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LOCAL GIFTS TO THE DURHAMS.

Kindly Letter from Lieut.-Colonel Robson. The following letter has been received, bearing date 9th December, 1917:—Dear Mrs Bircham,—I delayed replying to your kind letter until I could definitely acknowledge the receipt of the parcels.

POULTRY KEEPERS SHOULD WRITE to Joseph Thorley Ltd., King's Cross, London, who are the manufacturers of OVUM, Thorley's Poultry Spice, for Thorley's Poultry Keepers' Account Book, also book giving useful hints to Poultry Keepers.

PIGS ARE OFTEN TROUBLED WITH WORMS: Thorley's Worm Powders will clear same. Sold in Cartons containing 6 powders 5d. by Agents in all parts, or by post paid 12 powders 1/1 from Joseph Thorley Ltd., King's Cross, London.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Next week the "Teesdale Mercury" will be printed a day earlier, owing to the Christmas holiday arrangements.

Lieutenant Norman Field, of the East Riding Yeomanry, the new owner of Lartington Hall and estate, and his solicitor, who is a Manchester gentleman and a relative, paid a visit to Barnard Castle, on business, the other day.

Lieutenant G. P. Bowes-Lyon, of the Grenadier Guards, son of the Hon. Patrick Bowes-Lyon, who more than once contested the Barnard Castle Division in the Conservative interest, is officially reported as missing.

Yesterday the Christmas vacation began at the North Eastern County School. There are 342 boys attending this first-class education centre, inclusive of boarders and day boys, but exclusive of 28 in the preparatory school.

Captain William Alexander Silvertop, of the Hussars and the Cavalry Club, Military Cross, is officially announced by the War Office to have been killed in action. The deceased gentleman was brother of the late Mr Frank Silvertop, late owner of the Lartington estate, who was killed in action last May.

The Zetland Foxhounds will meet at Staindrop, to-morrow, and on Saturday at Forcett, each morning at eleven o'clock.

It is understood that Mrs Field is devotedly attached to rose culture, and that the pursuit will be a feature in coming gardening operations at Lartington Hall.

The soldiers now serving with the colours from the Marwood district, numbering about 28, have been presented with ten shillings each as a Christmas gift.

Those of our readers who have perforce to make use of the railway for legitimate travel, will be interested to learn that the North Eastern Railway Company's new time-table, which is to come into operation with the New Year, is of a handy pocket size, and will include, in the case of each table which shows the main line and other connecting times, the page numbers in the book at which details of those services will be found.

Startforth section of C Company of the 2/3 Battalion of the Yorkshire Volunteer Regiment, accompanied by their bugle band, marched to Rokeby Hall, on Saturday afternoon last, where they got their new clothing.

Sergeant P. Finn, Durham Light Infantry, who resides in the Bank, Barnard Castle, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field.

Woodland Beagles will meet on Saturday, December 22nd, at Egglestone, at 12.30; and on Thursday, December 27th, at Tin Ten, near Romalclirk, at 12.

This morning there are no cases for hearing at the Greta Bridge Police Court.

Sapper C. Hillary, Railway Battalion; Private G. Morton, Royal Fusiliers; Private J. Grey, York and Lancasters; Private A. Furnass, of Mount Pleasant; and Private Bert Parkin, of Lartington, of a Scottish kilted regiment, have all been home from the front on short furlough.

At the local auction mart, last Wednesday, a pen of fat sheep belonging to Mr J. Atkinson, Wilson House, were sold for the record price of seven guineas each—just double the figure of pre-war days.

The Military Medal has been awarded to Private A. Cook, R.A.M.C., Cockfield, and to Sergt. T. W. Simpson, of the Oaks, Evenwood.

Private Jos. Wilkinson, Durham Light Infantry, is on sick leave at Barnard Castle, he having been badly gassed.

The executive of the Rokeby Coursing meeting have had the pleasure to hand over to Mrs J. Bell-Irving a cheque for £36 16s. 4d. towards the Red Cross Fund. This handsome amount included £10 2s. 6d. for sale of game; Red Cross boxes, £5 10s.; sale of cake, £4 11s. 6d.; and donations from friends, £21 11s. 6d. The executive return their special thanks to the ladies for collecting, and also to Mr Lawson, judge, and Mr Tom Sutton, slipper, for giving their services for so good a cause.

The sale of farming stock which was advertised to take place at Westgate Farm, Gimby, Bowes, yesterday, is postponed, on account of the heavy snowstorm, to a date to be hereafter fixed.

Sapper R. Chatt, Startforth, of the Railway Battalion, who went through the Gallipoli campaign with the Northumberland Fusiliers, has just arrived at his home on short leave of absence.

Yesterday Mr J. J. Bell-Irving made a present of rabbits to the local railway staff, the gift being highly appreciated.

Sapper R. Dye and Private A. Dye, brothers, who reside in Steele-place, Barnard Castle, are now at home enjoying a brief leave of absence from France.

Mickleton Lads Remembered.

A very successful effort on behalf of the Mickleton lads serving their country has been made at Mickleton. Mrs Dent, of Low Green, and a few kind friends have, by means of sale of jumble and a whist drive and dance, realised a sum of £22, which will be devoted to sending the lads a present in the New Year.

WESLEYAN SALE OF WORK. PROCEEDS FOR ORGAN AND SOLDIERS

There was quite a large attendance at the sale of work held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church school-room, Barnard Castle, on Thursday afternoon. The room was neatly festooned for the occasion, patriotic emblems being greatly in evidence.

The Rev. R. Lang said they were glad to have Mr Hall as their chairman, and they welcomed him as being a native of Barnard Castle. He was pleased to see Mr Hall, moreover, as a member of the old Anglian Church, as their founder, John Wesley, was at one time what Mr Lang thought an ideal churchman.

Mr J. G. Hall, who was well received, said about two weeks ago when he was asked to preside on that occasion, he could not refuse. There were some people, he declared, who did not believe much in bazaars at any time, but those people found that an excuse for not attending those functions and spending money. Of course some folk thought sales of work ought not to be held now, seeing that they were passing through such a strenuous time, but Mr Hall thought they were alright so long as they were helping to raise money for a good cause, and that bazaar was to help on the good work of the church, so he did not see any objection. He said that sales of work were the very best ways of raising money for church affairs, because every one could take part. Some could give money, some material, and others their valuable time.

Dr. Leishman, who had a very kindly welcome, said he must first of all express his thanks to them for the very cordial reception they had given him, and his pleasure at being there that day, although, he naively added, he would have much better preferred being one of the audience than on the platform. Although he said he was not a native of Barnard Castle, he felt as if he had spent all his life in the town. He was glad that he had made so many friends in the place, and was pleased by the warm welcome that was extended to him wherever he went.

Mr Dixon, in moving a vote of thanks to those who had taken part in the opening proceedings, intimated that the object of the bazaar was to be devoted chiefly to the musical portion of the church work. They were, he said, very fond of their choir and also of their organist, and part of the money was to improve the instrument and assist the choir. Ten per cent of the funds raised that day was to be devoted to the most deserving cause, and that was to send parcels to the lads who had gone from that church to fight a common foe.

The stalls were in charge of the following:—Work stall—Mrs Gny, Mrs Lang, Mrs Parkinson and Mrs York; fancy work and handicrafts—The young ladies of the choir; flowers—Mrs T. Parkinson, Mrs Kelleth, Mrs A. J. Young and Miss Wandless; savoury and provision stall—Mrs J. R. Arrowsmith, Mrs Ord, Miss Bainbridge, Miss L. Barker and Miss Metcalfe; tea—Mrs Parkin, Mrs Reay, Mrs Singer and Miss Arrowsmith; café—Mrs Swinbank, Mrs Watson, Mrs Barker, Misses Robinson, Bainbridge, M. Garbutt, Arrowsmith, Annie Arrowsmith, Alice Richardson, Escott and Singer.

Yesterday's Touching Memorial Service at Bowes.

Yesterday, a sympathetic service was held at Bowes in memory of Lance-Corporal Jack Donald, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Donald, of Romalclirk, but till lately of Galley Hill.

On Saturday night a splendid concert was given in the Newbiggin Council School by the scholars, the effort being on behalf of the funds to provide comforts for our sailors and soldiers. Mr Leonard Gibson, Middleton, presided, and the work of Miss Hall and Miss Walton, who trained the children, was greatly appreciated by the large audience.

THE GREAT SNOWSTORM. Local Railway Traffic Seriously Dislocated.

A heavy fall of snow commenced in the Teesdale district on Sunday morning, and continued until Monday night, accompanied by a driving wind, which had the effect of drifting the snow in many places. The outlying farms have experienced great privations in being practically isolated, while the difficulties of attending to stock have been great. Perhaps, however, the greatest inconvenience has been felt in working the railways communicating with Barnard Castle.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

The funeral of the late Mr William Nixon, who was a well-known daleman, took place at Middleton-in-Teesdale, on Wednesday last, amid many manifestations of respect. His lifelong association with the Primitive Methodist Church, to which he had rendered faithful and loyal service in the days gone by, was fittingly referred to by the Rev. A. T. Thompson, B.Sc., of Bishop Auckland, who conducted the funeral service.

A peal of bells were rung at Harwood Church, on Tuesday, December 11th, in celebration of the deliverance of Jerusalem from the Turks.

A concert was given by the infant scholars at Middleton Council School on Wednesday afternoon last, consisting of drills, action songs and sketches. The programme, which was given in capital style, reflected great credit on Miss Benson and Miss Hunt, who had trained the youngsters. There was a large attendance of mothers and friends.

The benefit concert held at Middleton on Saturday night proved a great success. The room was packed by an appreciative audience, and over £10 was realised, which goes to help a resident who has been off work through illness for over two years.

Private J. A. Bainbridge, son of Mr Henry and Mrs Bainbridge, How Gill, Middleton-in-Teesdale, who has been awarded the D.C.M., is now at home for fourteen days' leave after being in France for over six months.

PIG KEEPERS WHO WISH THEIR PIGS to pay should use as a Condiment Thorley's Food for Cattle; keeps Pigs thrifty. Sold in Cases containing 56 packets 5s. 6d. (complete Case) by Agents in all parts.

BARNARD CASTLE POLICE COURT.

WEDNESDAY.—Before Messrs John Smith (chairman), J. G. Hall, C. Hedley, J. W. Hartley, and G. B. Martin.

Salmon Fishery Prosecution in Juvenile Court. Joseph W. Allinson (15), Bridge-end, Newbiggin, was charged by Supt. Welke, of the Tees Fishery Board, with having fished for salmon during the close season, namely on the 21st of November.

Lavinia Clark (18), an assistant employed by Messrs Walter Wilson, Limited, at Cuckfield, was fined 21, including costs, for having unlawfully sold margarine at 7 1/2 p. per half-pound, contrary to the Margarine (Maximum Prices) Order, on December 7th. Mr Robert Brown, Food Inspector, proved the case.

Ordinary Court: First Food Control (Local) Prosecutions.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Roll of Honour. HEBDON.—Killed in action in France, on October 26th, Private Ernest William Hebdon, Northumberland Fusiliers, dearly beloved son of E. Hebdon, The Mill, Newbiggin, aged 21 years.

Deaths. ALLINSON.—Accidentally killed, at Conrad, Missouri, U.S.A., on November 10th, 1917, John Stagg, eldest son of Mr J. Allinson, Dabhy, P.O. Sask., Canada (late of Stable Edge, Middleton-in-Teesdale), and son-in-law of Mr and Mrs Thos. Robinson, Levy Post Farm, Bowes, aged 35 years.

DANIELS.—At 2 York-terrace, Barnard Castle, on December 12th, 1917, at the residence of her daughter, Jessie, widow of Henry Daniels, aged 65 years.

WILKINSON.—In loving memory of Lance-Corporal Alfred Wilkinson, Northumberland Fusiliers, who died of wounds, December 18th, 1916.

WATSON.—In loving memory of Ann (Nanny) Watson, Chapel-row, Middleton-in-Teesdale, who died December 21st 1916.

YOUNG.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Beatrice May Young, who died at 7, Ware-street, Barnard Castle, on the 24th December, 1916.

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MRS DANIELS desire to thank all who sympathised with them in their bereavement.

MR GASH AND FAMILY desire to return thanks for kind enquiries and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement, and for floral tributes.