

# NEWTON NEWS and Newtonian

FRIDAY, 14th JULY, 1978

## NAME WANTED

The Town Council are having difficulty finding a name for their new Sports Complex at School Aycliffe.

Schools were invited to suggest names, but those put forward were considered unsuitable.

Newton News readers are welcome to send in any ideas they may have to: Great Aycliffe Town Council, 7 Upper Beveridge Way.

## Scout bookstall

The Bookstall on Saturday, 8th July, raised £29.70 for the new headquarters for Aycliffe Scouts. If you missed this, come along to our next one on Saturday, 19th August, or if you wish to donate some paperbacks please ring Delia Stout, Aycliffe 314205.

## SHOP PRICES DIFFER

At a recent Council meeting Alan Meale complained about the difference in prices between shops on the outskirts of the town and those at the town centre.

He stated that residents were paying too much for their general supplies.

## ESKIMO'S FREEDOM

The New Town will confer the freedom of Newton Aycliffe to the crew of her adopted ship, HMS Eskimo, on their next visit.

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# "Hands off Newton Aycliffe"

... warns Derek Foster

NEWTON AYCLIFFE'S Prospective Parliamentary Labour candidate said this week: "Aycliffe's industrial development is the jewel in the constituency's crown."

"The Development Corporation, Sedgefield District Council and the Aycliffe Town Council are to be warmly congratulated for their success in attracting industry to the town over the years," says Mr Foster.

"Durham County Council's planners are wrong in attempting to stifle the New Town's growth. There is no evidence that Newton Aycliffe's success is causing the eastward drift of population from the Dales."

"On the contrary, the blame lies with the County and the Wear Valley District for failing to attract development to Bishop Auckland and West Auckland."

"Too little industrial land has been allocated, and amounts spent on preparing and servicing sites have been inadequate."

"The local authorities have missed golden opportunities of substantial Department of Industry investments in advance and nursery factories. Bishop Auckland and West Auckland, wedged between the A1(M) and A68, with foresight, could be one of the prime industrial and commercial locations in the North, bringing prosperity to the whole of South West Durham, including the Dales."

Mr Foster believes the scheme was first suggested in

the Northern Region Strategy Team's draft report, and as a past chairman of the North of England Development Council Mr Foster has today discussed the scheme's feasibility with John Hobbs, NEDC's director.

"Where there is no vision the people perish," quotes Mr Foster. "Prosperity will only come with vision, energy and the political will. The County and the District should take a leaf out of Newton Aycliffe's book," says Mr Foster, and "don't kill the goose, its laying a golden egg."

## Peterlee growth good news

It must be good news for Aycliffe that the Government has decided Peterlee should expand.

Our sister new town was due to wind up well before Newton Aycliffe as it reached its original target.

The news flies in the face of County Council proposals to keep back the growth of the new towns.

It may mean now that Aycliffe can expect to carry on its expansion unhindered because Peterlee's new target is based on the success both towns have enjoyed in attracting industry.

## Mini Sale success

The sale held at St. Clare's Church last week gave a preliminary boost to the Annual November Sale of Work fund. Damp weather did not deter patrons, who bought goods to the value of £175.

## Unclaimed prize

The Lawnmower raffled on Carnival Day in aid of the new headquarters for Aycliffe Scouts has not yet been claimed. If you have Pink 358 please ring Delia Stout, Aycliffe 314205. If it has not been claimed by 8th August it will be re-raffled at a later date.

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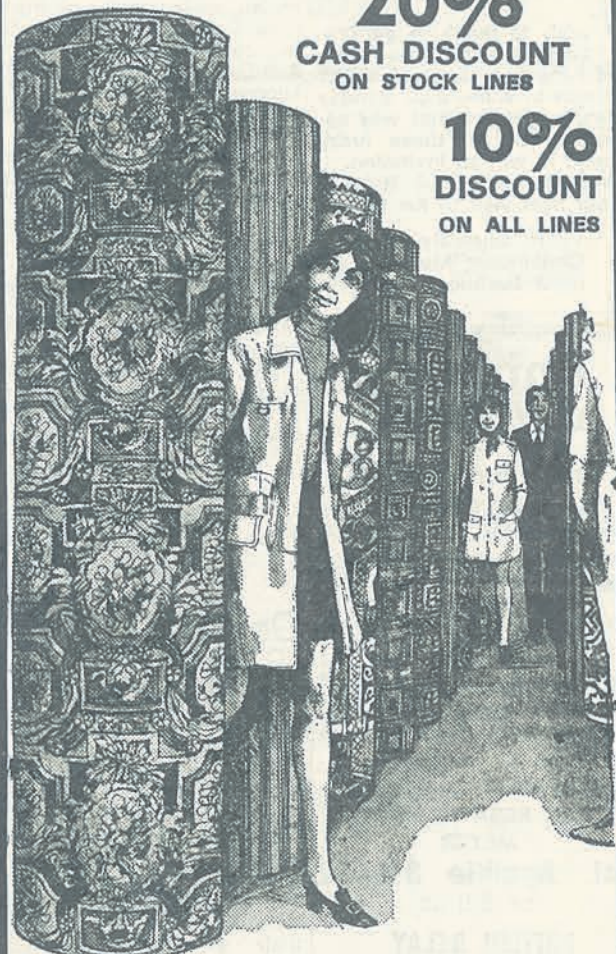
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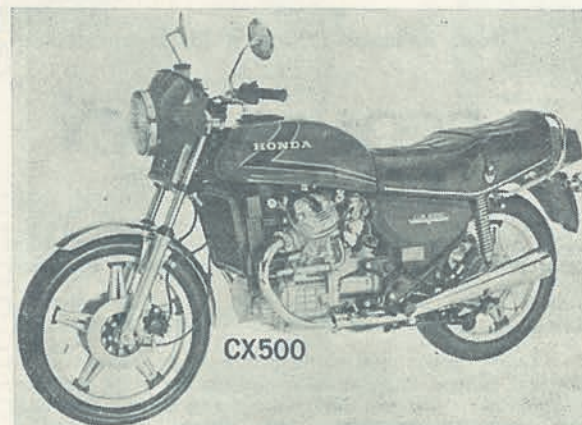
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## LETTERS

Thank you from  
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Dear Sir,

I would be most grateful if you would pass on through your paper my thanks and appreciation to all the citizens of Newton Aycliffe who made my ship's company and myself so welcome during our recent visit.

I wish to thank in particular those people who were kind enough to invite some of my men to share their Sunday lunch, a gesture that was appreciated by all those lucky enough to win an invitation.

We all much look forward to our next visit to the town.

Yours sincerely,  
Christopher Morgan  
HMS Eskimo.

Dear Sir,

As the former secretary of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of NALGO, I wish to express the appreciation of members and former members at the leading article in the last Newtonian, which included thanks from Coun. Brian Stevens for the co-operation given by all A.D.C. staff leading to the successful transfer of housing and related assets to the District Council.

Many of the staff who transferred to the District Council had worked for the Corporation for a number of years (one was actually within six weeks of 30 years) and a word of thanks from chairman Denis Stephenson, or Managing Director Philipson, would have been welcomed. They, however, failed lamentably to implement what could have been a first class staff relations exercise.

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Mrs Ann Tohey  
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Director of Administration & Finance

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## CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Situated off Scholar's Path in Horndale, St. Francis School is well known to those whose children attend it. What many folk don't realise is that it's a Church of England school and forms part of the work of St. Clare's Parish in that area of the town. As well as being a school, the building is used regularly for worship. On Sundays there is a Family Communion at 9.30 a.m., and a Sunday School meets at the same time. Other weekly activities are organised, including Cubs, Brownies and Guides.

The Church, based at St. Francis School, is there to serve the people living in the Horndale, Williamfield and Burnhill areas. As part of the development of our work there, from 26th July there will be a priest at the school every Wednesday evening between 7.00 and 7.30 p.m., to make arrangements for baptisms and weddings, and to deal with general enquiries. Alternatively, one of the clergy will be available at St. Clare's every Tuesday evening between 6.00 and 7.00 p.m. For further information concerning St. Francis Church please contact the Rev. John Tidy, 11 Bowes Road, tel. 312033, in the first instance, or any of the St. Clare's clergy.

### WOODHAM COMP SUCCESSFUL IN SWIMMING COMPETITION

On Thursday, 29th June, Woodham Comprehensive School swimmers competed in the area finals of the English Schools Relay championships. This event includes all schools in Northumberland, Durham and Cumbria.

There were 24 schools competing and Woodham did extremely well, finishing with 2 firsts, 5 seconds, 1 third and 4 fifths. The junior boys won 2 cups for first places in the freestyle and medley relays. The intermediate boys had two very close seconds and the junior girls a second and a third. The senior girls had two seconds. Woodham were the only school in the area to enter teams for all twelve events.

Depending on results from other parts of the country the best performers will probably be invited to compete in the National Finals to be held at Lincoln in October.

### BAZAAR FLOP

What has happened to the Community Bazaar? It may have been the weather, but very few stalls were in evidence this year.

Some believe the committee is off course in its administration of this event.

One of the rules putting organisations off is the fact that no money must change hands.

This prohibits raffles, cake stalls, games, etc. usually associated with community events such as this.

The committee do not allow organisations to raise funds, yet did permit a double glazing firm to set up a stall. Surely a contradiction of principles here!

## Scouts H.Q. nears completion

The new Scout headquarters being built at Bluebell Way for £45,000 is almost ready to be handed over to the Scout Supporters Association.

NASSA are trying to beat the builders in their fund raising and are at the moment getting the last £1,000 with a grand raffle. First prize is a £200 motor cycle and £150 worth of goods for 2nd and 3rd places. All prizes were donated by John Hardy's garage to promote their new garage extension and appointment as Honda agent.

NASSA were in the town Centre last weekend selling tickets and were encouraged by the generous response.

The book stall was equally successful and thanks are re-

corded to all those who gave and bought. Please continue to give books. Leave them at Newton Press Shop or ring Mrs Stout for collection, Aycliffe 314025.

### Guides say goodbye to Mrs. Hayzen

Newton Aycliffe Guiders said goodbye last night to their Division Commissioner Mrs Jean Hayzen, who is leaving the town shortly.

Mrs Hazen came into Guiding sixteen years ago when she first came to the town to live.

During that time she has worked with all ages — Brownies, Guides and Rangers — and been loved and respected by them all.

On top of all these duties Mrs Hayzen was chosen to lead the Guiders of Newton Aycliffe as their District Commissioner and very recently steered Newton Aycliffe through an important step in Guiding when we were given Division status. Mrs Hayzen was then chosen to be the Division Commissioner.

Everyone in Guiding in Newton Aycliffe and Darlington has great admiration for the work done over the past sixteen years by Mrs Hayzen and are sad to see her go.

### Station footpaths

Footpaths to help the elderly and disabled to use Aycliffe station are to be provided by Great Aycliffe Town Council and Aycliffe Development Corporation.

The two authorities are contributing a total of £9,000 for the paths to link the two station platforms and necessary street lighting.

At present only a pedestrian bridge — impossible to use in a wheelchair — links the platforms.

Aycliffe station was opened in December to provide a link with Bishop Auckland and the main line station at Darlington. Regular bus and rail "shopper" services are run from Aycliffe to Darlington.

## BOWLS TOURNAMENT

Newton Aycliffe Bowls Club proposes to hold a special tournament at St. Oswald's Park. It will be exclusive to new members, both sexes, aged 14 and over.

The secretary would like to hear from anyone interested, also from beginners who would like tuition in the game of bowls, arrangements will be made for some of the club's experienced players to give guidance.

Contact Mr J. Algar, 98 Beechfield, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. Tel. 313193.

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# NEWS FROM THE AYCLIFFE AREA

## INDOOR BOWLS

Great Aycliffe Indoor Bowls Club have lost the services of their first Secretary. At a recent committee meeting Mr C. Wormald tendered his resignation as he was leaving the town for an appointment in Shropshire.

The Committee appointed a temporary secretary, and an extraordinary general meeting will be held in the bar lounge of the School Aycliffe Sports Complex on Sunday, July 30, at 10.30 a.m. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

The agenda will be: 1, the appointment of secretary; 2, filling of committee places (2 ladies and 2 men).

## JUMBLE SALE

The One Parent Friendship Group are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday, July 22nd, at 2 p.m. in St. Clare's Church Hall, Cake Stall, Tombola, Nearly New Stall, coffee, tea and orange drinks will be available.

Any jumble and bric-a-brac will be very acceptable. Holding point 24 Shafto Way, after 4.30 p.m.

We wish to thank all who have previously donated and contributed to our earlier sales and hope to make this one as successful.

## FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

The Festival Committee would like to thank all our many sponsors and all people who helped in any way for the great work which made the Festival such a great success and for helping us to overcome the many unnecessary obstacles we had to face.

We have had several letters from people who spent quite a lot of time and money on floats not being able to park on Simpature as we have done in the past.

We would like to state that this was in no way due to the Festival Committee or the police. Aycliffe Town Council would not allow vehicles on the field.

A detailed account of the Festival will be published in the next edition of the Newton News.

## SPARKS HAT-TRICK

The town branch of Sparks have won 1st prize for the third year running in a national bread promotion.

The manageress and staff wish to thank all customers for their support.

Mrs Medford was delighted with the result which she claims is due to her excellent staff and their teamwork.

## SUCCESSFUL PUPILS

Newton Aycliffe pupils recently successful in their elocution lessons were: Christopher Mattison, junior preliminary, distinction; Dawn Walters, grade 1, pass; Debbie Wise, grade 3, pass; Amanda Batchelor, elementary acting, distinction; Leslea Batchelor, elementary acting, distinction.

Poetry Society: Angela Norris, junior advanced cert., pass; Theresa Hood, intermediate cert., credit.

Classes held each Thursday evening in Over 60 Club, Neville Parade.

## BRITAIN IN BLOOM

The Newton Aycliffe area poster competition "Britain in Bloom" winners were all 2nd year pupils at The Avenue.

First place went to Kirsten Blakey; second was Lorraine Turner; and third Julie Dodd. The winners all received cash prizes. Kirsten's poster will now go to the regional competition at Newcastle.

## FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC

Two choristers from St. Clare's have revived the festival of Sacred Music which was once a popular annual event.

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## AVENUE TOPS AGAIN

Michael Wild realised an ambition last weekend when he represented the County in the Intermediate Boys 800m at the Schools National Athletic Championships at Chesterfield. Twice, in the last few years, Michael has represented the County in the schools National Cross-country championships, but he has always missed out on the National Athletic Championships by 1 second, or by finishing second in the Durham County Championships. His time of 2 mins. 0 sec. a fortnight ago at Carlisle in a County fixture against Northumberland and Cumbria ensured that this year Michael received his just reward.

## TRADITION

Michael Wild is a product of the fine tradition built up by The Avenue Comprehensive School on the athletics track. Last year he was a member of the school four-man team that won the Schools Relay competition at the Gateshead Games.

Although beaten in the County semi-final in this competition this year, The Avenue have again had a highly successful season. Almost half of the S.W. Durham Area Boys' team at the County Championships were from The Avenue. Mark Jones and Michael Wild won their events.

In the Boys' Area Inter-School Athletic Championship the school won by 30 points from St. Johns and Woodham.

## LEAGUE WINNERS

The 13's boys athletics team has won the Bishop Auckland Area Athletic Lge. for the fourth year running, and as yet have not lost a match. Last Saturday the school won the Boys Shield and the overall Shield at the championships organised as part of the Willington Carnival.

Promising athletes in the school besides Michael Wild, are Derek Wood, Shaun Carr, Kevin Carr, Peter Timoney, Craig Brown, David Knight, Anthony Higgins, Paul McKenna, Kevin Pickering, Nigel Blenkinsopp, David Watson, Tony Young, Stephen Wild, Richard Heaven, Jeff Riley, Chris Tarling and Keith Wade.

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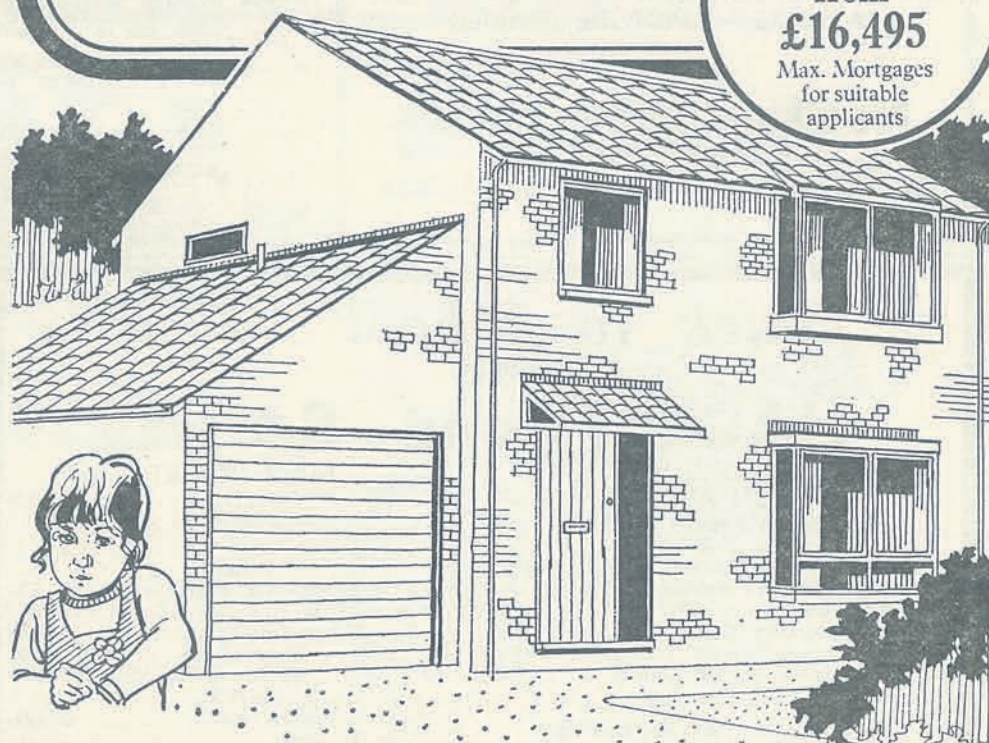
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## ENGAGEMENTS

**BURN-HARRINGTON** — Mr and Mrs Burn, 41 Lilburne Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest son, Tony, to Diane, second eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Harrington, Crawford Road, Newton Aycliffe. Congratulations and best wishes, mam and dad.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**BROWN-CHADWICK** — Congratulations, Carole and Colin, on your engagement. Best wishes for the future. Mam, dad, Malcolm and Susan.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

**RICHARDSON** — Congratulations, Caroline, on your 18th birthday, July 19th. Good luck. All our love and kisses. From mam, dad and Nicola.

**RICHARDSON** — Congratulations, Caroline, on your 18th birthday. All my love, Dave.

**RICHARDSON** — Congratulations and happiness on your 18th birthday, Caroline. Love from nanna.

**RICHARDSON** — All the best of good luck on your birthday, July 19th. Love and kisses to you, Caroline, from Bev and Roger.

**GLENDINNING** — Happy birthday, Elizabeth. Love from Alan, Donna and Dawn.

**LENNY** — Congratulations, Ann (Lenny), on your 18th birthday, 27th July. Love and best wishes from mam, David and Elaine.

**WOODWARD** — Best wishes on your 18th birthday, Dawn, from mam, dad, Mark, Graham and Karen.

**HINDMARCH** — Happy 18th birthday Kaye. Lots of love from Brian.

**HINDMARCH** — Congratulations, Kaye. Happiness always, Agnes, Brian, Stephen, John, Emma.

## THANKS

**BRITISH RED CROSS** — The organiser and members wish to thank all who gave so generously during the recent collection in Newton Aycliffe. The following amounts were collected: House to House £87.56, Street collection £30.44.

**NEWTON AYCLIFFE CHRYSANTH** and Dahlia Society would like to thank most sincerely all tradespeople in Newton Aycliffe for giving prizes to the raffle they recently ran. Also to thank everyone for buying tickets. New members are very welcome, the next meeting is on August 9th at the Southern Club, 7.30 p.m.

**CHADWICK-BROWN** — Colin and Carole would like to say thank you to all their friends and relations who came to their engagement party on June 29th, and for all of the lovely presents they received. Thanks especially to mam and dad Chadwick and mam and dad Brown for everything.

## SILVER WEDDING

**CARR** — Congratulations, mam and dad, on your Silver Wedding anniversary, July 11th. Love and best wishes from all the family.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MORS FORTUNE** and family, of No. 9 Crewe Road, Newton Aycliffe, wish to thank doctor, vicar, curate, ambulance men and Christopher Thompson, also relatives, friends and neighbours, for cards and letters of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**JUMBLE SALE**, in St. Clare's Hall, on Saturday, 15th July, at 10 p.m. In aid of Scout H.Q.

**CAR WELDING AND REPAIRS.** Also Bicycles repaired. 10 St. Aidans Walk.

**LIFT WANTED**, Newton Aycliffe to Middlesbrough, to arrive M'bro at 8.30 a.m. and depart 5.0 p.m. Tel. Aycliffe 312923 after 5.30.

## PETS

**MANCHESTER TERRIER CROSS.** Free to good home, 10 weeks old. Tel. Gainford 683.

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## LOST & FOUND

**FOUND.** Blue Budgerigar. Contact 27 Skirlaw Road, telephone 317161, after 4.30 p.m.

**LOST.** Pair of child's metal frame glasses. Return c/o Newton Press Shop, Town Centre.

**LOST.** One pair Spectacles, blue/grey frame. Also Club wallet, between Southern Club and Stephenson Way. If found please return to 2 Lyons Walk.

## WANTED

**YOU WANT EXTRA CASH.** I want medals of all kinds, especially war and campaign medals with all named bars. Call 17 Church Close or phone 312967.

**SINGLE FOLD-UP BED.** 10 Carr Place.

**CYCLE** to suit 7-9 year old boy. 176 Pennine Walk.

**PIANO**, in good condition, please state price. 2 Lyons Walk.

## CARS FOR SALE

**1970 MINI VAN.** Taxed October '78, tested February '79, new rear sub frame and 2 new tyres. £120. Tel. Darlington 56423 after 6 p.m., and at weekends.

**1974 M reg. FIAT 127.** 10 months M.O.T., only 27,000 miles. £850 o.n.o. Tel. Stillington 704 evenings after 6 p.m.

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**VICTOR 101 SPARES.** Carburettor, distributor, cylinder head (complete), coil, regulator, steering wheel, etc. Also repair manual. £10 the lot. 187 Rowan Place.

**1964 HILLMAN MINX.** Spares or repair. All complete. £20 o.n.o. 187 Rowan Place.

**1970 (J) CAPRI 3000 GT XLR.** Tested December '78. Excellent condition for year. £695. Tel. Aycliffe 315072 after 6 p.m.

**YAMAHA 75 c.c. MOPED.** '76. £145. Apply 5 High Barn Road, School Aycliffe, Tel. 314432.

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**FROM** 4 Bedroom, Agnew One, phone, gas, radiators, full Central Heating, to 3 of 4 Bedroom, Aycliffe Village, Heighington, or any place considered. Please reply Box No. BJ1, Newton Press Shop, Town Centre.

## ARTICLES FOR SALE

**17in. BLACK AND WHITE T.V.** For sale or swap for Portable, own stand. 24 Jackson Place after 5 p.m.

**DRAW-LEAF DINING TABLE.** £3.50. 84 Gilpin Court.

**GAS FRIDGE.** £10. 3-Piece Suite, Mustard, fur fabric, wood arms. £30. Twin Tub Washing Machine, good working order, £30. 49 Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland (opposite Swimming Baths).

**ELECTROSTATIC FLOCK GUN.** Covers anything with a velvet finish. Suitable for odd-job man, painter and decorator. Will sell £75 o.n.o. Tel. Durham 63318.

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**3-PIECE SUITE in Black Vinyl.** wood frame. £35 o.n.o. Brass covered extending fender and fire screen, in good order. Offers. Tel. Aycliffe 316205.

**BROWN WALL UNIT.** good condition. £30 o.n.o. 25 Hartley Road.

**BRITAX CAR SAFETY SEAT.** £10. Norwegian Car Safety Seat with own head rest, £10. Milton Sterilizer unit, 4 glass bottles, 4 plastic bottles. Mothercare push chair with cape, £5. 102 Honister Place.

**BRIDESMAIDS DRESS.** lemon, size 12. £4. Dolls Pram, coach built. £3. Large Scooter, £2. 38 Stanfield Road.

**CARPET.** hallway, staircase and landing, 3 months old, £23. Also Chest of Drawers, oak wood, four drawers, very good condition, £13. Apply after 4.30 p.m. 293 Hedley Close.

**3-PIECE SUITE.** 2-Seater, winged, Moquette, with two sets stretch covers. Gold and Fawn, £25 o.n.o. 17 Beechfield. Tel. 314380.

**HIGH CHAIR.** one year old, perfect cond. £10. Tel. 317408.

**FLAT BACKED MANDOLIN.** hardly used, as new, £35. Tel. Aycliffe 316703 after 5 p.m.

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**EKO JUMBO-SIZE ACOUSTIC** Guitar, unwanted gift, £65 o.n.o. Tel. 317607.

**STEREO RADIOGRAM.** £30. Zenta Electric Guitar, £25. Tandem style twin pushchair, very good condition. £15. 85 Honister Place. Tel. Aycliffe 317489.

**CHEST FREEZER.** 14 cu. ft., £70 o.n.o. Tel. Aycliffe 317338.

**TEAK VENEER SIDEBOARD.** 6ft., modern. 5 Van Mildert Road.

**ULTRA 20in. BLACK & WHITE T.V.** White case with steel swing pedestal stand, £10. 5 Van Mildert Road.

**SELECTION OF GIRLS CLOTHES.** 3 to 4 years of age, including winter coat, blazer, dresses, etc. £8. Tel. 314500.

**HOOVER WASHER.** electrical wringer, £35 o.n.o. Hoover Spin-rinse, £35 o.n.o. 4-man Frame Tent, brand new, £60. Car roof rack, brand new, £3. Tel. 317799.

**BATTERY CHARGER.** never used, £8. 18 Swan Walk after 5 p.m.

**4-SEATER BED SETTEE** with storage space, and two arm chairs, all with stretch covers, £15. Buyer collects. 16 Stephenson Way.

**3-PIECE 3-SEATER SETTEE.** Brown with orange cushions, £20. Child's sit in Rocker, suit up to 3 years. £5. Tel. 313543.

**QUALCAST 12in.** Electric Panther Lawnmower with grassbox and cable, £25. 21 Bakewell Place, Agnew One.

**CRASH HELMET.** Black, full face, as new, £15 o.n.o. Aycliffe 314244.

## SITUATIONS WANTED

**GRAPHICS STUDENT** requires work during summer vacation. Anything considered. 19 Hawkshead Place.

# RAG TRADE SUCCESS FOR AYCLIFFE

**PURE SILK DRESSES** selling at £300 each, wholesale, in their thousands, with the machinists earning around £70 a week. That's the rag trade — Runpoint style.

In just five weeks Arnold Leigh, managing director of the new company in Aycliffe, County Durham, is showing that the clothing industry in the north east is by no means dead but, for him at least, is riding on the crest of a wave.

And to the man whose guiding motto in life is "I have to prove I am better than anyone else," jetting to India to buy the material he needs for his high fashion dresses and to the U.S.A. to sell the finished products is all in a week's work.

Arnold Leigh, at 53, is a man with a lifetime in the clothing business, having worked with many well known fashion houses, including Rayback, Schubette, Alanari of New York and Ossie Clark (Radley). A consultant who specialises in setting up clothing factories for other people his decision to open his own factory was made almost on the spur of the moment.

## BRIGHT IDEA

"I had kept my house in Aycliffe as a weekend cottage from the time I set up the Ferryhill Manufacturing Company and was driving up from London at Easter with my wife," said Mr Leigh. "She noticed a funny smile on my face and knew there was something up."

"By the time I got to Scotch Corner I had it all worked out. I wanted to start my own factory in Aycliffe."

He looked into the Aycliffe Development Corporation offices to see about getting an advance unit and by the end of May was starting production in a new 3,800 square feet factory.

His 35 staff, some experienced, some from men's clothing factories in the area which have closed down, and most being trained, are now turning out 1,000 garments a week — about half of what they will achieve when Runpoint go into full production. Output is a mixture of cutting and making up specific orders for British companies and manufacturing their own design dresses.

## £70 A WEEK

"Staff are relatively easy to get in this area. I pay London rates — a guaranteed £40 for a 38 hour week while training and then onto a piece-work rate when £60 to £70 a week is easy to achieve, so I can afford to be selective about who I employ," said Mr Leigh. "We also have a profit sharing scheme and 7½ per cent goes to the employees."

"Orders are also easy to get. Suppliers welcome not having to go outside Britain to get the quality garments they need. Our own designs are sold in the States. Currently we are producing

British clothing manufacturers, especially in the north east, have had to close?

"It's a fact of life that the British are buying fewer suits, and many of the manufacturers have become too big to adapt, so they close," said Mr Leigh. "In the garment business it's the small and efficient companies that can change as fashion and trends change."

With this in mind Mr Leigh's target is 100 employees, although he does intend to concentrate on the high fashion overseas markets with exhibitions planned for Paris and Milan next year.

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## "ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES"

Rev. Granville Gibson, in his newsletter this week, draws attention to certain problems in Newton Aycliffe which the Church could help to solve.

He is concerned that people in trouble do not turn to the church for help, believing the congregation to be too respectable to be bothered about such people who are affected by loneliness, unemployment, depression and drugtaking.

"The sleeves of church people must be rolled up and our hands soiled with the reality of the world outside the church," said Rev. Gibson.

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