

Barnard Castle Urban District.

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The Teesdale Mercury

BARNARD CASTLE, DECEMBER 12TH, 1917.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S CLARION CALL.

It is no disparagement to the English character that the Hun may have outwitted us in intrigue. The hardy Briton is called upon to realise that these are the testing days in this ruthless war, when endurance, foresight, strength and skill are needed. The struggle may yet be long and sturdy, but, if the freedom of the world is to be secured, the duty of Western civilization is plain. The darksome philosophers and girdled professors have taught the doctrine that Germany must govern Christendom, and with the quality of that rule we are all familiar. The aspirations of Christianity have been stifled, and paganism is enthroned. Militarism holds the sway, and the armies against us are the last word in discipline, fitness and equipment, and are led by men who, born in barracks and weaned on munitions, have but one end in view—"World-Dominion or Downfall." And yet, notwithstanding the pomposity of this matchless fighting machine, with its boasted prowess, the Prussians have been conspicuously defeated time and again by the British and French forces. To stop the war at this moment, let it here be emphasised, would be the summit of Germany's delight, for the military clique would again come forward as giants refreshed. Let Britons never forget that from the moment that the Peace of Amiens was declared Napoleon threw all his energies into preparation for the next struggle. The respite lasted just fourteen months, and the then dictator of Europe—a Corsican forsooth—ultimately renewed the conflict "incomparably stronger than he had ever been before." President Wilson is right in demanding in clarion notes the destruction for all time of Hohenzollernism and a reconstructed Germany—a difficult task, we freely admit—as the only way to a lasting peace.

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LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The Bishop of Durham has promised to take a service for women only at the parish church, Barnard Castle, on the afternoon of February 14th—the day after Ash Wednesday—at three o'clock.

Captain Ogle Bell-Irving, Military Cross, of the Hussars, has been killed in action. He was a nephew of Mr J. J. Bell-Irving. He was twenty-eight years of age, and often stayed at Rokeby. He was four times mentioned in dispatches, and was with his regiment at Mons.

A house-to-house collection has been made in patriotic Baldersdale to secure Christmas boxes for the brave lads of the dale who are serving with the colours, and the handsome sum of £16 8s. has been gathered. There are sixteen young fellows in the army, and each man will receive £1 0s. 6d., which is a very nice individual present.

Naturalists have observed with great regret the diminished number of song birds in Teesdale, owing to the intense severity of the weather last winter. Blackbirds and thrushes especially were decimated, and a brace of partridge, with their heads close together, was found frozen to death in a holly bush.

Canon Egerton Leigh will take the eleven o'clock service in Rokeby Church, next Sunday.

Barningham soldiers at the war are to have Christmas presents sent them. They number about fifty.

Mr David H. Allan, President of the North Eastern Cyclists' Meet, is at present staying at the Turk's Head Hotel, Barnard Castle. Owing to an accident to his hand the esteemed President is amongst us recuperating. It is intended to have a happy reunion of the officials in February next, when a presentation will be made to Mr and Mrs Robert Morton of a photograph of the President.

Surgeon Smith, to whom reference is made on page eight, is the son of Mr and Mrs Robert Cathcart Smith, Hough Green, Chester, and was grandson of the late Mr John Steele, of Barnard Castle. Mr and Mrs Smith lost their youngest son (Lieut. Wilbraham Smith) last year, at the front, from wounds received in action.

The passenger traffic on the Tees Valley Railway is just now very light.

Flight Lieutenant Summerson, R.F.C., only son of Mr and Mr R. Summerson, Fairfield, is spending a short leave of absence from the front at Barnard Castle.

Zetland Foxhounds will meet at Redworth at eleven o'clock on Saturday morning.

Acting on the advice of the Diocesan Registrar, Mr J. W. Pickersgill, at a special vestry meeting of Bowes parish, has been elected churchwarden in the place of the late Mr George Lowes, of Kilmord Wood.

Private T. B. Harker, who, previous to joining the colours, was a painter and decorator with Mr C. Hedley, has got a card of honour for work in the line.

Corporal W. Croft, who has seen much fighting in Belgium and at the Dardenelles, is now at Barnard Castle, convalescent, after having been somewhat seriously ill in hospital in Cornwall.

Two interesting cases under the Margarine (Maximum Prices) Order, will be heard at the Barnard Castle Police Court, this morning. The defendants do not belong to the town.

Private Harry B. Ashmore, formerly of this office, who is in the Royal Fusiliers (City of London), has been wounded in the face, but is progressing favourably in hospital in France.

There are twenty-seven soldiers from Romalldkirk and Hunderthwaite serving with the King's forces, and each will receive through a London firm a parcel containing various appropriate comforts, and also, separately, a postal order for five shillings, the money having been collected by local Girl Guides.

Private Percy Allison, of Wycliffe, was killed in action on October 23th. He was the very first to join the colours from this parish. A large congregation attended the memorial service in Wycliffe Church.

Second-Lieutenant G. Eastwood, Durham Light Infantry; Acting Second-Corporal J. W. Ascoug, Lance-Corporal W. Comfort, and Sapper J. Thompson, Royal Engineers; Lance-Corporal W. White, Yorkshire Regiment; Private F. Addison, Westmoreland and Cumberland Yeomanry, have been on a visit to their respective homes at Barnard Castle from the front.

A salmon fishery case from the Middleton district will be investigated at the local police court, this morning.

The Turk's Head Yearly Sick Benefit Club have paid out a dividend of one pound and elevenpence to each member for the last year.

The Wesleyan Methodist annual sale of work takes place to-morrow, at Barnard Castle.

Articles now considered necessities were luxuries to our forefathers, or were entirely non-existent. "Thus," according to Synges's Short History of Social Life in England, "they lived without sugar till the thirteenth century, without coal till the fourteenth, without butter on their bread till the fifteenth, without tobacco and potatoes till the sixteenth, without tea, coffee and soap till the seventeenth, without umbrellas, lamps and puddings till the eighteenth, without trains, telegrams, gas, matches and chloroform till the nineteenth." And yet people talk of the "good old days."

Private Henry Jefferson, Whitty, according to letters received from an officer in the London Regiment, has been missing since the 29-31st October, and it is feared he fell in action some time between these dates. Private Jefferson was educated at the North-Eastern County School, where he had a very successful career, not only in the class-room, but also in the playing fields, where he excelled as an all-round athlete, and was the winner of many prizes.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The Wesleyan circuit quarterly meeting was held at Middleton on Saturday, and was presided over by the Rev. G. Glandfield. There was a good attendance of officials, and an increase of membership was reported. The financial statement was received, and after all expenses were met a balance was left in the hands of the treasurer. It was unanimously decided to grant the minister a bonus of £5. Mr R. W. Raine and Mr E. Walton, circuit stewards, were heartily thanked for past services, and were re-elected. Mr J. Fogglin was re-appointed secretary, and Mr G. V. Tarn, chapel secretary. At the close of the business meeting the local preachers' meeting was held, when three young men successfully passed their examination as local preachers, and will be publicly recognised as such next Sunday morning.

Lord Lonsdale presided over the annual meeting of the Fell Pony Society at Penrith, yesterday week. The secretary, Mr Garnett, gave a report of the season's work. The entries at the stallion shows at Middleton-in-Teesdale, Kirkby Stephen, Appleby, Keswick and Shap showed a decrease on previous years, no doubt being due to the late season and the difficulties of transit. The Board of Agriculture are to be asked for a renewal of the premium, and at a meeting to be held in February it will be decided whether to offer the whole of the premiums at one show, and suitable horses to travel each district, or to hold a show in each district. All the officers were re-elected, which included Mr W. Beadie, Middleton, and Mr J. W. Dent, Fair View, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

The monthly meeting of the Middleton Parish Council was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday night last, Mr T. R. Gowing presiding. It was reported that arrangements had not been completed with the gas company for the lighting of the street lamps. A letter was before the Council from Supt. Riddell consenting to so many lamps being lighted at the most dangerous parts of the town.

Private Ernest Allinson, son of Mr William Allinson, late of Middleton-in-Teesdale, who is attached to the Transport Section, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery.

The Newbiggin Wesleyan school-room was packed to excess on Saturday night last, at the concert given by the united choirs of the Wesleyans and Primitive Methodists of the local soldiers' fund for Christmas parcels. A most interesting programme, consisting of songs, choruses and recitations, was given, and was highly appreciated by the large company assembled. Mr G. S. Nixon presided.

Official news has been received by Mr and Mrs J. Forster, West End, Middleton, that their son, Driver Ralph W. Forster, died at Alexandria, Egypt, on the 30th November. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents, as it is only a few weeks since they lost a son who died from wounds in France.

British and Foreign Sailors' Society.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR,—May I, as a sailor's wife, appeal to the generosity of your large staff of workers on behalf of the great national work that the British and Foreign Sailors' Society is doing for our seamen, and for those who are dear to them? This society is about to complete its hundredth year of service, and I am sending you a copy of the letter in which Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has graciously expressed her approval of this centenary appeal. At the express wish of the admiralty authorities this society is about to erect naval rest at various naval stations. I know of the splendid relief work which this society is doing in providing food and clothing for sailors interested in Germany; in giving immediate relief to disabled sailors and dependents of seamen who have fallen on active service; in providing education for sailors' orphans and especially in feeding, clothing, and sheltering and sending to their various homes the thousands of merchant seamen whose vessels have been sunk by enemy action. A sum of £250,000 is needed to ensure the continuance of this work, and I sincerely hope that I may reply on your co-operation to collect as much as you can to help these brave men and their dependents, whose sacrifices are part of the price of our safety.—Yours very truly, GWENDOLINE JELICOE.

P.S.—A collecting sheet is being sent you by this post, and I would be glad if you would have it placed in a prominent position and arrange for a treasurer to be appointed to receive subscriptions, to be sent, with collecting sheet, to me at Wakefield House, Cheapside, London, E.C. 2.

Concert and Supper at Soargill.

A very successful concert and supper were held here last Saturday evening in aid of the Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance. The choir was ably taken by Mrs J. J. Bell-Irving, who made some very interesting remarks respecting the work of the above. All the performers took their parts admirably, and are to be congratulated, as also are those who attended to the supper and so on, as they worked hard to make it the success which it certainly was.

High Prices at the Teesdale Auction Mart.

The Christmas dairy show was held on Wednesday, when big prices were realised:—Calved cows—Mr P. Wilson, 274; 2, Mr R. Gill, 270; 3, Mr C. Waller, 265. In-calf cows—Mr R. Gill, 267 10s.; 2, Mrs Turnbull, 257; 3, Mr P. Wilson, 255. Heifers, calved or in-calf—1 and 2, Mr R. W. Dent, 248 and 239 10s.; 3, Captain Dugdale, 239 5s.

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The Food Economy Campaign.

GREAT MEETING IN THE VICTORIA HALL.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONAL SAFETY.

A very large, attentive and representative meeting was held in the Victoria Hall, Barnard Castle, on Sunday night in support of the Food Economy Campaign now launched broadcast in the land. Mr C. Hedley, Chairman of the Urban Council, presided; and there were also present Councillor W. Locke, Assistant Food Commissioner; the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, Vicar of the Parish; the Rev. F. L. Brereton, Headmaster of the County School; the Rev. Robinson Lang, Superintendent Wesleyan minister; the Rev. J. B. Robinson, Unitarian minister; and Messrs J. I. Dawson, C. H. Walford, M.D., J. Guy, R. Liddle, J. T. Marquis, H. Walker, W. H. Hadden and others. The Chairman asked for close attention to the remarks which would be made, and claimed a fair hearing for every speaker.

The Clerk to the Urban Council (Mr J. I. Dawson) read a letter from Mr N. Gratian Doyle, Assistant Commissioner for Food Economy, regretting that he had just had a reply from London to the effect that the demand for slides was so great that it had been found impossible to forward any to be available at that meeting, and it would in consequence have to be conducted without them.

The Vicar and the Patriotism of the Town.

Mr Bircham said if there was one thing he did admire in that town it was the patriotic spirit shown by the inhabitants. He had no patience with a Britisher who was not a thorough patriot. (Applause.) But all the four years he had lived here—he was not a native of the place—he had felt quite at home, and, speaking generally, he liked the inhabitants for their many good qualities; but, especially since the beginning of the war, he had discovered that they were all true patriots together, and they were prepared as one man in their country's interest to make sacrifices. (Applause.) An officer, not long ago, said him that he would rather be with the Durhams in a stiff fight than with any other battalion in His Majesty's service—(cheers)—and the Vicar liked a man who was plucky, if he was on the right side, and he admired that fellow who, fighting to the last, called the flag to the mast and went down like a true Briton. (Loud applause.) "Where have the Durham men got that spirit, let me ask? Why they have got it from their fathers and mothers, whose sons are out yonder now fighting for us, and keeping back the barbarous Germans from our beloved land." Continuing his passionate and fervent address, Mr Bircham said he could not for very shame stand there on a public platform and tell them of the horrible things perpetrated in Belgium by the savage and brutal German hordes. But let them be quite sure of this that the Germans would have treated us even worse, because they hated the British more than all their enemies. But, God helping the English, the Germans were not coming here, for the British were going to win this war, and the people were prepared to undergo hardship and do something to bring about victory. (Applause.) They were going to restrict themselves with regard to food, and they were unanimous upon that, because if the food in this country ran out then they must have a patched-up peace. He moved "That the inhabitants of Barnard Castle present at this meeting promise to do all in their power to assist in this Food Economy Campaign, for national safety." (Applause.)

Mr Harry Walker seconded the resolution, and asked the audience to set up to the terms of the motion to the very fullest extent of their power.

Councillor Locke (from the Tyenside) reviewed the whole situation in a practical address. He said the resolution dealt with national safety, and what they had to bear in mind was that the security of the realm depended in the first instance on the men who were fighting at the front and with those who were at home. They had not only to bring this war to a victorious termination, but they had to have a very keen eye to the exact condition in which they were going to be left after the conflict was ended, and to safe-guard the situation they must keep their national interests in the fore-front. It was for the universal recognition of the decree that might should not triumph over right that the Allies were fighting; and, in dealing with the question of their food stuffs, there was conflict of opinion. The average freedom-loving Englishman did not take kindly to restrictions, and the increased currency had made a greater run on food-stuffs. The U Boat menace had caused tremendous havoc, for the actual sinkings that were continually taking place must lessen the food destined for this country, and deplete our edibles to a serious extent, while at the same time they were not in a position to turn out a corresponding number of vessels. The English were not given to panic, but it was the duty of Britishers to rise to the occasion. Much depended upon their own voluntary efforts, falling which there was something to follow. He declared upon the authority of Mr Gerard, the late American Ambassador at Berlin, that compulsory rationing in that city had been a costly failure. At Munich food-stuffs had been hoarded, while millions of food tickets had been forged. Under rationing the death-rate in Germany had increased to an alarming extent. Mr Locke condemned in unmeasured terms profiteering in shipping, and appealed to his audience to look the matter calmly in the face, and to use every economy they could in the consumption of food-stuffs.

Mr Walker Waine hoped the Food Control Committee in every town would pass a resolution asking the Government to stop the wholesale waste of grain and sugar in the brewing industry, and thus increase the real food supply of the country.

Mr Councillor Locke said different sections of the community had their specific demands upon the Government, which they were continually putting forward, and there was a large division of the people in this country who claimed that beer was even necessary to their existence. "We may probably disagree with them to the greatest possible extent; but you must bear in mind that you have that section in the community, while all classes have a remedy if they are prepared to boycott the brewing industry."

The motion proposed by the Vicar was carried unanimously and with enthusiasm, and the singing of the national anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

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WAR EMERGENCY COMMITTEE.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Barnard Castle War Emergency Committee was held on Tuesday night week, under the presidency of Mr C. Hedley, J.P. There were also present Mrs Wimpenny, Mrs Walton, Misses Nixon, Barker, Walton, the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, Messrs Dawson, Wilson, Bart, Hobson, Morton, Quinon, Guy, Helmer (honorary treasurer), and Singer and Dent (honorary secretaries).—Mr Singer read the secretarial report, as follows:—During the past year there have been many calls upon the funds of the committee. The committee's appeal for the necessary funds to provide Christmas parcels for the men on active service and in hospital was generously responded to. This year it has been decided to send each man a postal order of the value of 4s. in lieu of the usual Christmas parcel. During the stay of the 16th York and Lancaster R-giment in the town the Wesleyan school-room was used as a recreation-room. When the battalion left the town the sum of £22 16s. was spent in gifts to the men. There is only one family of Belgian refugees now residing in the town, and it is well at this stage to point out for the information of the public in general that the weekly collection is not for the Belgians only, but for the various objects in charge of the committee. A sum of £10 collected by the ladies of the Malta sewing meeting was subsidised by a grant of £5 from the funds of this committee for the relief of starving children in Belgium. An entertainment was given in the Victoria Hall to soldiers' children, and the expenses thereof amounting to £11 18s. 7d. was defrayed by the committee. Parcels were sent to a number of men from the town who had been made prisoners of war. A series of military sports and entertainments were held during the summer under the auspices of the 16th York and Lancaster Regiment Sports' Club and this committee, and the funds of the committee were considerably augmented thereby.—The report was adopted.

Other Matters.

The committee was re-elected, with the addition of the names of Mr Robt. Wood.—On the motion of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was tendered to all who had subscribed to the funds, and had in any way assisted in the work during the past year, and especially to the trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church for the use of their commodious school-room.—A sub-committee was appointed to arrange a whist drive and dance, the proceeds to be devoted to the sending of postal orders to the men on active service and in hospital.—The Treasurer submitted a financial statement, which showed a balance in hand of £242 18s. 4d.—Mr Dawson, in moving its adoption, pointed out that all the money the committee had in hand and much more would be required to enable the committee to meet the increasing demands that would be made upon the funds by the continuance of the war.

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SIRTUS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Roll of Honour. GOLDSBROUGH.—Died of wounds on December 7th, 1917, at the 5th General Hospital, Rouen, France, 3125 Private John Ralph Goldsbrough, Essex Surrey Regiment, aged 19 years, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Wm. Goldsbrough, of Heighington, and much loved grandson and adopted child of the late Mr and Mrs Ralph Nixon Goldsbrough, of Barningham, Yorkshire, and deeply loved nephew of Mrs George Reid, 136, Sheen Road, Richmond Surrey (nearly Alton), with whom he made his home.—Deeply mourned by his aunties (Mrs Talvard, Miss Goldsbrough and Mrs George Reid).—He gave his life for his country.

Deaths. FOUSFIELD.—At Donsgill, Dalton, on the 10th inst. Elizabeth, the dearly beloved wife of Joseph Fousfield, aged 52 years.—Interment at Kirkby Hill on Thursday, December 13th, at 2 p.m., cortege to leave residence at 12.30.

GASH.—At Bures' Head Inn, Barnard Castle, Sarah Ann, beloved wife of Matthew Gash, aged 62 years.—To be interred in the Church Cemetery, Barnard Castle, on Friday, December 14th, cortege leaving residence at 2 p.m.—Friends please accept this intimation.

NIXON.—On 9th December, 1917, at Ivy Lodge, Middleton, the residence of his daughter, William Nixon, in his 87th year.—To be interred at Middleton-in-Teesdale, on Wednesday, 12th December, 1917, cortege to leave Ivy Lodge, Middleton, at 2 p.m. prompt. Services in the Primitive Methodist Church, Middleton-in-Teesdale, at 3 o'clock.—Friends please accept this intimation.

Memorial Service. DONALD.—A memorial service will be held in the Parish Church, Bowes, at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, 18th December, in memory of Lance-Corporal John Walter Donald, who was killed in action on 7th November, 1917.—All friends invited.

Return Thanks. MRS LITTLE and FAMILY desire to return thanks for all letters and sympathy in their recent bereavement.—Horse Market, Barnard Castle.

MR J. MORTON and FAMILY, Bank Side, Middleton, wish to thank all friends for their kind sympathy in their sad bereavement.

MR MOSES and FAMILY, West Hill, Robinson, wish to thank their many friends for kind sympathy during their sad bereavement.