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S.D.C. to kill Radio Aycliffe

NEWTON AYCLIFFE'S chance of becoming one of only five new experimental radio stations in the country looks remote, as Sedgfield District Council prepare to kill off the project.

Aycliffe was selected from a long list of towns eager to have their own radio station. It would have been an easy task to broadcast here as the town is already served by a wired network run by Rediffusion.

The ADC, who have done all the negotiating, have backed the scheme with a guarantee of £42,000. A board of directors have been appointed, staff recruited, premises and equipment earmarked.

Sedgfield have taken the attitude that we already have more amenities than the rest of the district and the other towns complain of the vast amount of money poured into Newton Aycliffe.

SDC state they have a wider view and can't see the benefit of radio for one town—instead they prefer to use existing radio such as Cleveland, Tees and Newcastle to better advantage.

But it is also apparent that certain councillors are upset that they haven't been more involved and it is possible that had the ADC been more diplomatic in their approach and courted certain local figures, who are now turning the screws, the radio would be unopposed.

Sedgfield, unfortunately, suffer in their opposition as they will be seen as jealous "spoilsports", like children who can't come to the party so force the party to be called off.

And it comes at a time when they need the best of public relations — just as they

are about to take over the housing assets in the town.

It is because of this takeover that they hold the whip hand, for when they control the houses they also control Rediffusion, and if the radio went ahead the plug could be pulled out on April 1st.

It is, therefore, unlikely that the ADC will proceed, knowing the future of the radio is insecure.

Sedgfield District Council have the power to reverse the recommendation of the committee, but it is doubtful they will disagree when they meet next week.

They will disregard the anger of Newtonians, forget the prestige the radio would bring to the district and the region and forget that they could benefit most from this extra service in communication.



**New Sport
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open,
but . . .**

The Town Council announce the opening of the New Indoor Sports Centre tonight, but the only facilities available are the bar and bowling.

The rest of the building will be completed in the next fortnight. Readers are advised to watch for notices.

An invitation to view the Centre, free of charge, is extended to all visitors this Saturday, 11th February.

Thereafter, a charge for admission will be 10p per person and half price for children.

Disco dates

A Disco will be held at the Methodist Youth Club, Neville Parade, on Friday, February 17th, and Friday, March 17th, at 8 p.m. till 12 Midnight. There's also a rumour going around that Sunday night Youth Club closes nearer 10.30 p.m. than 10 p.m.

Inter-Clubs Tribunal

The representatives of the Clubs within the Newton Aycliffe Inter-Club Tribunal wish to convey their congratulations to the members of their respective Clubs regarding the behaviour and good conduct experienced during the recent festive period. All Clubs recorded record bar takings over the holiday weeks, and were pleased to find that the incidence of misconduct was negligible. In these times we seem to hear and read about ever increasing violence and vandalism, so it is particularly encouraging to be in the position of reporting the reverse situation.

MAGPIE APPEAL

Flymo Sports and Social Club are sponsoring a Magpie appeal by running two Discos. Mr Ray Bell, owner of the Disco known as 3 plus 1, gave his services free and the response from the young people on the town was very good. It is hoped the appeal will reach £100.

HYMN SERVICE

Neville Parade Methodist Church will hold a Hymn Service at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 12th February. These services are proving to be very popular so you are invited to come along, bring your family and friends and share in the singing of some of your favourite hymns.

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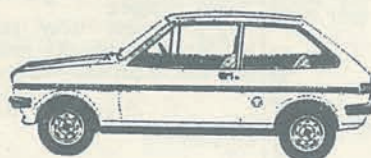
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At the first meeting various points were raised concerning welfare, environment problems and where to get help in specific situations.

The meeting was arranged to enable disabled persons to meet each other, pool ideas and grumbles, and form a single voice.

The next meeting to consider forming the steering committee will be held at Clarence Hall on Saturday, 11th February at 2 p.m. It is hoped more people will attend and bring ideas and suggestions.

A WELCOME AWAITS...

Regular social activities are held at "Whitehouse," St. Andrew's Close, Aycliffe Village (Aged People's Grouped Dwellings). A whist drive is held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and every Saturday there is a coffee morning at 10.45 a.m. and a whist drive at 7 p.m.

Services conducted by the Rev. J. Heap and the Rev. Marston, will be held on Sunday, February 19th at 3 p.m., and Sunday, March 19th at 3 p.m. A welcome awaits you.

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The Chamber of Trade held a very successful Dinner and Dance at the Eden Arms last Friday.

Guests included the Mayor and Mayoress, Coun. and Mrs J. Conlon, Mr and Mrs C. Moore (Aycliffe Industrialists) and Mr Dennis Stevenson, chairman of the ADC.

Jubilee Committee wind up

At the final meeting of the Great Aycliffe Jubilee Committee the members distributed a balance of £104.68 to two organisations.

Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association received £80 towards their Scout H.Q. fund, and the Old People's Welfare were given the remaining £24.68 for the Rest Room project.

All groups who received grant aid, with the exception of the Festival Committee,

Plans laid for Bazaar 78

Once again Newton Aycliffe is to hold its Community Bazaar. This year's date to remember is Saturday, July 1.

Last year's event, held during "Jubilee Festival Fortnight", was a great success. This time we hope it will be bigger and better. On July 1st Newton Aycliffe's town centre will become an 'Open Window', as the Community Bazaar gives all clubs and organisations the marvellous opportunity to show themselves to the public, and gives the townsfolk the chance to see what goes on locally all the year round; also the mine of talent and interest we have around us.

There will be stalls, displays and continuous open-air entertainment, in the form of dancing, exhibitions, music, etc. Something for all to come and enjoy, whether taking part or watching, and its all FREE.

Last year's theme was the

Newton Aycliffe W.I. report

The monthly meeting was held in the Teachers Centre, Sugar Hill. Despite the bad weather we had a good attendance, and after the singing of Jerusalem Mrs Meadows welcomed a new member, Mrs Young. Mrs Wise was unable to give her talk, so Mrs Meadows stepped in to give an interesting account of her trip to America.

The door prize was won by Mrs Craven. The competition, a picture of an animal made from material, was won by Mrs Blewitt. Mrs Willis came second. Mrs M. Nelson won the social time.

Why not join us next month to hear a talk on roses and join in a debate. Come along at 7 p.m. February 23rd.

Great Aycliffe Badminton Club

We extend a welcome to everyone over the age of 16 years who wish to join the first Badminton Club to be held in the New School Aycliffe Sports Complex. A Public Meeting to elect officers will be held on the 15th of February, 1978, at 7 p.m., in the School Aycliffe Sports Complex (opposite BXL works).

'Queen's Silver Jubilee', this year we would like to show the progress of the Town and its organisation since the beginning, so can all members start thinking, and let the Newtonians know on July 1st just how good you are. Last year's winner of the beautiful Community Bazaar Shield was the Women's Institute, could your ideas win this year?

If you are a secretary of any club or organisation you should soon receive an invitation and application form to take part, which can be produced at your next meeting. If it doesn't arrive please phone V. Benton, Aycliffe 313618 and it will be sent to you. Any enquiries to the same number; or J. Turner, 49 Kemble Green South.

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Photo: Sonny Steele

Aycliffe & District Rose Society

At a recent lecture held at the Oak Tree Inn, Mr Don Charlton, the lecturer, warned of the danger of Rust and Black Spot on Roses in this area.

This is the result of the clean air policy, the smoky days of old used to help keep these diseases in check. Advice on treatment can be obtained from the above Society.

Next Lecturer will be Mr Joe Shortland, N.R.S.J., from Sheffield, on Monday, 20th February, at the Oak Tree Inn. He will also judge our Summer Show.

CONTACT CALENDAR AMENDMENT

A further amendment to the Aycliffe Community Calendar is — Places of Worship: Church of Saint Andrew's, Aycliffe Village. Rev. M. Short-house. Telephone 313395.



WANTED for MURDER

Still the hunt goes on. The clues mount up and still the police don't know who killed Colonel Protheroe. What they do know is that he was gunned down in his own study (or so they tell us, but was that the way he died?).

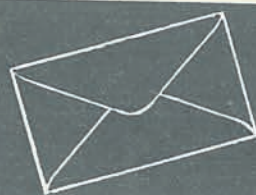
The plot thickens — what are the answers? Keep an eye on this column and the answers must be forthcoming.

There is a connection to this dastardly crime in the Town Centre! But where???



At the next meeting of the Guild there is to be a visit by members of the West Riding Branch of the National Vegetable Society who, as a panel, will answer questions on the growing of vegetables. The visitors will be Messrs J. Kerridge, J. R. Wright and E. O'Donnell (amateur gardeners), and Messrs J. Malden and H. Teal (professionals).

Guild members are asked to note the date — Monday, 13th February, in the Recreation Centre (Club Room No. 1) at 7.30 p.m.



LETTERS

Where's our private golf course?

Dear Sir,

"Tell us what you want" I This could be a regular feature in the Newton News and Newtonian.

How about some official information on what happened to the idea and plans for a private golf course on Middridge Lane. Failing that, or perhaps as a result of the information, a meeting could be held with people interested in

a private golf course in the Newton Aycliffe area.

I have played the Municipal course several times and enjoyed it, but I still think there is a need for both.

R.S.

(Name and address supplied).

ED.: Private golf course project is no longer a viable proposition. It seemed possible initially but due to the economic depression private developers lost interest.

Aycliffe — Where ideas HAVE grown

Dear Sir,

Reading an article in the Evening Despatch dated Jan. 26th about "Our Town," Newton Aycliffe, it appears that the two people concerned talk more than look.

I myself think we have a grand little town and one of the best towns in the area for sport and recreation, with fine healthy children — have you seen them coming home from school in the afternoons, big and bouncy? Have you heard of their musical talents? Have you seen them going to our Recreation Centre and the new sports centre (and soon the new fields along Greenfield Way and Williamfield)?

Too many green fields — what are they talking about? As for the Town Centre, we have all we need. We could do with a few more shops around the outside of the town such as chemists shops, rather than the new Boots store at present being built.

The Recreation Centre has a large and varied programme for the benefit of people of all ages, and Newton Aycliffe certainly does its best to look after the older generation.

Perhaps the slogan 'Aycliffe — Where Ideas Grow' should now read 'Where Ideas Have Grown'. Our town is still expanding and in the future we can look forward to even more amenities and entertainments.

Yours sincerely,
A. S. Crane,
167 Tindale Green.

Meditate and be at peace

The exhibition on Transcendental Meditation, with its photographs and letters of endorsement from local meditators, together with cartoons showing how NOT to do T.M., caused much interest in the public library before Christmas. For people who would like to find out more about this simple mental technique, there will be an introductory talk on T.M. on Wednesday, 22nd February, at 7.30 p.m., at the Recreation Centre.

T.M., as taught by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, has gained much popularity in recent years following the worldwide scientific research which showed that when people meditate, the body gains a very deep state of rest (deeper than sleep), while the mind remains alert. Doctors found that this relaxing experience counteracts stress and brings the quality of invincibility in a person's life. Meditators showed great resistance to disease, anxiety, depression, insomnia and other stress-related complaints.

Now, the North-East T.M. Association sees this technique of meditation as a way to fight problems of crime and apathy in the local community by a few individuals creating an influence of harmony and progress through practising the T.M. technique.

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Avenue School news...

All twelve Comprehensive Schools in South-West Durham competed in the Area Cross-country Championships at Barnard Castle Public School on Saturday, January 21st.

With their great tradition in cross-country running and the championships being held on their 3 miles course, Barnard Castle School started as clear favourites in the Junior Boys Race (1st, 2nd and 3rd years) yet they could finish only 3rd with 142 points, Staindrop Comprehensive School were 2nd with 134 points and The Avenue were clear cut winners with only 72 points.

All 8 Avenue runners (although only six counted) finished in the first 30. Peter Timoney was the individual winner (3rd year), Tony Young (2nd year) was 3rd; Anthony Higgins 7th, Craig Brown 16th, Duncan Macmillan 22nd, Laurie Brown 23rd, Michael Greenwood 25th and Kevin Pickering 30th.

Timoney, Young and Higgins represent the area in the County Championships on Saturday, 4th February, at Rowlands Gill.

Michael Wild, 3rd, and Gavin Henderson, 4th, in the Senior Boys Race, will also

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CONGRATULATIONS

DOUHAITE. — Congratulations, Carl, on your 2nd birthday. Love always, from nanna, grandad and aunty Jacky.

HELP THE AGED

A collection of good clothing and blankets will be made on 14th and 15th February, and the following churches will be open to receive clothing and donations: Neville Parade Methodist (Fellowship Room) — each day from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. St. Clare's C.E., each day from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Burnhill Way Methodist — each day from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

COMING OF AGE

DOUHAITE. — Congratulations and best wishes, Kathy, on your 21st birthday. Love from mam and dad and Jacky.

DOUHAITE. — Congratulations, Kathy, on your 21st birthday, Feb. 15th. Love and best wishes from John and baby Carl.

SILVER WEDDING

CURRINGTON-CARTER. — Congratulations and many more happy years together, to Derek and Gillian, on February 14th. Fondest love, mam, dad, Joy, Martin and Emma.

LOST & FOUND

LOST — Grey and white long hair cat, Siamese features. Answers to Smokey. Please return to 13 Lilburne Crescent, Newton Aycliffe.

PUBLIC NOTICES

JUMBLE SALE. On February 24th at 6.30 p.m. in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Shafto Way.

MODERATE BADMINTON player, 45, seeks regular weekly game with another. Please phone Aycliffe 315418 after 5.30 p.m.

GERMAN. Additional coaching for 'O' and 'A' level students. Phone 312494 weekends.

CONCERT to be given by 'Newton Singers' at Burnhill Way Methodist Church on Saturday, 25th February at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, price 30p adults and 20p senior citizens and children, available from members or Mr L. Bell, Tel. 313038. Proceeds for Church Building Fund.

AUCTION SALE. Please help us to make this year's Auction the most successful to date by providing us with items of furniture, etc., which are no longer needed by you. The sale will be held at Neville Parade Methodist Church on 4th March at 10 a.m., viewing at 9 a.m. Ring Keith Nelson, 314703, or Rev. Alan Coustick, 313188, to arrange collection. Proceeds to Burnhill Church Building Fund.

JUMBLE SALE at Neville Parade Church, Saturday, 18th February, at 10 a.m. Coffee, cakes. Proceeds for 1st Newton Aycliffe Boys Brigade.

JUMBLE SALE on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 2.30 p.m. in Clarence Hall, Finchale Road. In aid of local charities. Jumble wanted. 17 Watson Road, or Aycliffe 314185 any evening after 6 p.m.

WANTED

COAL BUNKER (any size). Phone Sedgfield 21360.

RECORD PLAYER for use in bedroom. 66 Arncliffe Place, Burnhill Estate.

2 SMALL CALOR GAS BOTTLES for caravan. Also Calor Gas fire for caravan. Price and particulars to Grace, Aycliffe 314011. 18 Marley Road.

SMALL FOLDAWAY PUSHCHAIR, in fairly good condition. Contact Mrs A. Coates, Aycliffe 315317, mornings and evenings.

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FROM 3-Bedroom House, Gas C.H. (radiators) Agnew 1 Estate; To 3-Bedroom House near Iron Horse. 143 Brockett Close.

FROM 3-Bedroom House, Leeds, to 3-Bedroom House Newton Aycliffe, Greenfield area. Box BF1, Newton Press Shop, Town Centre.

FROM 2-Bedroomed Coke C.H., Defoe Crescent area, to 3-Bedroomed, old part of town preferred but any considered. 4 Epsin Walk.

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ARTICLES FOR SALE

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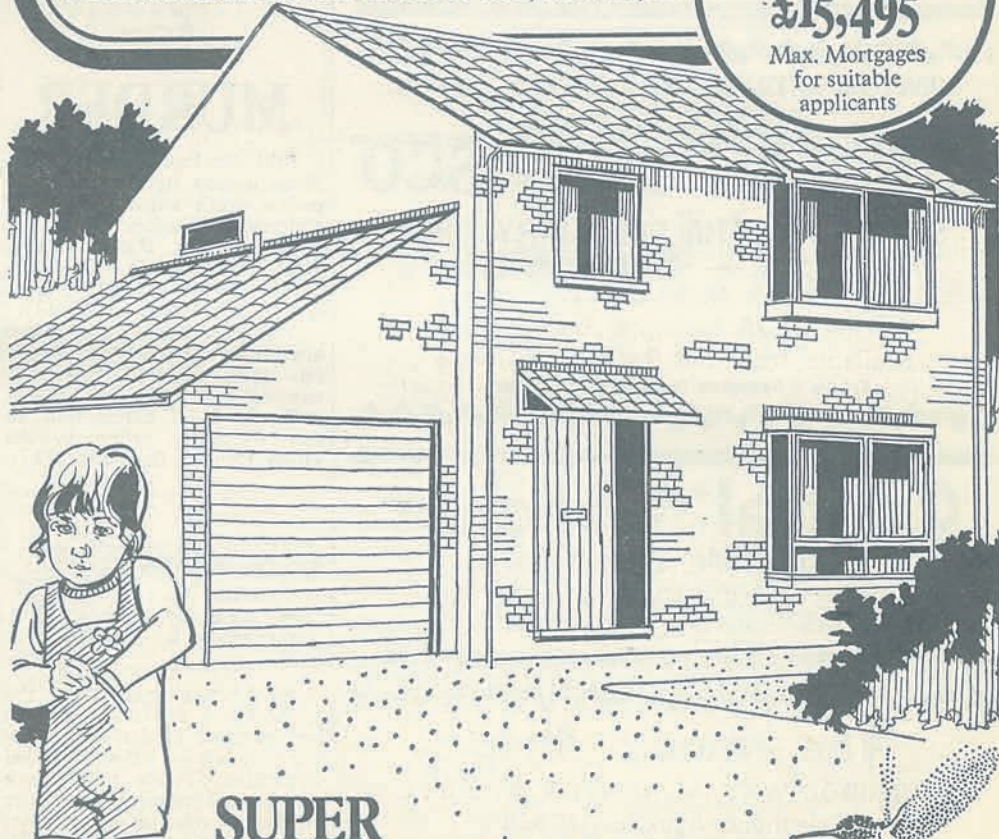
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