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Some sick-minded person shot a drake with a high powered air rifle and another person, or the same one, pulled a ducks neck through the wire netting, and smashed its head with a blunt instrument.

The park keepers are saddened by the whole affair, as are the many children who made regular trips to feed the ducks.

They were just beginning to become friendly and were wading up to those who were feeding them. It seems probable the killer enticed one of the ducks to the netting, caught it by the head and held it while smashing the life from its body.

The Council have offered a £25 reward to anyone giving information which will lead to the conviction of these bird killers.

"We learn to live with break-ins, damaged bridges and plants pulled from the earth, but everyone is disgusted with this senseless act" said Town Clerk Mr John Farquhar.

"How do we protect ducks 24 hours a day?" he asked.

The Council will be discussing the issue at the next meeting, and no one could

blame them if they decided against ducks on the lake.

But it seems unfair that one or two persons can spoil the pleasure of a park amenity for all.

If you can make any suggestions on how to deal with this problem please write us a letter.

Rents - A.D.C. had no choice

At a joint meeting of A.D.C. and Sedgfield District Council to confer on the transfer of rented property, the rent increases were discussed.

Sedgfield Council were concerned at the 60p average the A.D.C. were levying when they were only increasing by 20p.

The urged the A.D.C. to join with them in protest to the Dept. of Environment whose directive the A.D.C. were following.

The District Council were looking to the future when they took over responsibility for rented houses in Newton Aycliffe.

They would face the anomaly of a significant difference in rents for similar properties in their district.

The A.D.C. made strong representations to the Government Dept. but received a letter back stating the increases should go ahead as directed.

The District Council are able to keep their increases to only 20p because they have the advantage of bearing additional costs through the rate fund, whereas the A.D.C. had no other means of income to balance its housing revenue account.

NOT ANOTHER!

Another school building was officially opened last week amid protest and criticism.

Byerley Park, which has been teaching pupils for 18 months was the scene of another civic get-together for councillors and guests.

Once again, as in the case of the Avenue School, the school children and parents were not involved.

Irate parents have contacted us regarding this unnecessary half day holiday and the waste of public money.

We must repeat our statement that an opening of a new school or any public building is a community affair. There should be maximum participation by those using the premises, and every effort made to publicise the event at a local level.

And we hope it is clear to the education authority that "openings" of this nature, 1½ years to 4 years after they are open for use are not received too kindly.

THANKS FOR THE SIGNS

At last, a major breakthrough in the provision of signs to essential town centre amenities.

Suddenly signs have appeared on the ramp and near the post office directing the way to the toilets.

One other sign points to the Information Centre, but can we expect more to other public buildings such as the Library, post office, Recreation Centre, Job Centre or Council Office? All these are important and in a Newtown need easy identification.

I can visualise the planners gasping with horror at the thought of more signs cluttering the scene, but if this is unacceptable why not follow our suggestion for a town centre guide, situated in a prominent position, displaying in diagram all town centre services including shops and offices.

Public Meeting

A Public Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 24th March at 2 p.m. to discuss how the Youth Centre premises can be used to benefit Physically Handicapped persons.

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The event marked a presen-
tation by the A.D.C. to the
Band of almost £1000 to pay
for a complete set of new uni-
forms.

In an emotional speech,
band secretary Fred Mudd ex-
pressed his gratitude to the
A.D.C. and all who had helped
the band.

Mr Garry Phillipson, General
Manager, deputising for ADC
Chairman Dennis Stevenson,
praised the bands good work
in the community and in pro-
moting Newton Aycliffe all
over the country.

The band looked very smart
in their green blazers, with
brown skirts for ladies, and
brown trousers for men. An
equally smart looking badge
depicting the acorn symbol
shows proudly from the bla-
zers and ties.

It is probably significant to
mention that the band now-
days has a majority of young-
sters and this was reflected in
the fresh energetic perfor-
mance of pieces chosen for
the concert.

The band competes in a
Northern Area Contest this
month and the audience were
treated to a performance of
the test piece. They go for-
ward very confident, neatly
dressed and assured of good
support from Newton Aycliffe.

NEWTON PLAYERS CHANGE VENUE

The Newton Players have
changed their meeting place
they still meet every Thursday
at 8 p.m., but now in the Up-
stairs room of the Clarence
Hall.

Any new members, or pros-
pective new members will be
made most welcome and we
hope they will be interested
enough to partake in our
future programme. We have
several events planned in-
cluding two plays, social even-
ings, a trip to the York Mys-
tery Plays, a trip to Stratford
and of course, the annual pan-
tomime. Do come along and
meet us.

TO PARENTS OF AVENUE PUPILS...

Did you know you are mem-
bers of the newly formed
Parent/Teachers Assoc.?

Did you know the first event
is on March 23rd at 7.30 p.m.
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Do you realise how impor-
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AND NOW — KENNY BALL

Following the tremendous success of other big band names: Joe Loss and Syd Lawrence, comes the news that the Arts Council are sponsoring a Kenny Ball visit to the Recreation Centre.

And the same man, Mr Alan Wright, who organised those two first dances is making the arrangements for this.

Alan is fast building a reputation as an impresario and the Arts Council are grateful for his offer of help which is hoped will not only bring a great band to Newton Aycliffe, but raise a fair amount of cash for Arts Council funds.

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This is the case in the forthcoming exchange when a group of young people, most of whom attend & play in the Woodham Comp School Brass Band in Newton Aycliffe will be "exchanging" with a German Brass Band of young people from Tubingen (15-18 years old). Whereas some 25-30 will travel in June to Germany, it is expected that 55 Germans will come to the Aycliffe area between 9th and 15th April 1976.

We are therefore appealing to all local residents in Newton Aycliffe with a spare bed or beds, to give hospitality to the remainder of the group of Germans. This will only involve the provision of bed and breakfast on the nights of 10th to 15th April inclusive, and a series of concerts and programme of events will be arranged. Naturally free invitations to these events will be given to all people offering hospitality.

Anyone able to help in any way is asked to contact Mr T. M. Pratt, County Music Adviser, c/o Darlington Area Education Office, Craig Lea, Upland Road, Darlington. Telephone D'ton 55311, as soon as possible.

The great value of these exchanges is when they can meet and live with local people in their homes rather than be isolated in an hotel. This kind of exercise inevitably leads to a much happier international understanding between countries.

CINEMA SOCIETY

The next film is on Wednesday 31st March in the Recreation Centre at 7 p.m. when the Society will be showing the first James Bond film "You only live Twice" — a film not often seen and certainly one of the best Bond pictures.

The Committee is now in the process of arranging next year's programme based on the response to questionnaires members completed. As soon as details are finalised, the programme will be announced.

By the way, are any of you interested in giving the Soc. a hand with either the proposed Saturday matinee or the present monthly shows. Well don't be shy. We'll make you more than welcome; give Jennie Jones a ring, 3031, daytime or drop a line to Steven Philips (Sec.) 34 Elmfield Place

SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Representatives from adult musical organisations, choirs, Womens Guild's etc. are invited to attend a meeting on Monday 22nd March in the Newton Aycliffe Teachers' Centre, Sugar Hill. The meeting is to discuss proposals for a Schools Music Festival under the Chairmanship of Mr T. M. Pratt, County Music Adviser

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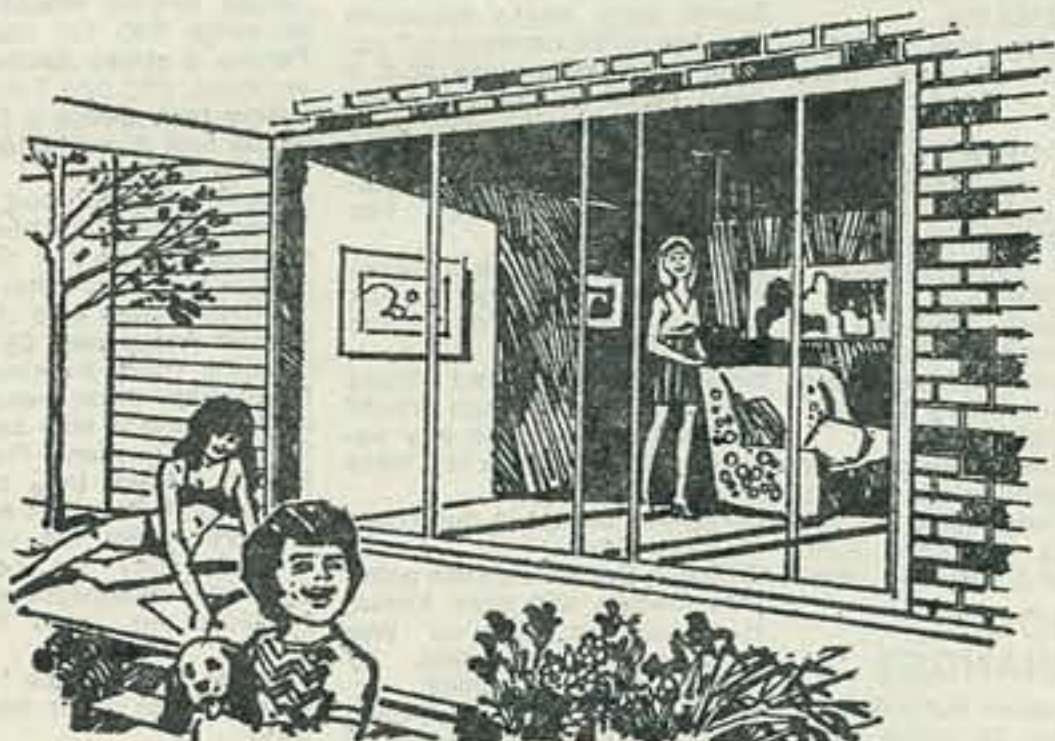
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Silver St. Christopher medalion on chain, Bousefield Cres. area, inscription on reverse. 14 Bousefield Crescent
Pair bi spectacles, Liverpool optician, Greathead Crescent area. 39 Greathead Crescent

PERSONAL

Christian gentleman, 53 years old wishes to meet respectable pleasant lady for friendship and outings. Must be unattached, only genuine replies please Box No. MM2 Newton Press.

Congratulations

HEDLEY

Congratulations Joe & Grace on your 23rd wedding anniversary, 28th March. Love from Ruth, Mel, Julie and Darren.

MARRIAGES

CAIRD — LAWSON

Feb. 21st '76 Evelyn, daughter of Mr & Mrs H. Caird, 6 Bell Walk, N/A to Robert, son of Mr & Mrs R. Lawson of Sunderland. The marriage took place at the Church of St. Mary & St. Cuthbert in Chester le-Street.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

WRIGHT

To Sue, congratulations on your 21st birthday, 21st March 1976, from Valerie & Valerie

GALLON

Congratulations Linda on your 21st birthday. Love from Mam, Dad and Gillian

GALLON

Love & best wishes Linda on your 21st birthday. From Sue, Robert, Anthony & Matthew

GALLON

Have a happy 21st birthday Linda. Lots of love from Florrie, Bert, Margaret and Michael

SEDGWICK

Congratulations Maureen on your 18th birthday, March 9th Love, health & happiness always from Mam and Dad.

SEDGWICK

Congratulations Maureen on your 18th birthday, March 9th Love and best wishes from Grandma and Uncle Edwin

GRAHAM

Congratulations Susan on your 21st birthday, March 7th. Success & happiness for the future. Lots of love from Auntie Doris & Uncle Ronnie

HOUSE EXCHANGES

From pensioners bungalow in Ushaw Moor, 2½ miles from Durham To same or ground floor flat in N/A, small house considered. 22 Priestman Rd. From 2 bedroom mod. semi, gas c/h, main road, Leeholme To similar in N/A garage if poss. 7 Lyon Walk for details From 2 bedroom, coke c/h garage nearby, Simpasture area, 5 mins. town centre To 2-3 bedroom, garage if poss. in Haughton area, Darlington pref., but any area considered Box No. MM3 Newton Press From 2 bedroom gas c/h To 2 or 3 bedroom c/h any area considered 6 Silverdale Place From 2 bedroom end house, coke c/h near town centre To 2 or 3 bedroom any area Box No. MM4 Newton Press From 2 bedroom, solid fuel, near shops, schools etc. in Slough To 3 bedroom in N/A Contact 15 Lee Green N/A From 2 bedroom corner house with coke fire To 3 bedroom with electric c/h in Horndale area 1 Markham Place

The W.M.C. Jolly Boys on their way to London for their annual outing. Photo: Steele

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Royale pram navy with mattress, sun canopy, shopping tray £12. Carrycot v.g. cond. £6 24 Hawes Place
Geynk bird cage, large cylinder type on stand plus sheets grit etc as new £4 39 Eskdale
Blue stretch covers (2 seater winged) £2. Tarpan hedge trimmer, single blade £6 182 Skipton Close
2 bridesmaids dresses, Berkertex sizes 10 & 12, fully lined turquoise blue, white flock flowers £8 ono each Tel: 4056
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CANOPUS NOTES

The branch has now got the A.G.M. well and truly tucked away, I am very pleased to say that we were graced with the presence of the Area Secretary and his good lady, also that of two of the Area Council members, Mr Trewitt and Mr Smith.

The chairman Mr E. T. Hutchinson retired after five years faithful service, and we thank him for his services during that time, and hope that we shall see him often in the branch.

After the usual formalities, the following were elected:— Pres. Mr P. Gallagher, Vice Presidents: Mr E. T. Hutchinson, Mr J. Miller, Chairman: Mr G. R. Smith, Vice Chairman Mr A. C. Dunn, Sec.: Mr J. Banks, Treas.: Mr W. Carr, Wings Officer: Mr G. W. Rowling, Committee: Messrs. R. T. Forster, F. Wells, J. S. Graham J. Elliott, W. Hindmarch, R. Colvin, R. Taylor, E. Swift.

The proposed alterations to the premises, which were on display appeared to be accepted by all concerned. After the election of Battle of Britain organiser and regional delegates, Mr I. Machell, Area Sec. made a very interesting speech and congratulated the Branch for its efforts during Wings Week etc. We increased our previous total considerably.

We extend our thanks to all members and others for their assistance during the year, it was greatly appreciated.

PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting will be held in the Great Aycliffe Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 25th March, to consider the terms on which funds which were raised after the 1939-45 War to build a memorial village hall should be transferred to the Great Aycliffe Village Hall Assoc.

As a village hall has been provided by other means, it is proposed that the money should be transferred to the present trustees of the G.A.V.H.A. to establish a fund to be known as "Great Aycliffe Village Hall Memorial Fund" and to be used for the provision, replacement and repair of buildings and equipment of the Great Aycliffe Village Hall.

Any person who contributed to the original fund, who wishes to object to the proposal is invited to write to Mr C. Fiddes, 4 South Grove, Aycliffe Village, Co. Durham, DL5 6LZ, not later than 22nd March and to attend the Public Meeting with all other interested persons.

CENTRAL COMMUNITY CLUB

Following the printing of my letter stating my wish as to forming some form of community gathering in the Vane Rd., Washington Crescent area.

With the help of the Community Dev. Officer, Mr F. Snayde for A.D.C. we now have a club known as "The Central Community Club." We meet each Tuesday around 1.15 p.m. in the Youth Centre. Anyone who wishes to meet other people, or join in the many interests we hope to share, are welcome. Children may be brought along, and age is no barrier.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Youth Leader, his assistant, and the Youth Centre committee for the help they have given too. E. Murray (Mrs)

MOBILE CINEMA

Remember folks, the next film to be shown by the Tees-side Film Theatre will be Bank Shot on Friday 26th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Re. Centre

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