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1. TODAY AND ALL NEXT WEEK
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Sun. 5.10, 8.05. W'days 5.10, 8.05.
Mon., Wed. and Sat. 2.15.
THE ANNA CONTRACT (AA)
Sun. 4.15, 7.05. W'days 4.15, 7.05.
Mon., Wed. and Sat. 1.20.

Finishes Saturday
2. THE HOTTEST SHOW IN TOWN (X)
Commencing SUNDAY FOR 7 DAYS
CONFESSIONS OF A YOUNG AMERICAN HOUSEWIFE (X)
Sun. 5.45, 8.45. W'days 5.45, 8.45.
Mon., Wed. and Sat. 2.50.
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Sun. 4.05, 7.05. W'days 4.05, 7.05.
Mon., Wed. and Sat. 1.10.

ALL PROGRAMMES FINISH AT 10.00 p.m.

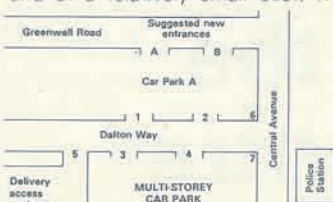
A YEAR HAS passed since Fine Fare Superstore and the multi-storey car park opened in the town centre.

It was obvious from the outset that there was a serious error in planning with regard to traffic flow in the Dalton Way area and the number of entrances to car parks.

Despite casualties, accidents and the traffic chaos at peak times, nothing has been done to improve the situation.

As this newspaper pointed out, the build-up of traffic is inevitable with seven vehicle openings in a roadway approximately 50 yards long.

And as we have also pointed out, the problem could be eased and at a relatively small cost. It



would be a simple job to close entrances 1 and 2 and open new ones on Greenwell Road (see drawing).

We believe this would cut out most of the problems, as it appears the users of this car park cause the trouble.

Apparently Durham County Council have the matter in hand

and are responsible for any delay in rectifying this road hazard. It is incredible they should have allowed it in the first place.

They are usually quite particular and we often hear of private individual requests for planning permission for single entrances being refused.

Our Town Council are to discuss the problem with the Aycliffe Development Corporation at a liaison meeting to be held soon.

It has taken some time for them to act, but better late than never. Perhaps we can now hope for the

local road safety committee and the police to recognise the urgent need for action to remedy this farcial situation.

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A.D.C. REQUIRE MORE DEVELOPMENT LAND

More land to meet the needs of industry is being sought by Aycliffe Development Corpora-

tion. A submission for 64 acres of land — fully supported by Durham County Council and Sedgfield

District Council — has been made by the Corporation to the Department of the Environment.

Aycliffe Corporation has, despite the economic recession, been so successful in attracting industry that it is fast running out of development land.

In the last year alone 18 new companies have come to the town with an increase of 320,000 square feet of factory space and a net gain of 640 jobs.

Now only 17 acres of land remains for new development, just a few months supply for sites and factories.

150 year lease

The application is for a 64 acre site on Heighington Lane to the south of Aycliffe's Industrial Estate. Durham County Council and Sedgfield District Council, who own the land, have agreed to lease a 30 acre part of this site to the Corporation for 150 years. The remainder would be retained with consideration given to its release to the Corporation as industrial demand dictates.

Included in the 30 acres is the Aycliffe Stock Car Stadium. The Corporation has given the two authorities an assurance that this area will be the last to be developed and will not be taken until it is necessary for industrial need.

It is anticipated that the 30 acre site will meet the Corporation's needs for about one and a half years and could cater for more than 700,000 square feet of factory space.

Consultations on the proposed extension will now be held between the Department of the Environment, local authorities and other Government Departments. The extension area could be granted by Spring 1981.

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25 HURWORTH HUNT, THE CHASE — One of the larger types of 3-Bedroom Semi-Detached Houses built on this popular estate about three years ago. The property is in nice order with full Central Heating and a pleasant site, at the head of a quiet cul-de-sac. Schools and other amenities are readily available and this excellent modern home should continue to appreciate in value. Comprising: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom with W.C., Living Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom with coloured suite. Side attached Garage and pleasant Gardens to both front and rear. Viewing: By appointment with the Agents (Aycliffe Office). Price: Offers over £20,000.

28 ZETLAND HUNT, THE CHASE — A 3-Bedroomed Semi-Detached House built over three years ago on the popular Chase Estate. The property has had a number of improvements internally and has the advantage of a Utility Room. Slightly larger than average Gardens. Schools and other amenities are readily available. Comprising: Entrance Lobby, 'L' shaped Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, 3 Bedrooms. Gardens to both front and rear. Viewing: Telephone Mr and Mrs Murphy. Aycliffe 318762. Price: Offers over £19,000.

6 STAINTONDALE ROAD, THE CHASE — A 3-Bedroomed Semi-Detached House which is under a year old, and situated on the Popular Chase Estate. The property enjoys a pleasant corner site with open rear aspect, and as you would expect is in superb order throughout. The accommodation has full Gas Central Heating and there is a Garage included. Comprising: Lobby, Living Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and W.C. with coloured suite. Pleasant Gardens to both front and rear and Garage. Viewing: Weekdays, after 2 p.m. Weekends any reasonable time. Price: Offers over £18,000.

5 FELTON CLOSE — This House provides a fine opportunity to obtain a spacious family home. A 4-Bedroomed Mid-Terraced House, it has small but pleasant Gardens, Garage and Gas Central Heating. Situated just off Washington Crescent, it is in very nice order and offers excellent value for money. Comprising: Entrance Lobby, L-shaped Living Room with feature stone bench and French Door to rear Garden, Kitchen, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, separate W.C. Integral Garage. Gardens front and rear. To view: Key from 9 Defoe Crescent, Newton Aycliffe. Price: Offers around £17,000.

38 SHARP ROAD — Terraced House with Gas Central Heating, situated in a quiet backwater of the town, comprising: Entrance Vestibule, Inner Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Workshop/Utility area, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and separate W.C. Gardens to both front and rear. Viewing: Telephone Aycliffe 317326. Price: Offers in the region of £14,000.

1 CROSBY ROAD — A very nice 3-Bedroomed End Terrace House quietly situated in one of the best established residential areas of the town. The property is within the price range of most first time buyers, but it is also a good family home. The house has been considerably improved by the present occupiers to include the provision of Gas Central Heating, and in the whole is in very good state of repair and decoration. A particularly attractive feature is the large rear Garden. Comprising: Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Area, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, separate W.C. Small front Garden and large well stocked rear Garden. Viewing: Telephone Aycliffe 314270 for appointment. Price: Offers in the region of £14,000.

1 ESCOMB CLOSE — An ideal starter home, being a 2-Bedroomed Terrace House with the additional advantage of an Integral Garage. The accommodation is in nice decorative order and has Full Gas Central Heating. The property also has a number of unusual features which can only be appreciated on inspection. The living accommodation is particularly spacious and pleasant. Comprising: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Area, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom and W.C. Small front and rear Garden. Integral Garage with Workshop area. Viewing: By telephone appointment on Aycliffe 315957. Price: £13,500 or near offer.

School Aycliffe

34 HIGH BARN ROAD — A 2-Bedroomed Detached Bungalow built about four and a half years ago and ideally suited to an older couple. The whole of the property is in superb order, and can only be appreciated upon inspection. Comprising: Entrance Vestibule, open plan Hallway with Parquet flooring, separate Cloakroom with handbasin and W.C., Living Room, Dining Room with French Window, Kitchen with a useful range of high quality units, 2 Bedrooms, En Suite Bathroom and W.C. with coloured suite. Side attached Garage and well stocked Gardens to front and rear. Viewing: By telephone appointment on Aycliffe 312315. Price: Offers over £26,000.

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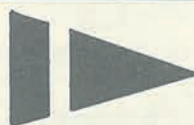
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GOOD RESPONSE TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

Hazel O'Connor is obviously a very popular young lady judging by the amount of entries we received for the "Breaking Glass" competition. The winners were Ian Bland, 8 Bruce Road, and Jack Cook, 22 North Side, Middridge, who will be notified by post of when to collect their prizes. The answer to the quiz was Olivia Newton John and the Village People. The prizes for this month's competition are "Collectors" LPs by Split Enz, but more of that after a look at the month's new releases.

SINGLES

Hollies: Heartbeat (Polydor). From their 15 track Buddy Holly Tribute LP. It's a good version, much gentler and slower than the original. Could be a biggie.

Planets: Don't Look Down (Rialto). Very similar to their hit 'Lines' but original enough to get them into the top 40.

Yellow Magic Orchestra: Behind the Mask (A & M). Chinese Disco strikes again, good follow up to the Invaders, but not commercial enough to be Top 20.

The Associates: The Affection Punch (Fiction). The LP is growing on me more and more — this is the title track — instant hit.

Others: Gary Glitter: I'm the Leader of the Gang (E.P.) (G.T.O.). Genesis: Misunderstanding (Charisma). Sad Cafe: La-Di-Da (R.C.A.).

ALBUMS

Kate Bush: Never Forever (EMI).

POP

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By Peter Rowell, A.C.R.

A regular monthly feature keeping you up to date with the latest pop news

This month's photo spot goes to POLICE

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The long awaited album from Katie takes a little more getting into than normal — but it was certainly worth waiting for — includes

Breathing and Babooshka.

Comsat Angels: Waiting for a Miracle (Polydor). Excellent LP from this new Sheffield band,

LETTERS

ADC to erect signs in the town centre

Dear Sir,

I appreciate that this response to your editorial on the subject of town centre signs is a little late, but before writing to you I wanted to be sure that we could rely on delivery dates we had been given.

So far as the signs pointing to Aycliffe Development Corporation are concerned I agree we might have put them up years ago, but as you know there has been substantial development in the town centre and we thought it best to wait until such developments as the Fine Fare store were

completed and the road pattern finally settled.

Arrangements for a town centre map have been in hand for some time but to put it simply we were let down by suppliers and as a result have lost a great deal of time. We have now carried out the basic design work ourselves and hope to have a mock-up we can use as a basis for consultation with shop tenants, the Chamber of Commerce and other interested bodies, in the near future.

We have had anodised aluminium signs made which will indicate the whereabouts of premises in the Phase II development at the north end of Beveridge Way, e.g. the Community Radio Station. I hope these signs will be erected within the next week or so.

Finally, I shall be very glad to follow up your suggestion of a large-scale sign on or near the Fine Fare store indicating the way to the town centre shopping area. We have already started design work, and I hope that we shall have something to show in the relatively near future.

Yours faithfully,
G. Philipson
Managing Director,
A.D.C.

On the buses!

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of all the people in the Burn Lane area who have to suffer a poor bus service.

I have contacted the general manager of the United Bus Company to see if we can have service 18 running "half hourly," and a service to Darlington late at night.

The reply from United was as follows: "The proposals of the United Bus Company have been objected to by the Eden Bus Service and despite meetings with them have refused to consider any of the proposals."

Therefore the residents of Burn Lane must carry on suffering.

My advice to them is to boycott the Eden and use the United Bus Service until the Eden are prepared to give and take, which is all this matter boils down to. So we suffer, but so do the old people and our children. We all want some action taken before the bad weather arrives.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs S. Thompson
196 Aldrid Place
Newton Aycliffe.

"CALAMITY"

The Avenue School's annual show is in the last few weeks of rehearsal for the presentation of "Calamity Jane" early in November. The school's productions have gained a considerable reputation over the years and this popular musical should ensure full houses each night it is staged. Tickets are now available from the school and cost 80p for adults, 50p for senior citizens and children.

Join the Solo Club

Dear Sir,

May I, through the columns of your newspaper, address all single people between 25 and 60 years of age, regardless of sex and colour, whether divorced, separated, widowed or just single by choice.

I would like to point out the opportunity for you to join the Solo Club. To be eligible to join this club the only qualification necessary is to be single. The club is run by a group of dedicated people with you, the single people of this town in mind.

We can only succeed if you give your support. So why not give it a chance and go to one of the dances they have organised in the Recreation Centre on Thursday evenings or go to the "Cubby" on Monday evenings where you will be made very welcome.

Remember, this club belongs to you, and needs your support.

Yours faithfully,
D. Steele
21 Barrington Road,
Newton Aycliffe.

Summer holiday

Dear Sir,

It is with profound gratitude that I write to express sincere thanks to the Great Aycliffe Council on behalf of myself and all those who enjoyed the holiday in Eastbourne.

Our thanks go to Mrs Falconer, the manageress of Swanley Court, for all the trouble she took in arranging outings and sorting out the various problems that arose during our stay.

Thanks, also, to the Mayoress of Eastbourne, who was at Swanley Court to welcome us when we arrived; the Town Clerk of Swanley, who made a special journey to Eastbourne to see us; the drivers who took us on the various outings; and particular thanks to Frank, who took us to and from Eastbourne safely.

Lastly, I would like to thank all my fellow travellers for their company and for making my holiday such a happy and unforgettable one.

Yours faithfully,
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Moore's International Furnishings Ltd. opened its 200,000 sq. ft. factory last year and now employs over 200 people. The company is one of the country's leading suppliers of flat pack furniture to the retail and export markets.

Mr Milner, who at present lives near Harrogate in North Yorkshire, has been with Moore's for seven years, and was formerly financial director with Geo. A. Moore & Co. Ltd. at their Wetherby based furniture factory.

Mr Galvin, a Halifax man, was previously general sales manager with Moore's, having formerly worked in the Group Marketing department.

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DISSOLUTION OF THE A.D.C. MAY PROVE TO BE COSTLY

The announcement that the ADC will be dissolved by 1985 was received with mild enthusiasm. One could assume from this response that the ADC no longer constitute a threat to democratic local government.

In fact it appears some Councillors now fear their departure. The following extract from a speech by Dave Warren supports this view.

The tragedy of the Minister's announcement of a run down date is that it is not the response to a call for financial stringency but simply because Whitehall regards the Development Corporation as having completed its task.

It is that assumption I take issue with for it is my belief that a lot remains to be done. It may be argued of course that a lot can be achieved between now and the end of 1985 — some five years away.

But we would be most foolish if we fail to recognise that a large number of staff presently employed by the Development Corporation will be seeking alternative and more secure employment. And they will be doing that sooner, rather than later. The effect therefore is going to hit us, as a town, in a more immediate way than many people would suppose.

Tremendous loss

The loss to us of highly skilled, professional and successful staff will be a tremendous loss to our community.

Since the Development Corporation was established, a great deal of public money has been invested in the building of our town. It is difficult to appreciate how much unless the sum is translated into terms we all understand. I have therefore used a conversion factor (index 41000) to translate the spending in individual years into today's monetary value. The total investment made directly by the Development Corporation is no less than £154,432,938.

That is a lot of money by anybody's standards and has by and large, been spent in the Region and locally through the contractors who have been awarded the contracts to build roads and factories and houses,

etc. The employees of the companies now established in our town earn money which is spent locally. Of course that will continue to be spent whether or not the Development Corporation continues to exist.

Nevertheless, the salaries paid to employees of the Development Corporation is just less than £1m. per year, of which a high proportion will be spent locally. Beyond 1985 therefore, our local economy will suffer at least to that extent.

Since 1973 when it took over responsibility for the industrial development, the number of companies established had increased by 57% from 73 to 115.

The number of jobs created has increased in the same period by 51% gross. Even after taking into account the job losses which inevitably occur the net increase is still respectable at almost 20%.

The factory space has increased from 3½m. square feet to just less than 5m. square feet, representing an increase of 40% in seven years.

These facts do, in my opinion, confirm convincingly that the ADC is a successful job creating agency. And that is good for Aycliffe, good for County Durham, good for the North East, and good for Britain.

Recently the Sedgfield District Council and the Durham County Council agreed to dispose of land at Heighington Lane to the ADC for industrial development. The announcement of a wind up date may appear to jeopardise that development for it is necessary to obtain an extension to the designated area. How keen will be the Whitehall civil servants to proceed with the making of the necessary orders?

Now, probably more than ever before, we need all the industrial development we can get so that the people who so desperately need jobs can obtain them.

Over the years the new towns have given a new hope and opportunity to thousands of people in our land. And so it should continue.

investment on infrastructure and services.

"For all the towns the announcement should enforce the already acknowledged need to receive from the inner cities the un-skilled and disadvantaged on a greater scale than ever before. For some, it should also mean greater efforts to make work in the new town accessible to people living in nearby depressed areas."

I think the Times says it very well and makes comment which is just as valid today as when it was first written.

I would quote from an article published in The Times in April 1977 when Peter Shore who was then Secretary of State for the Environment announced a change of stance from new towns to inner city renewal.

"They have helped to relieve pressures that still need relief and have made contributions to regional and national prosperity that would often never have been made otherwise."

"Severe cuts would affect the confidence of industrial investors in the towns, disrupt the process of bringing into being a community that is fit to live in at each stage of development, and waste a proportion of a heavy public

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LONDON WEEKENDS. Every weekend from 31st October, 1980, until 29th March, 1981, excluding Christmas and New Year. DEPART Middlesbrough 12.45, Stockton 13.00, Newton Aycliffe 13.15, Darlington 13.30. INCLUDES: Coach travel to and from London, 2 nights accommodation on a Bed and Continental Breakfast basis, in a three star hotel with private facilities in the Bayswater area. Visit to Petticoat Lane and tour of London on Sunday. Depart London 14.00 hours. ONLY: £22.50 per person sharing a twin room. £4.00 supplement for a single room. £17.50 for one child sharing with two adults.

LONDON MIDWEEK. October 21st, 1980 — 2 night's accommodation as above, Coach to and from London. Tour of London on Thursday morning. PRICE: £28.50 per person sharing a twin room. £5.00 supplement for a single room. £23.00 for a child sharing with two adults. DEPART: Middlesbrough 08.00, Stockton 08.15, Newton Aycliffe 08.45, Darlington 09.00. RETURN: Depart London 14.00 hours.

EDINBURGH — NEW YEAR. Departing early morning, Wednesday, 31st December, 1980. Party and meal in the evening. Thursday, 1st January — Full Board. Friday, 2nd January — Breakfast. Leaving Edinburgh early afternoon. Two night's accommodation in the centre of Edinburgh in rooms with private facilities. PRICE: £42.50 per person in a twin room. £10.00 supplement for a single room. DEPART: Middlesbrough 07.30, Stockton 07.45, Darlington 08.00, Newton Aycliffe 08.15. RETURN: Depart Edinburgh 14.00 hours.

BLACKPOOL. From Monday, Oct. 6th: Every Monday and Friday, Depart Newton Aycliffe 8.30 a.m. Return 11 p.m. Adult Fare £4.35; Children and Senior Citizens £2.60. Every Monday and Friday. Depart Newton Aycliffe 8.30 a.m., return Tuesday 6 p.m., Friday 6 p.m., Saturday 2 p.m. or Sunday 6 p.m. Adult Fare £7.00. Children and Senior Citizens £3.50.

MOTOR SHOW — NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE, BIRMINGHAM. Friday, 17th October, 7.30 a.m. Newton Aycliffe. Fare including admission (1st day) £10. Then every day October 18th to October 26th inclusive. Return fare £6 including admission.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS FROM NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Sun. 28th	BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS 11 p.m. leave	9.00	OCTOBER Wed. 1st Thurs. 2nd	LAKES NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR	8.30
	BLACKPOOL (6 p.m. leave)	8.00	Frid. 3rd	EDINBURGH BLACKPOOL WEEKEND	8.15
	MYSTERY TOUR SCARBOROUGH	8.30	Sat. 4th	BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS	5.00
	WHITBY	9.00		LEEDS	9.00
	MYSTERY TOUR	1.00	Sun. 5th	HOLY ISLAND	9.15
Tues. 30th	BLACKPOOL (6 p.m. leave)	8.00	Tues. 7th	BRADFORD	9.00
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★ FROM OCTOBER 6th UNTIL APRIL 17th PENSIONERS WILL BE CHARGED THE SAME FARE AS CHILDREN ★

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Annual dance will cater for all tastes

Newton Aycliffe and District Chamber of Trade are holding their annual dance this year on Friday, October 17, in the large sports hall at the Recreation Centre with a five hour non stop dancing session to suit all tastes.

Ian Fisher's 50-50 disco will be setting the pace at the beginning followed by the R.M. Sound, which is a combo headed by the popular Ross Matthews, who are appearing regularly at the Recreation Centre monthly on a Saturday night.

There will be ballroom dancing, old time dancing and, of course, sessions of 'pop' dancing to cater for all.

This is a breakaway from the usual type of function put on by the Chamber because in the past they have always had a dinner dance at one of the hotels in the area. Prices, however, have made this type of function prohibitive to most people and it was felt that by bringing it on to the town and including a nice plated supper at your table with two bars going, it would bring the price to everyone's reach without having to be obliged to get toggled out in a dinner suit.

There will be the usual tombola stall which will have at least 40 prizes on for those wishing to speculate at 10p a go.

To keep things running smoothly throughout the evening

Mr Alan Wright will be acting MC. People with long memories may remember him for the dances he has organised in the last 17 years, bringing to Newton Aycliffe famous names like Joe Loss and his Orchestra, Syd Lawrence and his Orchestra, Jimmy Shand and his Scottish Band, and Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen.

The price of tickets are £2 each, inclusive of supper and can be obtained from the Man's Shop, Beveridge Way, and Batchelor's Off-Licence, Beveridge Way. Tickets are strictly limited so get them early to avoid disappointment.

FESTIVAL TOMBOLA

As everyone knows, the Festival Carnival Day had to be cancelled due to the very heavy rain. This is the Festival's main fund raising event and naturally the loss was rather a miss.

The ADC have given permission for the Festival Committee to hold their Tombola Stalls in the town centre on Saturday, October 4th. There are a great number of valuable prizes to be won, all donated by the local shopkeepers. We hope to see you all there.

DEADLINE 1.00 p.m. WEDNESDAY PRECEDING
PUBLICATION DATE