridge player c/w speakers as new £25. Tow bar fit Capri c/w ball and elec. and spares £15 used once. Leather sports steering wheel suit Mk II Corina or Austin A40 saloon £8 6 St Aidsens Walk Tel: 6430

Fidelity Music Master stereo record player vg cond £20 ono. Girls fur lined duffle coat 24" long as new £4 ono 49 Elmfield Place

Childs cycle, never used still in box, suit 4 to 7 years inc. stabilisers £16.50 Tel: 6230

Rediffusion 23" TV good working order £15 Tel: 5920

Berry coal effect 2 kw electric fire hardly used £17 ono. 1 Stockley Close, Longfield Rd. Estate, Darlington

13 Duralay rubber stair pads, 13 Invisigris stair rods, 3 double naplocks £8 lot ono, will separate 18 Hawkshead Place after 6 p.m.

Border Terrier pups 1 dog, 2 bitches, ex. pedigree, KC reg 11 Jackson Place after 6 p.m.

Sun ray lamp £4 ono. Dress size 26 cream/green wool new £5. 101 Oakfield

10'6" Sprite touring caravan good cond. £200 3 Windlestone Walk

Ladies white real fur coat with light brown markings, red lining size 12 new £15 ono. Ladies b/w herringbone winter coat lined size 12 as new 142 Faulkner Road

FOR SALE

Elec. fire coal effect in teak surround book shelves £15 Table elec. cooker £10 o.n.o. Gas water heater with tap £3. Stereo radiogram £6 c.o. Coal effect elec. fire 2 bar £5 Box No. ES2 Newton Press

Black suede coat with white sheepskin fur trimming as new £8.50 ono size 12. Blue maxi coat, good cond. size 12 £4 ono. Tweed coat, black & grey with trousers size 14 £4 ono. Bird cage, mod. £4 ono 78 Langdale Place after 6 pm

Knitmaster knitting machine as new £25 10 St. Godrics Rd

Raleigh Ranger cycle suit 5 to 10 year old v.g. cond £15. Tel: 5908 after 5 p.m.

Trusty Zippy bicycle 11 month old suit 5 to 8 year old, good cond. £20 ono 14 Moreton Wk.

E.A.V. 4 x 12 100w cabinet £40 WEM 2 x 15" 100w cab. £50. WEM orns pair £50. Shure Unysphere 1 mike £20. Soundette disc echo £20 Tel: 2569

GEC cooker 4 rings, timer in good cond. 9 Clanny Road

Dining table, 4 chairs, china cabinet in v.g. cond. Tel: 3775 15 Crosby Road

Triang dolls pram suit 5-6 year old £6 104 Washington Cres.

P.A. system complete with 2 Selmar speakers (tall cabinet), P.A. box, mike, stand £275 ono 4 Westwood Terrace Chilton after 6 p.m.

Fireplace with surround, black & grey slate and tile 32" x 60" unused. 3kw Magiccoal electric fire. 3kw. elec. fire with blower 4 night store heaters 2 1/2 and 2 1/4 kw with thermostats. Dimplex oil filled radiator with thermostat & regulator. 4'6" white upholstered headboard

Bird cage and stand. Servis twin tub washing m/c needs slight attention. Offers. Tel: 2826 g Whiteley Grove

Boys clothing fit 5-7 year old inc. outfits for policeman, spaceman, cowboy, indian etc Offers or will exchange for a Practice Putter 19 Burn Lane evenings or after 6 p.m.

Shooting stick £2. Camp bed £3. Garden picnic tent never used £10. Kodak 116 pocket camera collectors item, first reasonable offer. Ilford Hunter 35 camera with tripod and accessories £20. Zorki 35 camera with tripod & accessories £35. Dark room equip. inc. enlarger £35. Slide projector and screen £10 4 Kirkstone Pl.

Guitar brand new £8. School satchel, new £1. 3 childrens jigsaws v.g. cond. 60p or will sep. 1 Lowery Road

Deep Freeze Chest 13 cu. ft. £70 62 Silverdale Place

Zenta elec. guitar, twin pickups, strap, music to learn £17 Pair football boots size 5 £1. 44 Westmorland Way Tel: 2900

Anorak fit 9-10 year old £5. Navy blue games skirt, plain front, pleated around, adjustable waist band. £2. Navy blue gaberdine mac fit 30" chest approx. £6 All in v.g. cond. Tel: 3657

Pushchair with let down back, hood, apron, cosy toes, weathershield, harness, reins £10 21 Jesmond Court

Elec. cooker Belling Compact 3, as new (guaranteed) £50. Singer sewing machine £7. Burco boiler £3. Dining table £5. Valor paraffin heater £10 117 Cumbrian Place

Mod. dining set, white circular table, s.s. legs, 4 bucket shaped chairs. ex. cond. Tel: 4152

Philips salon type hairdryer with floor stand as new £7 68 Bury Road

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