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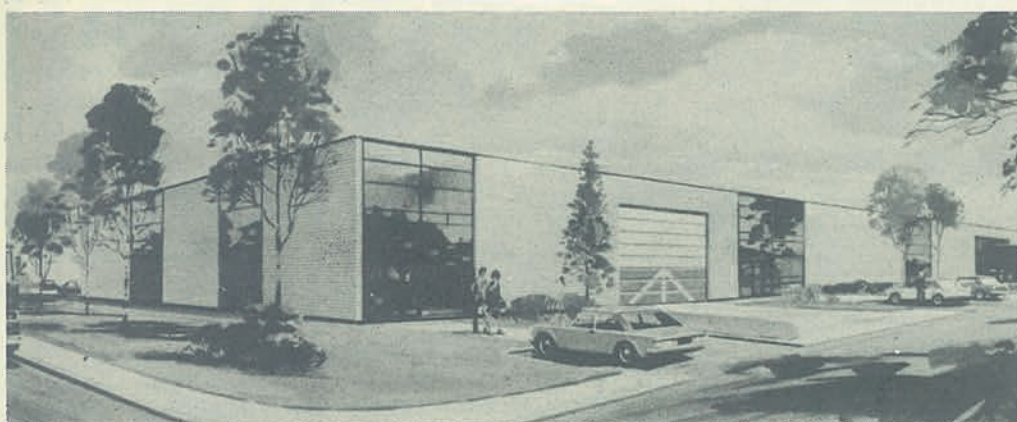
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## TEN NEW FACTORIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Aycliffe Development Corporation have let a contract valued at £1.4m to George Wimpey Limited for the construction of ten new factories.

The factories at Northfield Way, which range in size from 3,000 square feet floor area to 21,000 square feet are the first of a new range of factory types designed by the Technical Services Department of the Corporation.

The image and working environment created by the factories reflect and further the Development Corporation's successful

drive to attract modern and expanding industry to the area.

The buildings are grouped in such a way that offices look out over landscaped areas with ample parking facilities. Service yards and access for lorries are to full Department of Environment standards and loading doors permit the entry of vehicles into the premises if required.

There is an unrestricted floor to ceiling height of 4.8 metres to facilitate handling by fork lift trucks and the dust resistant floors

are built to withstand high impact and heavy loading.

To complement the Corporation's existing colourful range of factories, these units will be constructed using highly insulated silver faced steel panels. Windows to production space and office areas will be glazed with semi-reflective solar control glass so that the whole development will have a clean silvery appearance.

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**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. There is Gas Central Heating and 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, Bathroom and W.C. Garage and Garden to both front and rear. Viewing: Telephone Mr and Mrs Murphy, Aycliffe 318762. Price: £19,250 or nearest offer.

**29 ZETLAND HUNT, THE CHASE** — A 3-year-old Semi-Detached House with many attractive and interesting features, not least of which is the ornate gardens. Situated in a private cul-de-sac in this much sought after district the property is built of high quality brick with tiled roof and is rather different from the usual Semis. It is in a near perfect state of decoration both internally and externally and has Full Central Heating. The house has a patio, Terraced Lawn, Rockery and Fish Pond, etc. All carpets, curtains and kitchen equipment with the exception of the washing machine may be made available if required, over and above the purchase price. Comprises: Entrance Vestibule, Through Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and W.C. Brick built Garage, Gardens to the front and rear. R.V. £168. Viewing: By telephone appointment with Mr and Mrs Harris on Aycliffe 318053. Price: £18,950 or nearest offer.

**12 JESMOND COURT, BYERLEY PARK** — A 3-Bedroomed Semi-Detached House set in one of the nicest locations in the whole of this estate. The house is in good state of repair and decoration and ready for immediate occupation. Gas fired Central Heating installed throughout and a Utility Room which is plastered and plumbed for use as a Laundry. Comprises: 'L' shaped Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Utility, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and W.C. Attached brick built Garage and Gardens to the front and rear. Venetian blinds and floor coverings in the Kitchen, Utility and Bathroom are included in the price. R.V. £160. Viewing: By telephone appointment with Mr and Mrs Webb, Aycliffe 317984. Price: £18,950.

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## WENTONS MAIN SHOP TO CLOSE

— Rent reviews threaten private shopkeepers

WENTON HOME FURNISHERS, established 21 years ago in Newton Aycliffe town centre, are closing their main shop due to rent increases they cannot afford.

And it is possible other private shops in the same row, whose leases come up for renewal on January 1st, will also face the decision whether to accept the high rent or close.

Aycliffe Development Corporation in assembling new rent levels for town centre property are asking five to ten times more. They maintain the new rents are justified — based on the rate of inflation and present day levels in other towns.

### "Unfair"

The businesses affected state it is unfair to expect the same rent from Aycliffe that could be obtained from Darlington or Middlesbrough. Wentons state they have a shop in Middlesbrough which, though bigger than their Aycliffe premises, is much cheaper. Another business in our town centre has a shop elsewhere which is twice the size and only one sixth of the rent charged at Aycliffe.

A couple of years back we warned that the rents being asked in Aycliffe would force out the private shopkeeper. It is only a few years ago that Wentons employed 32 staff and occupied seven shops. This latest closure will reduce the staff to five and leave one shop remaining. Wentons have

attempted to negotiate a reasonable rent, but with no compromise in sight have commenced an end of lease sale.

Slowly but surely we see the possibility of losing our private family businesses. In their place come the "multiples" — the only people who can afford the luxury of occupying town centre shops. It is a shame to lose the personal service given by the private trader and it is deplorable that those people who pioneered the new town have to make way for big business concerns.

In the last few years a number of shops have come up for renewal of lease and the ADC has shown itself to be more reasonable than Ravensett who own the Woolworths side of Beveridge Way. The standard was set when Robinson and Smith were asked to pay £140 a week for their small clothing shop. They could not afford it and had to close down, but a multiple decorating supplies company took over the lease at the higher rent.

The ADC have told businesses such as Hackett & Baines and The Wool Shop to expect big rent increases. It is a heartbreaking

dilemma for the family firm, who after spending many years building up their business, now have to consider closing or accept a rent increase which is likely to place them in financial difficulties. The hard fact is that the landlords have the tenant "over a barrel" and quite readily state they have other business people ready to step in and take over the lease at the higher rate.

The fact that a shopkeeper has given years of excellent service and contributed to the new town's development apparently counts for nothing.

THE A.D.C.'S REPLY TO THIS ARTICLE IS ON PAGE 4

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Both the instrumentalists are members of the Northern Sinfonia Orchestra and they combine with Diana to produce an entertaining and lively concert.

The concert takes place in St. Mary's RC School Hall, Central Avenue, on Saturday, 22nd November at 7.30 p.m. Admission is £1.30 to members, £1.50 others, 30p students, £1.00 senior citizens. Music by Mozart, Schubert and Schumann will be played during the course of the evening.

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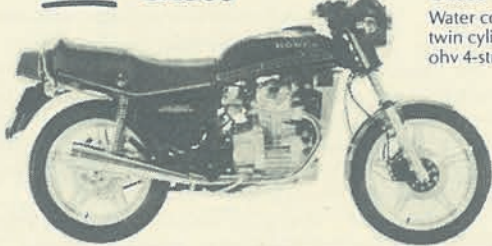
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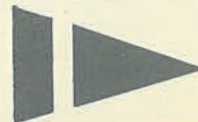
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# NORTH SUFFERING MOST FROM THE EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL RECESSION

— says ADC Chairman

THE ECONOMY of the northern region is being decimated with the effects of the industrial recession being felt far more severely in the north than elsewhere in Britain.

It is essential that more money must be made available to keep viable businesses alive and ensure the retention of an industrial base for the future.

That is the view of Dennis Stevenson (35) who retires this week as Chairman of Aycliffe and Peterlee Development Corporations.

He says: "I believe that the north of England is now caught up in an economic storm far graver than anything that has been experienced in my lifetime.

"I recognise that a part of this is of course the inevitable waves of the international recession which we, as one small component of the

international economy, can do relatively little to beat. However, a number of features of our own situation worry me very much indeed.

"Over the last year the average rate of public sector wage increases has been almost 22 per cent — with a calamitous effect on the public spending borrowing rate. Had just a percentage point of that 22 per cent been used to provide incentives to industry in the depressed regions we would not be counting our job losses in the tens of thousands."

"We all understood that North Sea oil would bring prosperity to Britain. If just a fraction of the £5.7

billion of last year's oil revenue had been available for regional development it would have created a very different picture in this region.

"I can see all round me businesses, large, small and medium, nationalised and private, being bankrupted or fundamentally weakened as a result of cuts in capital expenditure. I sincerely believe that we need to push back the tides of public expenditure in this country and have the greatest of sympathy with that motivation but despite the Government's admirable attempts to cope there is no point in making the painful capital cuts if the increases through the public sector wage demands immediately neutralise those cuts. That is in effect neither eating your cake nor having it.

"I can't help but wonder if our present system of free collective bargaining stands any chance of working in the short, medium or even long term. Wage settlements have been lower where the entire workforce seriously believes the company will go out of business but where the belief is that only a few employees will be made redundant the individual seems to take the view that he will not be affected. So he pushes for more money and the vicious and damaging spiral continues.

"Even where there has been some reduction overall in wage settlements I wonder as to the extent to which this reflects any fundamental long-term change in perceptions and attitudes — and whether it will continue once there is some recovery in the economy.

"Despite my serious worries about the present and short term future, I am optimistic in the longer term. We have seen new industries coming into this region to replace those developed in the late 19th century and although the recession is taking its toll of these younger industries too I am sure we will — because we must — find ways of ensuring their survival and growth.

"The resources to do this must be found to let us take advantage of a potentially exciting and prosperous future.

"I leave Aycliffe and Peterlee, therefore, with mixed feelings. From my personal point of view I have had the immense good fortune to be Chairman of the Corporation during the time when I think it can be said that the new towns came of age in a number of ways:—

"The key change that has taken place has been the blossoming of the industrial base in both new towns as Aycliffe has moved from 2m. square feet to 5m. and Peterlee from less than a million to nearly 3m. square feet of factory space. The fact that both towns have substantially increased their employment at a time when the national economy has sadly been going the other way is one of some satisfaction.

"At the same time, perhaps helped by the economic development, the last decade has seen both new towns achieve a far greater sense of identity and social cohesion. It is difficult to identify when and why this happens in a community. I would like to think the outstanding social and community development work carried out by the teams led by Jim Ewing has had some responsibility but clearly this is something that develops in a far broader front within the community.

"Along with this has been what I perceive as the development of a greater political unity in the area. When I came to the north it is fair to say that the Corporations were virtually on non-speaking terms with the major local authorities — and this reflected general attitudes in the area. Now, while the Corporations, the District Councils and the County Council occasionally agree to disagree, fundamentally we are all on the same side with very close working relationships.

"I believe that I can take a lot of

satisfaction from leaving behind me a quite outstanding team of human beings within the Corporations. This is the area where I have most regret. All the senior officers of the Corporations have joined or reached their posts while I have been chairman and I think the area is lucky to have them as a team; and I personally will be the poorer for ceasing to work with them.

"It is right for someone who has been doing a job for nearly ten years to leave to make way for someone else but one side of me feels very apprehensive about the conditions the Corporation will be working within and I would not wish the inevitable mutual backslapping that goes on when someone leaves to obscure it."

Dennis Stevenson

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Support for Mrs Thatcher!

Dear Sir,

I am in complete agreement with A. Tenant, whose article appeared in the last issue, but have a better proposition to save the country money — support Mrs Thatcher's policy of cutting local authority staff, especially their Health and Environment section who disregard the environment of Newton Aycliffe completely.

I suggest Sedgfield District Council change my address to "Compost Crescent," as the residents from the surrounding Walks — Smith, Taylor, Wiseman, Espin and Wheeler Green, besides some from Defoe Crescent, dump rubbish on the grass verges. They prune their roses, cut hedges, lawns, etc. then throw it on the verges in front of other people's homes along with any old boxes, bags and unwanted household rubbish.

There are also vehicles in the lay by, some there for two years. I

must not forget to mention the washing hanging from most balconies overlooking the Crescent on most days of the week.

I have contacted the council on many occasions, but still the rubbish lies there for two or three weeks, sometimes alongside their own gardeners' rubbish, which is never collected immediately.

I have requested people not to put rubbish in the Crescent, but they reply "the Council told us to put it there."

Surely I'm not the only one to object to the state of the town — Aycliffe Development Corporation would never allow tenants to abuse the rules to the annoyance of other residents.

I intend writing to the Minister of the Environment Mr Heseltine, and hope others will do the same.

Yours faithfully,  
Another Tenant

## Private contractor has time to spare

Dear Sir,

In your comment on October 24th under the heading "Town Centre gets face lift," you thanked the Development Corporation for its work on the Remembrance Garden outside St. Clare's Church but asked why the job was being done in fits and starts, why the contractor seemed to have run out of turf and why the flag pole was erected unpainted.

The answer to all three questions is that the private contractor we employed was required to carry out the work to a satisfactory standard within a

given time and at a fixed price.

Provided he met these conditions we had no cause to interfere and although it is perhaps unusual to paint a flag pole after it has been erected, I think you will agree that the outcome has been reasonably satisfactory.

I should add that there is a further separate contract, shortly to be implemented, which will take care of the turfing you mention and the additional planting, which can of course only be carried out during the winter months.

Yours faithfully,  
Garry Philipson

# TRAINING SCHEME FOR MOTOR-CYCLISTS GREAT SUCCESS

The Star Rider motor-cycle training schemes which were introduced last May have been a great success. Since that time well over 200 people had been for

training and had enjoyed the exciting and up-to-date methods of instruction.

Courses are run every Saturday morning and providing course fees

are paid in time, training can commence immediately. Training centres are at Bishop Auckland, Consett, Darlington, Durham and Peterlee.

Each centre offers two courses for the learner rider.

The Bronze Course for absolute beginners takes place off the road which allows the learner to be taught the basics of riding away from traffic. The rider receives four hours instruction for £5.75. All the motor-cycle dealers in the County will deliver the machines of first-time buyers direct to the nearest training ground so that riders can have some instruction before going onto the road for the first time.

The Silver Course is designed to

bring the learner rider up to the Department of the Environment's test standard and is mainly conducted on the road using typical test routes. The course consists of six two-hour sessions on Saturday mornings and is extremely good value at a cost of £15.

Mr Petrie said that while he was very pleased with the progress that had been made by passing the 200 mark so quickly he was most anxious that as many people as possible got to hear about the scheme so that more riders could come for training.

He invites anyone who would like to know more about the Star Rider scheme to telephone Durham 770449 or to write to the County Road Safety Officer, West Hetton Lodge, Coxhoe, County Durham.



Gale Church, Mandy Pick and Pauline Chan represent the second generation of Aycliffe Girls the new town will be using in their promotional brochure "The anatomy of Aycliffe" to appear early in the New Year. Pauline won the TV set when the girls appeared at a recent business exhibition. David King made the presentation.

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WO Fryer will be pleased to meet any air minded young men between the ages of 13 to 18 years of age who might be interested in joining the ATC, and their parents too, and give them details about the ATC.

The flight meets for training every Tuesday evening at the Royal Air Force Association Club, Barrington Road, Newton Aycliffe, at 7 p.m.

Whilst cadets of the ATC wear RAF uniform and some of their

training is along military lines, ie drill and rifle shooting, they are not members of the RAF, although many members of the RAF are ex ATC cadets, the ATC is not a recruiting medium for the RAF.

Newton Aycliffe Det. Flight is fortunate in having the good offices of the Newton Aycliffe branch of the Royal Air Force Association who very kindly allow the use of their premises for ATC training.

## New telephone exchange at Rushyford

A new £25,000 electronic telephone exchange which has been built at Rushyford to replace the existing electro-mechanical exchange was brought into service at the end of last month.

At the same time all Rushyford telephone numbers will be incorporated into the Bishop Auckland numbering scheme and the exchange name Rushyford will be abolished. For example Rushyford 721499 will become Bishop Auckland 721499 (the STD code will remain 0388).

All subscribers affected by the change have been notified and the new Bishop Auckland numbers will appear in the next editions of the Yellow Pages and Alphabetical telephone directories which will be distributed next year.

The change is being introduced as part of a national scheme by British Telecom to reduce the number of exchange names in use throughout the country, and therefore reducing the number of dialling codes which customers need to use when making telephone calls.

## CIVIC BALL POSTPONED

Due to difficulties in obtaining licenses the Town Council have postponed the Civic Ball, which was to have taken place in the Workingmen's Club. Another venue is being sought with the event probably held in the new year.

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SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1980

## IAN'S 50/50 DISCO

Ticket £2 (Basket Meal included)

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### CORPORATION REPLY

## INCREASES IN SHOP RENTS ARE JUSTIFIED

Aycliffe Development Corporation is not trying to force private shopkeepers out of the Town Centre. Rents are not fixed at outrageous levels and tenants are not given a choice of accepting new rents or going out of business.

There are 34 local companies and five regional out of 54 Corporation owned shops in Aycliffe — concrete evidence that

we are interested in the local trader.

On rents, the Development Corporation is required to act on a commercial basis — to get a proper return for the public money which was invested in the shops — and we make no apology for that.

Our methods of doing so are, however, extremely fair.

Are you entitled when you go into a shop to argue with the shopkeeper about his prices? Our shopkeepers have every right to negotiate the price they pay us for their rent.

If you disagree with a shopkeeper about the price of an article can you call in someone else to set a fair price? Our shopkeepers can on their rent levels. And Aycliffe Development Corporation will accept that fair price.

Prices in these same shops have hardly stood still over the past few years, as we all know. The levels of our rents were, however, fixed 21 years ago and are totally unrealistic today.

The Development Corporation does not want to see any shop go out of business and regrets that any shop is closing.

To blame the closure on a rent increase which has not in fact even happened yet and where a fair compromise based on a level set by an independent arbitrator is always on offer is less than justified.

Aycliffe Development Corporation does not expect any shopkeeper to welcome a rent increase but the increases are justified. If they were not, we would not have so many shopkeepers — local as well as national — so anxious to come to Aycliffe.

## WARD FIVE COUNCIL SEAT HOTLY CONTESTED

Thursday, 4th December, is bye election day for the Ward 5 area. The two vacant seats are hotly contested by all parties with the "Aycliffe First" group repeating their standpoint on "home rule" hoping to regain control of the Town Council.

The candidates are as follows: Dave Gardner (Lab.), Muriel Giles and Krystina Gough (Aycliffe First), Alan Jordan (Lab.), Thomas Kestle and Kenneth Lonsdale (Con.).

Muriel Giles of Honister Place, has lived in the town for 14 years with a successful career in ladies fashion. Krystina Gough, at 25 years old could be one of our youngest councillors. She lives in Garburn Place and has been married for five years.

Tom Kestle is actively involved in community life and has lived in the ward for eight years. He is a governor of Elmfield School. Ken Lonsdale lives in School Aycliffe and, as a newcomer himself, points out the fact that he is the first to seek election from his area of town.

Dave Gardner, ex mayor, ousted at the last election, seeks to regain his seat. He takes a keen interest in many local youth organisations. Alan Jordan is a civil servant at D.H.S.S. He is an active union man with particular views on youth and the environment.

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### COMING OF AGE

**COOK** — Congratulations, Maxine, and every happiness on your 21st birthday. From all the family.

**COOK** — Congratulations, Maxine, on your 21st birthday, darling. From your fiancé Richard.

**HILL** — Congratulations, Katrina, darling, on your coming of age, November 30th. Our love always. Mam, dad, sister Maxine and gran.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

**FINN** — Congratulations, Steven, on your 18th birthday. All our love and good luck for the future. Mam, dad and Trevor.

**BALMER-HOWIESON—ELSTON** — Congratulations, Loraine and Martin, on your engagement. Wishing you every happiness for the future. Mam, dad, Stuart, Angie.

**GILES—COOK** — Muriel and Peter Giles are delighted to announce the engagement on November 15th of their eldest son, Richard, to Maxine Cook, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Cook of Fishburn. Congratulations from both families.

### CONGRATULATIONS

**GILES—COOK** — Wishing you both every happiness, Maxine and Richard. From brother Christopher and fiancé Julie.

**GILES—COOK** — Congratulations, Maxine and Richard. From nana and grandad.

**GILES—COOK** — All the best, Maxine and Richard. From Paul, Christine, Kirsty and Ross.

**SMITH** — Congratulations to Beverley and Roger on the arrival of our dear little grand daughter, Katie. All our love and kisses. From mum and dad Richardson.

**SMITH** — Congratulations to Beverley and Roger on the arrival of baby Katie. Love and kisses from Nicola.

### THANKS

**N/A SCOUT SUPPORTERS ASSOC.** wish to thank everyone who supported their Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 15th November. This function raised £200 towards the Associations funds and particular thanks go to Newton Press, Woolworths, Hardings, Batchelors and Roberts the Chemist for donating gifts. Also Radio Aycliffe for their advertising.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

**AYCLIFFE HOSPITAL STAFF.** The winner of the Guess the Peas contest was Mrs D. Robinson, 13 Wellbury Grove, who guessed 925. May I thank all who supported us. Sister A. Humble.

**JUMBLE SALE.** Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association are holding a Jumble Sale in the Scout Centre on Saturday, 6th December, at 10 a.m. Admission 3p. Please come along.

**MIND DRAW.** Due to an error the MIND Draw No. was 50, not 479 as stated. The prize must be claimed within seven days. Sincere apologies to all.

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