## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

We regret that, owing to the enormous and continued advance in the COST OF PAPER and general production, we shall be compelled, commencing with our Next Week's Issue, June 20th, to increase the price

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We feel confident our many friends will understand that this is a "War Price," and we are hopeful of being able before long to return to the popular price of 1d., at which figure the "Teesdale Mercury" has been sold for over sixty years.

#### LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Lieut. H. B. Bell-Irving, R.N.V.R., cousin of Mr J. J. Bell-Irving, J.P., of Rokeby Park, has rendered singularly good service when in command of one of H.M. drifters. While on patrol duty on Monday morning he encountered a group of five enemy seaplanes and attacked them, with the result that two machines were destroyed and the two pilots were taken

There was to beer on sale at several of the local inns, last week.

A few weeks ago a foal, the produce of a heavy draught mare, the property of Mr W. Wilson, of Hulah Bush, Langleydale, was born with two feet on the right fore leg, the second foot, which was perfectly formed, projecting from the fetlock. When the animal was about ten days' old Mr G. Thompson, M.R.C.V.S., successfully operated, and removed the offending foot. The foal is now alright, and can be seen gimboling in the field in perfect

Through the retirement of Mr John Bainbridge, of Kirkby Stephen, after a connection of twenty-five years with the Barnard Castle and Teesdale Farmers' Auction Mart Company, Limited, Mr Edwin Huck, Soulby, Kirkby Stephen, has been appointed by the directors to the vacan; post.

About half-past seven o'clock on Wednesday morning an aeroplane, passing over Langleydale, was compelled to descend owing probably to engine trouble. The machine, which fell into a pota o field, was very much damaged, but the pibt, who was unaccompanied, was fortunately no worse. Mr R. Armstrong, J.P., was the first on the scene to render what assistance le could. An observation aeroplane passed over Barnard Castle at half-past six o'clock on Sunday morning.

Private Brown, married, of the York and Lancasters, died suddenly at Deerbolt Camp, last Thursday. The body, encased in a coffin made by Messrs John Hunter and Son, undertakers, left with the 9-19 night train on Friday for Holyhead, en route for Dublin, by the mail

It is said that luckly chance oft decides the fate of monarchs, and a singular coincidence was the fact that a day or two ago Mr Walker Waine picked up a lost gold curb bracelet, while but a few weeks since his married daughter found a purse containing a considerable sum of money, the lost property in each case being promptly returned to the owner.

Mr J. D. Rudd sends us a copy of "N.Y.D., for June, 1917, "being the monthly journal of the Orderly Room Sergeants interned at No. 3 Regular Infantry Section, General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon." The little brochure is in many respects admirable, the items being witty, airy and lightsome. On the title page are two "Tommies" looking into space for "Blighty." ---0-

Official news reached Mr Robert Kyle, Thornberry, Bowes, a few weeks ago, that his son, Gunner M. Kyle, had been wounded in action on May 7th, for the second time. He was operated on in France, and was transported later to York Hospital, where he is making wonderful progress. The young soldier and his comrade, William Preston, of Bowes. with whom he went away, have both done service in France for nearly two years, the latter having as yet sustained no injury, and is still in the fighting zone.

The release of two more men from the Barnard Castle Post Office last week for military service brings the total number of enlistments from the local postal district up to 23, of which number two have made the supreme sacrifice.

Leading Seaman Samuel Smith, of the Royal Navy, son of Mrs S. Smith, Commercial-yard, Barnard Castle, has been at home on fourteen days' leave of absence.

The bowling green at the Bowes Museum Park is now in excellent condition, and very enthusiastically are the followers of the historic pastime entering into the spirit of the game. Arrangements are being made for a match between the Barnard Castle Bowling Club and a team selected from the 16th York and Lancaster Regiment, which is expected to take place on Monday night at half-past six.

Private J. Simpson, Galgate, Barnard Castle, who is a prisoner of war in Germany, has had to undergo a further operation for the removal of shrapnel from his leg.

At the usual Sunday afternoon's parade of the local Volunteer Training Corps, the commanding officer presented the Wells Cup, which had recently been shot for by the members of the corps, to the winner, Private J. Dockrill.

Private Isaac Harrison, of the Durham Light Infantry, is visiting his home in Bridgegate, Barnard Castle, on a short leave from the front.

The recipients of the Military Cross include with the 17th Durhams at Barnard Castle.

Two valuable cows, belonging to Mr George Richardson, East Whorley Hill, Winston, were struck dead with lightning on Thursday last.

The committee of the Barnard Castle Branch for providing comforts for sick and wounded at Malta, gratefully acknowledge the receipt of 22 from Lord Barnard, 21 from Mrs Cookson and 10/- anonymous.

His Honour Judge Templer did not attend the Barnard Castle County Court, on Monday, the only defended action which was listed having been withdrawn. Mr H. Robinson, the Registrar of the Darlington County Court, adjudicated in about twelve undefended cases, and two judgment summonses were adjourned. Mr W. J. Watson, the Deputy-Registrar of the Court, is expected at Spring Lodge on Tuesday

Sapper Joe Graham, Royal Engineers, of Cotherstone, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty during severe fighting with the Salonica Forces

At the close of the festivities attending the wedding at Southport of Vera May Stafford, formerly of this neighbourhood, the bride and bridesmaids' bouquets were sent to a local V.A.D. hospital, with the compliments of the bride and bridegroom. The flowers were distributed among the wounded soldiers.

Sixteen cases involving ten persons will be investigated at the Barnard Castle Police Court, this morning.

Lance-Corporal W. H. Browning, of the Royal Engineers, third son of Mr and Mrs Browning, Ovington, is home on short leave, after serving a year and nine months in France.

#### BARNARD CASTLE COUNTY COURT.

The Recent Accident at the Stoe Thread Factory.

The court was held on Monday last, when Mr H. Robinson, the Registrar of the Darlington County Court, sat in place of Mr H. C. Wasson. The solicitors present were Mr J. H. Holmes, Mr J. I. Dawson, and Mr J. W. B. Henlop There were no cases of public interest, excepting a workman's compensation case, when an application by Mr Thomas Brass, on behalf of his son, William Brass, for payment out of court of the sum of £25, and an order for the investment of the balance, which had been paid in by Messrs Ullathorne and Company, of the Blax Mills. It was stated that the youth had leab an arm. Mr J. logram Dawson appeared for the applicant. The order was made, the capital sum to be invested in War Loan, and the interest to be paid out half-yearly.

#### Funeral of Mrs Ann Wearmouth, of Baldersdale.

On Saturday sen, another old standard of Baldersdale was laid to rest in Cotherstone Cemetery, in the person of Mrs Ann Wearmonth, widow of the late Mr Robert Wearmouth, of West Briscoe, who died at the residence of her daughter, at the advanced age of 78 years. Mrs Wearmouth will long be remembered lo Baldersdale as a consistent christian and a kindly neighbour. The little chapel at Briscoe owes much to her willing help, and in the years gone by, whenever there was illness or trouble in the little hamlet, Mrs Wearmouth was always ready to help or console. In her kindly, unobtrusive way she hath done what she could, and the large gathering at her interment on Saturday was an elequent testimony to the respect and esteem in which her memory is held throughout the district Her late busband (Mr Robert Wearmouth) died in 1896, and his was one of the last burial services to be held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Cotherstone, which has been closed for so many years At the interment on Saturday the service was conducted by the Ray. F. G. Gatehouse, and amongst those present were:

## Chief Mourners:

Mr and Mrs C McDonald, son-in-law and daughter; Mr and Mrs J Bell, Ravenstonedale, son and daughter-in-law; Mr and Mrs J Wearmouth, Sowerby Lodge, son and daughterin-law; Mr N Wearmouth, Skipton, son; Mr and Mrs Geo in-law; Mr N Wearmouth, Skipton, son; Mr and Mrs Geo Wearmouth, West Briscoe, son and daughter-in-law; Mr and Mrs Fred Wearmouth, Ellergill, Ravenstonedale, son and daughter-in-law; Mr Mr M Kindleyside, Mickleton, son-in-law; Mr A Brigham, Scargill, son-in-law; Meesrs R Brigham, W Brigham, Mr and Mrs R W Bell Mr and Mrs J Kindleyside, Mrs Crowther, Mr R W Donald, Miss F Donald, Miss M Wearmouth, Sowerby Lodge; and Miss M A Wearmouth, West Briscoe, grandsons and granddaughters; Mr C Waller, Newhouses. Mrs J Brown and Mr T Brown Mickleton. Mr Newhouses; Mrs J Brown and Mr T Brown, Mickleton; Mr J Robinson, Darlington; Mrs Bell and Mrs J Bell, Oopley; Mr and Mrs Bayles, Bowes; Miss A Brown, Mickleton; Mr John Coatsworth, Catterick; Miss M J Waller, Miss S A Waller, and Mr J Wearmouth, West Auckland, nephews and

A very large concourse of neighbours and friends from far and near were also present at the funeral.

The bearers were Messrs R Brigham, R W Brigham, R W Bell and J H Kindleyside, grandsons.

## Military Service Amendment Act.

Time for Appealing for Re-examined Men.

Much misunderstanding has arisen as to the time within which men, primarily rejected and now re-examined, have to appeal to local Tribunals for exemption. Appeals must be entered within 30 days from the date of the notice to be medically examined, whatever the result of the examination may be, and although a man may be rejected. Many men have already lost the opportunity of appealing through ignorance of this requirement. In any such case the leave of the Tribunal should be asked for the hearing of an appeal though out of date.

## A TEESDALE BRIDE.

Military Wedding at Southport.

The wedding was solemnised at Christ Church, Southport, last week, of Miss Vera May Stafford, daughter of the late Mr John Stafford, contractor, of Lartington, and Mrs Stafford, Lord-street, Southport, and Lieut. W. A. Burnham, of the Royal Garrison Artillery. The hest man was Mr Alan Everett, of Manchester. The bride, who was given away by her cousin, Mr Alexander Kemp, was attired in champagoe duchess satin and cloth, with lace hat to match. Her bouquet was of white Harrissii lilies and white heather, with champague tulle, and the gift from the bridegroom was a solitaire diamond ring. The bridesmaids were her sister, Miss Constance Stafford, and Miss Florence Pollard, of Formby. Their gifts from the bridegroom were gold medallion pendants. The reception was held at the bride's home, there being a large assemblage of guests. The honeymoon is being spent at Rhos-on-Sea. The bride's travelling dress was of navy blue crepe de chine with oyster facings, and hat to match. Lieutenant Burnbam is home on leave from Salonika, and was aide-de-camp to Second-Lieutenant Fawcitt Wayman, who, with | General Hunter-Blate, of Malta. A large | piquant flavour. Ask for "ATORA" Suet in | Powders 1/1; 98 Powders, 6/6, on receipt of his brother, Captain Myers Wayman, trained number of costly presents were received by Blocks for frying and Shredded for puddings, the bride and bridegroom.

### OUR WOUNDED HEROES AGAIN VISIT LUNEDALE.

The Storming of Romantic Grains-o'-

Beck. Undaunted by their failure at the Carlbeck School, the previous week. the wounded soldiers from the Bishop Auguland Ichrmary, under the care of Mr J. J. Aubin, honorary secretary to the Bishop Auckland Wounded Soldiers' Fund, and accompanied by Captain Shearwood, decided to renew their attack on Lunedale, on Friday last, the weather being all in their favour. They set out at half-past ten in the morning, travelling over the moors to Egglestone, where they were again refreshed through the kindness of Mr Thompson, Gate House Farm, with tea, milk, etcetera, and study their plans how best to storm that village, and the bigher reaches of the Tees, decided that Bowlees should receive their first attention on Wednesday, the 13th inst. The centre of attraction on Friday last appears to have been Grains-o'-Beck Farm, but they soon found their error in underestimating the state of the roads by which they were obliged to travel, for no mooner had they reached the top of the bill overlooking the approaches to their objective than their largest transport motor became what is commonly called "bogged." This. of course, gave their opponents ? good opportunity of increasing the warmth of their reception, and when the battle began in real earnest it was soon found that the wounded lade had but little chance against the stal warts of Grains-o'-Beck, who were supported by that familiar officer in full dress uniform who daily conveys the news to and from home and distant lands for all his Uncedale friends. With carver and fork in hand he dealt such terrific blows from the joint that one doubted very much whether the men direct from the trenches unscathed could have withstood the battle very long. During the afternoon a detour was coming in from the Renegill Fells, and others from the Standards, with recruits of the opposite sex from Middleton, Carlbeck, and other parts, but still they found the ladies of Grains-o'-Beck ever ready and well supplied with materials to withstand all-comers. Thus, fieding themselves so thoroughly beaten, the wounded lads gave in, and offered as an indemnity for the damage done, sorgs, recitations, dances, and so on, in which a violicist appeared, as though dropped from the clouds, to supply the music, added to the gramophone kindly brought by the Vicar of Laithkirk .-Votes of thanks by the Sergeant, seconded by that witty Corporal, who warned their newlymade friends to be more careful lest they should be called upon to do battle again before the year was out, assured them of the pleasure it had given him and his companions to come and partake of their hospitality.- Captain Shearwood, who felt he could not only speak more freely in that dale, as it was not in his recruiting area, but as a soldier who had seen and passed through the hardships of war, heartily supported the vote of thanks, to which the Vicar replied, as he did at Carlbeck, and assured the wounded of the pleasure it gave the whole of Lunedale to have them there, and how their thoughts would go out with them should they be called upon to fight again. fighting in France, it was decided to send the out to enable those in the trenches to share in the day's outing. - A warning note was sounded by Mr Aubin, the honorary secretary, in reference to the financial position of the fund, and the heavy cost of charabance for long taken part in aiding the day's pleasure in food and so forth would not forget that subscriptions would be most thankfully received either by Mr W. D. Dent, London Joint Stock Bank, Limited, Bishop Auckland, or by himself. to enable him to continue the work, and pointed out that the fund was registered under the War Charities Act, 1916, and that every penny received would be properly accounted for and all receipts and payments duly audited. -At the close a sudden movement was made by the wounded lads, with the result that many of the ladies became prisoners of war, and were marched up the bill on their return journey .- A hale was made at Wemmergill to inspect the gardens of Wemmergill Hall, which completed another very enjoyable day

#### Marwood Wesleyan Sunday School and Other Anniversaries.

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The Marwood Methodist Sunday school snniversary was celebrated on Saturday and Sonday, June 2nd and 3rd. On Saturday night a public meeting was beld, when good addresses were delivered by Mr John Walton, of Egglestone, and the Rev. F. G. Gatehouse. The Superintendent read the report, which showed the school to be in a healthy condition, spiritually as well as financially. Mr Wm. Pigg, of Cotherstone, presided over the gatherleg in a very homely and genial manner. - On Sunday afternoon the usual children's service was held, and also in the evening several items were repeated by the friends and scholars. The tone of the whole of the services was of a very high order. The Rev. F. G. Gatchouse presided, and warmly thanked the children, choir and friends who had taken part and made the event such a splendid success. Thanks are hereby given to all who attended the services and made the week-end gathering, so marked, so full of zeal, and long to be remembered. - On Saturday and Sunday sen., the anniversary services were held at Scargill. On the Saturday evening a public meeting was presided over by Mr Senior, and the Rev. Robinson Lang and Mr Brand, of Thornaby-on-Tees, were the speakers Miss Metcalfe led the choir as organist. The services were conducted on Sunday by Mr Brand, when the singing was sgain under the direction of Miss Metcalfe. Scripture pieces were given, and the collections were good.-Mr T. Parkinson preached the anniversary sermons at Staindrop on Sunday week, and the services were most successful, the scholars in the afternoon giving several vocal selections and the recitations being instructive and choice. The menetary results were also encouraging.

## How to Save Bread !

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## LOCAL CHORAL MILITARY WEDDING.

Full Congregation at the Parish Church.

On Thursday last the marriage took place at St. Mary's Church, Barnard Castle, of Second-Lieut. John Wm. Brown, son of Mrs Brown, Galgate, and Edith Mary, eldest daughter of Mr Robert Wood, secretary to the Gas Company in this town. The church was packed with friends and parishioners, the interior being beautifully decorated with flowers. The slight thunderstorm and rain of the morning fortunately abated by half-past twelve, which was the hour fixed for the ceremony, and the afternoon was fine. As the bride emerged from the carriage a passing company of the York and Lancaster Regiment gave ber a hearty cheer, and whistled the Wedding March. The bridegroom began his business career as assistant to Mr Robert Wood, and. after six years, balting for a few minutes at Middleton, to emigrated to Vancouver, and took up a position with the gas and electric company there. Returning home on a holiday trip, after three years absence, he accepted a position with the Bishop Auckland and District Gas Company, whence, in January, 1915, he volunteered for service in the Royal Army Medical Corps Field Ambulance, and has been 21 months at the front, being recommended, with his section, by his Commanding Officer (Dr. Bruce Low) for the military medal, which was granted to all the section's non-commissioned officers. He was offered a commission, and has just finished his course of instruction at Keble College, Oxford, successfully passing his examinations, and expects to be attached to the Pioneer Company of the 7th Durham Light Infantry. The bride, being a cheerful and devoted worker in all parochial and charitable affairs. she has won the esteem and regard of a good many townsfolk. During the assemblage the organist, Mr F. W. Raper, F.R.CO., played the prelude, " Joy to the Brave." The bride was met at the baptistry door by a pretty group of her Sunday school class, carrying baskets of flowers, which they strewed on her path on returning. The Vicar, Curate and Choir headed made, and a fresh attack took place about the procession, singing the hymp, "O, strength 6 p.m. This time the plans were changed, some and stay, upholding all creation." The first part of the service was conducted at the chancel steps, by the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham), and the concluding part at the altar rails, the Rev. W. B. Blackett reading the address. At the end the hymn, "O, perfect love," was sung as recessional. Mr Raper rendering the "Wedding March " (Lohengrin) Wagner, and Mendelssohn's" Wedding March. The bride's dress was cream silk crope de chine, trimmed with lace, with Brussels net veil, hand embroidered. She wore a gold and pearl bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a spray bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids, Misses Dorothy and Winifred Wood (sisters of the bride), respectively wore dresses of flowered voile and cream embroidered silk, with pendant and brooch, presents from the bridegroom. The bridescake was supplied by Mr W. Hodgson, and was a triumph of the baker's art, the banned "sugar loing" being replaced by an ingenious imitation covering of white satin, with ornaments of Union Jack flags, tricolour ribbon, horse shoes, etcetera The bridegroom, the best man, the bride's father, and other friends were attired in khaki uniforms. The best man was Second-Lieutenant T. F. Middleton, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who was wounded at the front, and also accidentally bayonested by a fellow-cadet, during exercises at Oxford, from which he has bardly recovered. - As there are a number of sons of this date | He was ably assisted by Second-Lieutenant Ernest Lowes, of Barnard Castle. Among the remains of the cakes, eggs, butter, etceters, friends present at the ceremony were Councillor Robert Hunter (Chairman of the Saltburn Urban District Council), and Mrs Hunter; Councillor H. Walker, Mrs C. J. and Miss Grummitt, of Sunderland; Miss Hind, Gretna; Mrs C. A. and the Misses D. and journeys, and he hoped that those who had not | M. Dewhirst, Stockton; and Mrs Keenleyside, Sunderland. Valuable and tasteful wedding presents were received.

## Kinninvie Church Mission.

The annual business meeting of the Kinninvie Church Mission was held on June 7th, the Vicar of Barnard Castle being chairman. - Mr Berry read the balance-sheet, which showed £9 4s. 5d. in hand at the beginning of the year, and 211 7s. 21d at the end.—The Vicar thanked the wardens and the mission committee for their work during the past year, and Miss Berry for her very able direction of the musical portion of the service. He re-nominated Mr Berry as his warden for the ensuing year, and the meeting unanimously re-elected Mr Wilson. Mesdames Berry, Wilson, J. Beadle, Kellett and Porter were chosen a ladies' committee to assist in the work of the mission.

# Barnard Castle and Teesdale Farmers'

The summer sale of young bulls took place on Wednesday, and proved very successful, with an average of a few pence short of £25 a-piece: - Calved cows (31 forward) - Mr J. W. Hodgsor, 248 10s; commended, Mr E. Martin, 249. Iu-calf cows (27 forward)-Mr C. Littlefair, 244 5s. Special prize show and sale of young balls:-Under 18 months-Mr R. Law, £43, bought by Sir Hugh Bell; 2, Mr John Raine, 233 15s-Mr Wrightson; highly commended, Lord Barnard, 227 10s-Mr Isaac Hetherington. Bulls under 12 months-Mr Joseph Thompson, 239-Mr J. Mitchell; 2, Mr Joseph Thompson, £45 10s-Mr Fred Richardson; highly commended, Mr T. Sayer, 225 5s-Mr John Boddy; commended, Lord Barnard, 231-Mr Highmoor. Good animals met a ready trade.

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#### UPPER DALE NOTES.

#### Mr W. Thompson's Appointment.

[BY OUR OWN OORRESPONDENT.]

The monthly meeting of the Middleton Parish Council was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday night last, Mr T. R. Gowling presiding. A committee was appointed to ook after the allotment gardens, and to see to having the stones all cleared away, and the gardens kept in good order. It was decided to advance the assistant-overseer's salary by 25 per cent.

The interment of the late Mr Isaac Parkin, Hill House, Middleton, took place on Thursday afternoon, amidst every token of respect. The Rev. G. Glandfield conducted a service in the Wesleyan Church, of which deceased was a prominent member, and also officiated at the graveside. A very large number of relatives and friends gathered from all parts of the

In another column is a detailed account of wounded soldiers visiting Grains-o'-Beck on Friday, and a meeting was held at Bowlees on Thursday night to make arrangements for another party of wounded soldiers to visit Wynch Bridge to-day (Wednesday). The programme was enthusiastically taken up by the inhabitants, and a plentiful supply of provisions were obtained. The people are eagerly anticipating the visit of the brave lade.

The quarterley meeting of the Middleton Wesleyan Circuit was held at Mickleton, on Friday, Ton Rev. G Glandfield presided over a good attendance of representatives from the various places in the district. The numerical report showed many deaths and removals during the quarter, and letters of sympathy are to be sent to the bereaved relativer. The financial statement, given by the Circuit Steward, was considered encouraging. Feeling reference was expressed towards Mr W. F. Walton (the junior steward) in his severe affliction. Mr R. W. Raine was appointed tressurer of foreign missions, and the Rev. G. Glandfield and Mr G V. Tarn secretaries. Mr Ellerton was chosen temperance secretary. Tea was provided by Mrs G. V. Tarn and Mrs J. J. Waltor.

Sanday School anniversary services were held at the Primitive Methodia: Chapel, Lunedale, during last week-end. On Saturday night a public meeting took place, presided over by Mr J Coltman, and addresses were given by the Rev. C. Pettler and Mr M. Bell, of Richmond. The services on Sunday were conducted by Mr Bell, and were largely attended.

Private J. A. Dowson, who has been at the Military Hospital, Woking, suffering from an injured foot, is now at his home, Middleton, on ten daya' leave. He has been in France since July, last year, and is attached to the Durham Light Infantry.

It will be interesting news for our musical readers to learn that Mr William Thompson, of Middletor-in-Teesdale, has been appointed by Messrs The Olympia Oil and Cake Company, Limited, as representative for the Stockton district. Mr Thompson has been prominently identified with the musical life of the dale for a great number of years, and was the conductor of the Teendale Glee and Madrigal Society. which comprises the best musical talent about the district. The concerts held by this society. each season, have been the chief social event Mr Thompson's ability as a conductor, and his happy disposition and talent combined to make this society work on most harmonious and successful lines. He was also leader of the Primitive Methodist Choir, at Middleton, in which position he succeeded his father some twelve years ago. He was also a local preacher of considerable ability, and was a trustee and the secretary of the church. Mr Thompson is a thorough dalesman on both his parents' side, and his knowledge of farming will be of great service to him in his new sphere of life. He has of late years been employed by Mr R. W. Raine, chemist. With others, we regret the dale is to lose so useful a resident, but we rejoice at his success, and trust that it may be possible for him to occasionally visit his native heath, where he can always be sure of a hearty welcome.

## The Call for Women Clerks.

In order to meet the great need for women clerks for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Selection Boards will be held on the following dates : - At Darlington, June 19th and 20th. To serve the country with the army in France is one of the most patriotic calls yet made to women in the war. They are asked to undertake the sedentary work now being done by fit men at the great bases, in order to release those men for the front. The women's cooperation in the work in France will also greatly relieve the strain on the lines of communication, and every woman between the ages of 20 and 40 should seriously ask herself whether it is her duty to volunteer for this Army work. Conditions of service and forms of application can be obtained from Miss Woodgate, Woman Commissioner, 21, Bondstreet, Leeds : or from Mrs Tennant, Director, Women's Section, National Service Department, St. Ermin's, Westminster, S.W., 1.

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## BIRTUS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATUS.

Deaths.

WOODCOCK -On May 30th, at the residence of bis son, the Bank, Barnard Castle, Thomas Woodcock, late of Grassholms, aged 72 years.

Return Thanks. MR AND MRS BRUNSKILL, Hude Top, Middleton-in-Teerdele, wish to thank all friends for kind sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

MRS CROFT AND FAMILY desire to return thanks for kind enquiries and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereave-

MRS PARKIN, Hill House, Middleton-in-Teesdala, desires to express her gratitude to all who have tendered their kindly sympathy

in her great bereavement. THE FAMILY OF THE TATE MRS ANN WEAR' OUTH wish to return thanks for all sympathy shown them in their sad bereave-