

FUNERAL OF SUPERINTENDENT WRIGHT.

LATE DEPUTY-CHIEF CONSTABLE OF THE NORTH RIDING.

The interment of the mortal remains of the late Superintendent John Wright, whose death we chronicled last week, and who was born in this immediate neighbourhood, took place on Friday afternoon in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Barnard Castle.

The Chief Mourners were: Mrs Wright, widow; the Rev. Father T. Wright, Second-Lieutenant E. A. Wright, and Sapper A. E. Wright, sons; the Misses Agnes, Hilda, and Teresa Wright, daughters; Mrs O. Wright, daughter-in-law; Mrs Murray, Richmond; the Rev. Father Lewis, Bedale; and Mr Clarke, Thornaby.

Police Officers Present included Major Bower, chief constable; and Superintendents Henderson, deputy-chief constable, Northallerton; and Superintendents Rose, Gaisborough; Cook, Thornaby; Gatenby, Heworth; A. Walker, South Bank; J. H. W. Richmond; Thornton, Malton; W. Calvert, Pickering; and T. Walker, Northallerton. Inspectors Welford, Thirsk; Robinson, Thornaby; Gamble, Stokesley; Marwood, Wath; Eaves, Northallerton; Ward, Richmond; and Bland, Startforth. Sergeants Denham, Gilling; and A. S. Taylor, Romaldkirk. Police-constables Wilson, Bowes; Forder, Cotherstone; and Porritt, Greta Bridge.

Among the general mourners were Messrs John Smith, J.P., of Grove Park, a Greta Bridge Divisional magistrate; C. J. Smith, Galgate; C. H. Welford, M.D., J. R. Arrowsmith, Jenn Graham, John R. Bean, W. Conlthard, T. Clarkson, F. Place, J. G. Buzz, Mrs Gatenby, Heworth, York; Mr C. Peacock, representing the Clerk of the Peace's Department of the North Riding, Northallerton; ex-Superintendent John Hind, late Chief Clerk, North Riding Constabulary, Northallerton; and many others.

The undertakers were Messrs T. Borrowdale and Son, Newgate, the coffin being of unpolished oak with fumed panths, and heavy brass mountings, and surmounted by an artistic crucifix in brass. The bearers were police superintendents, and the hearse and mourning coaches were supplied jointly from the King's Head mews and from Mr James Atkin's livery stable, Bank.

Lovely Wreaths were sent, including the following souvenirs:—In affectionate remembrance from his loving wife and children; in affectionate remembrance from his devoted son and daughter-in-law; with deepest sympathy from J. W. Clarke; with sincere sympathy from Nurse Long; with deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs J. Henderson and family; with deepest sympathy from Superintendent and Miss Cook; with sympathy from the children of Miss Eglington's High School; from the Superintendents of the North Riding Constabulary as a token of respect to their late Deputy-Chief Constable; with deepest sympathy from the Officers and Constables of the Northallerton Division; and with deepest sympathy from Headquarters Staff and Local Taxation Staff, Northallerton.

Middleton Branch of the Red Cross Society.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR.—Our accounts have recently been audited, and I hope you will be able to spare a little of your valuable space to make known to our many kind friends and helpers our financial position. Our income for the past year has been £24 8s. 10d.; outlay, £29 8s. 1d., leaving a balance of £5 0s. 9d. Our principal source of income has been two jumble sales, the proceeds of which amounted to over £20. We have also to acknowledge the sum of £3 from the Lunedale War Fund, and £3 7s from the Middleton Striking Band, besides many small voluntary contributions. At Christmas we dispatched 66 parcels to local men serving abroad, and also 62 postal orders of the value of £3 6s. such to those in training and in hospital. To enable us to do this the parish council kindly came to our aid and collected the sum of £20; and, for the third year, the committee of the co-operative society most generously contributed goods to the value of £2 10s., the estimated cost of their annual dinner, the pleasure of which they denied themselves to help forward our work. During the past year 263 woollen garments, principally socks, have been given to local men in His Majesty's Forces; 94 have been sent to the Durham County Depot, and 37 to the Red Cross Society, making a total of 397. Also 45 walking sticks have been sent to the Durham County Depot for use in hospitals. As already reported in your columns we contributed £20 to the Red Cross Society through the medium of the Penny Fund. Last summer large quantities of sphagnum moss were despatched to Durham, and an earnest appeal has recently been received that a largely-increased supply should be sent this year to be used in making pillows and cushions for the wounded in the French Army. Our small balance is fast disappearing, the calls upon our funds being very heavy, and we appeal to our friends and readers to help us not only with money but also to offer their services as workers. We hope to hold another jumble sale shortly, and trust a liberal supply of articles may be contributed.—Yours very truly, JANE E. DENT.

Hon. Sec. to the Middleton-in-Teesdale Working Party for Soldiers and Sailors and Red Cross Society. The Grove, Middleton, March 27th, 1917.

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SUGGESTED GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION FOR BARNARD CASTLE.

Mr John Smith, F.L.S., and Vegetable Growing.

The County Council Divisional Lecturer on Horticulture (Mr J. Smith) continued his "talks" on gardening in the Witham Hall, Barnard Castle, on March 8th, and, in an interlude, suggested the formation of a gardeners' association in the town. He did not mean an organization to run an exhibition, but a combination to purchase seeds and manures and garden requisites. Through his own recommendation fourteen of these associations had been formed in this county, and the Leadgate centre had sent 250 for seed potatoes, £20 for chemical manures, and £40 for the purchase of seeds, all of which they had secured at bulk prices, and, coming from headquarters, they had got the best quality. The Leadgate, Chopwell, Willington and other associations held fortnightly meetings for discussion, and, in the summer, once a month, they went to places of repute to note what was being done in the way of improved gardening, in which pursuits constant changes were taking place. In the renewed activities in the cultivation of allotments it was an advantage to get a good society established, and, if they decided to do so, he could supply them with a copy of rules, which would give them an idea what to do.—The "talk" dealt exclusively with the cultivation of vegetables, salt as a stimulant being recommended for celery, and the cutting of tuber sets being definitely disapproved in potato planting. Leak seedlings should be raised now, to be planted in well-manured ground, and a good dressing of a solution of saltpetre (half-ounce in a gallon of water) was useful in ridding insect pests. The growth of different varieties of onions was considered, and common salt preserved the crop in eschabots. Brussels sprouts was denominated the king of the cabbage family, and should be planted in very firm ground to ensure an excellent yield of "buttons," and the plunging of the head of the savori into soil, at the proper time, was recognized as a useful trick. Seed for winter broccoli should be in as soon as possible, and cauliflower ought to be obtainable in every week of the year. In case lettuce he recommended the "Little Gem," and commended winter spinach for summer use. The growing of parsley and other vegetables was lucidly explained, and the proceedings throughout were homely, instructive and interesting.

Cultivation of Bush Fruits.

In continuation of his "talks" Mr Smith devoted the evening of March 15th to the cultivation of bush fruits. A great mistake, he said, was often made in not planting the cuttings deep enough. They should be set well into the ground, leaving only two or three eyes above the surface. Bush manure was an excellent stimulant for all kinds of bush fruits. He advocated the planting of raspberries in clumps, rather than in rows, and the canes should be cut as soon as the fruit had been gathered. In preparing a bed for strawberries the ground should be heavily manured, but no manure should be given the second or subsequent years. Stimulants should be applied as soon as the flowers are forming.

Planting Young Fruit Trees.

On Thursday, 22nd March, the "talk" was mainly about fruit trees. The proper way of preparing the soil and of planting young trees was dealt with. It was advised that pruning should be practised on young trees only to get a good shape, and when that was done they were best left alone. Pruning should be done with a knife rather than with secateurs as the latter were apt to bruise the bark. Amateurs were advised to leave summer pruning alone in this part of England. The cause of small crops of fruit after a plentiful display of bloom was discussed, and remedies were pointed out such as watering freely in dry weather, and after blooming time; supplying lime to roots, especially for stone fruits; and, in the case of apples, having a crab tree planted amongst the apple trees.—The subject for to-morrow evening, 29th March, is rose culture.

Local Effort for British Red Cross Society.

Mrs J. J. Bell-Irving, District Representative for Greta Bridge South, has forwarded up to the end of the March, this year, cheques to the value of £29 7s. 6d. to headquarters. This included the following sums, besides her own subscription:—Per Mr Gargett, proceeds of whist drive at Bowes, £7 7s.; from Mrs Welham, £2; from Miss Gaselle and Miss Ella Storey, Startforth, 10s. 6s.; from Mrs Anderson, 10s.; and from Bowes Working Party's jumble sale (per the Rev. H. Straker), £25.—The British Red Cross Society and the Order of St John of Jerusalem in England were kind friends that owing to the new legislation the approval of the Joint War Committee must be obtained in the event of collections or entertainments on behalf of their funds.

Bowes Wesleyan Chapel.

On Saturday night week the Rev. F. G. Gatehouse delivered his popular lecture, entitled, "Unhappened Horses." A good company assembled, and the lecture was very much appreciated. Mr John T. Kearton, of Broad Castle, most ably presided. The proceeds, which included a handsome gift from the Chairman, were in aid of the chapel funds. The friends at Bowes take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. F. G. Gatehouse and Mr John T. Kearton for their kindly help.

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Death at the Front of Corpl. Henderson, of the Durham Light Infantry.

As briefly stated in a recent issue, Mr and Mrs T. Henderson, 1, Ralio-street, Barnard Castle, have been informed that their son, Corporal Henderson, accidentally lost his life in France. The facts were communicated by the Rev. W. L. M. Law, Chaplain to the Forces, who wrote on February 28th, 1917, as follows: It is with the utmost sorrow that I have to inform you that your son, Corporal Henderson, died as the result of a sad occurrence yesterday morning. On Monday the battalion moved forward, and the quartermaster's staff, consisting of the quartermaster-sergeant, your son and two privates, were billeted in a place some miles behind the line, and the four spent the night in a room where they had placed some of their stores, and apparently they had gone to sleep with a charcoal fire still burning. In the morning, enquiries were made for them, and as no answer was given to repeated knocks, the door was broken in, and your son was found dead; the other three were in a state of extreme collapse. An English doctor was summoned immediately, and artificial respiration was tried for three hours in the hopes that your son might recover, but with no result. I was sent for just as I was proceeding towards the firing-line, and returned at once and made arrangements for the funeral. Today I buried him in a new cemetery with all the reverence due to a brave English soldier, who, during his service in the army, had done his duty nobly. It will be some consolation to you to know that your son was a most valued soldier, and did all his work to the entire satisfaction of his superior officers, and was greatly trusted by them.—Battalion Sergeant-Major Albert Heslop also wrote expressing regret at the sad occurrence.—Prior to enlistment Corporal Henderson was employed in the Streatlam estate office, where he was much esteemed, and a kindly and sympathetic letter has been received from Mr W. H. Ralston, J.P.

Girl Guides: the Movement in Teesdale.

Mrs Pemberton, the County Commissioner for Durham, has appointed Mrs Ernest Pease, Mowden, Darlington, to be Division Commissioner for Darlington District. The District Commissioners under her are Mrs Addison, Romaldkirk, and Lady Havelock-Allen, Darlington. As Mrs Addison's district includes Teesdale, Barnard Castle, Staindrop, Evenwood, Winston, etc., she will be glad if anyone wishing to start Guides in these places will communicate with her. It is hoped that every town and village will in time have its Troop of Girl Guides. Mrs Addison's own Troop, 1st Durham, was started six years ago, and several of the original members are still working in it. While seeking to be useful, and doing a great deal of plain work and knitting for the troops, the girls are learning to make baskets, as a local industry, and to make money for the hospitals. When inspected at Darlington, some months ago, General Baden-Powell complimented the troop on its smartness and splendid array of badges. But, besides badges, the girls are desirous to be all-round efficient, and to fit themselves for positions of trust in real life, later on, and learning meanwhile the practice of discipline and responsibility.

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Housing Problem.

ADDRESS BY MR F. J. WILSON, J.P., AT THE URBAN COUNCIL.

Comprehensive Survey of a Colossal Task.

At the monthly meeting of the Barnard Castle Urban District Council, on Thursday night, the Chairman (Mr F. J. Wilson) said: GENTLEMEN.—I beg to report having attended on your behalf a two days' Conference of North-Eastern Local Authorities held in the Connaught Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on March 1st and 2nd, to consider the preparation of housing and town planning schemes to be placed in operation at the close of the War. In the absence of County Councillor Harold Shawcross, Chairman of the National Housing and Town Planning Council, who was detained in London, Councillor David Adams, of Newcastle, occupied the chair on the first day, and, on the second day, Alderman Bartlett, Chairman of the Health Committee of the Durham City Council, presided. The Secretary (Mr Aldridge) announced that it was the most representative conference ever held in Newcastle. The housing problem is a very serious one, and has become much more acute since the War began. Landlords and landowners will have to be encouraged in the direction of housing reforms, and private enterprise in the laying out of model schemes must be encouraged by local authorities, so that the two, private and public, may work together for the national needs. Before the War 90,000 houses were built annually in England, Scotland and Wales, and in 1916 this total dropped to practically nil, and the shortage of houses at the end of the first year of War was roughly about 400,000, including 120,000 in rural districts. The chief factor we have to realise is that this shortage is mounting up a week by week, and if 70,000 up-to-date, self-contained working-class dwellings could be instantaneously erected, we would even then only be beginning as a nation to deal with the problem, and an average of roughly 100,000 houses yearly would have to be erected to meet the needs of the nation's population. With regard to overcrowding, the position is equally as serious. If you take the acknowledged basis of overcrowding as an-thing above two occupants per room, then you find in the County of Durham the average figures for overcrowding are 28.5 per cent. of the population, and in 15 districts the overcrowding represents 40 to 30 per cent. of the population, in 14 districts 30 to 40 per cent., and in five districts it exceeds 40 per cent. The reason for this state of affairs was generally discussed, and the apathy of many local authorities in regard to the housing question generally was to be deplored. The pressing need for the improved arterial roads in the great industrial areas represented at the conference was generally and somewhat lengthily discussed. At the final session Mr Aldridge submitted an exhaustive report on a national policy in regard to the housing question, the clearance of slum areas, the suppression of overcrowding, and the re-housing of the poor. The cheap and nasty house is dead and gone, and we must recognise that the problem was one of house supply, plus the ability to pay the rent for decent houses. Mr Aldridge believed the right solution was to raise the earning standard of the man, so that he could afford to pay the rents demanded for decent housing. It was generally agreed that local authorities must be willing to subsidise housing schemes, for, if they could not get wages raised, they would be bound to house people as a last resort. This would be a minor matter compared to the great gain in the health and well-being of the community. Housing reform was worth every penny spent upon it, and every step that is taken to improve the housing conditions of the country was a step towards the eradication of the national plague of consumption. Suggested developments in a municipal housing policy by Councillor Harold Shawcross was read and discussed. One cannot fail to be impressed with the necessity of every public authority making its own contribution to the housing problem. In order that the wretched sanitary conditions should be abolished, and strict sanitation insisted upon; and (b) That all authorities should be prepared to organise a scheme of housing reform at once.

THE POLICE COURTS: GRETA BRIDGE.

WEDNESDAY.—Before Mr J. Smith (presiding), Mr E. J. Dixon and Mr S. E. Hogg. Arrears of Rates.

John A. Gargett, assistant-overseer, Bowes, summoned Mrs Stranghair, the Three Crowns, Darlington, for non-payment of poor and special expenses rates, amounting to 4s. 9d., and also for the non-payment of water rate reaching 3s. 9d.—Complainant proved the laying of the rates and the publication of the notices, and also the leaving of the demand note in the middle of last December, defendant, who did not appear, then occupying a house at Bowes.—The Bench made the usual order, with costs.

The Late Superintendent Wright.

At the conclusion of the business the Chairman made feeling allusion to the death of the Deputy-Chief Constable of the North Riding, who occasionally attended that court. Mr Smith expressed the sympathy of the Bench at the removal of so able an officer, who was deservedly worthy of all the kindly remarks which had been made about him. The magistrates regretted that such a brief interval had elapsed from the period of Mr Wright's retirement to the date of his death, and asked the Clerk, in the name of the justices, to address a letter of condolence and sympathy to the family of the deceased gentleman.

BARNARD CASTLE.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH.—Before Mr J. Smith (presiding), and Messrs J. W. Hartley, J. G. Hall and C. B. Martin. Licensing Matters.

This was the adjourned brewster sessions, and the license of the Talbot Hotel, Middleton, was transferred from her husband to Mrs Spring; and, in reference to the license of the Foresters' Arms, also at Middleton, Mrs Raine had withdrawn her application, and Mr Williamson, formerly having been respectively at Whitby and Southbank, had applied for it. He, however, was not present, and it was decided to hear the application at the next court.—An occasional license was granted to Mr Lawson, of the King's Arms, Staindrop, for two-and-a-half hours, on the occasion of an auction sale at G. B. Hone's.

Order for Partial Maintenance of Wellesley Boy.

Supt. Riddell said he had been asked by the Chief Inspector of Reformatories to apply for an order of two shillings per week against William Wilson, for the partial maintenance of his step-son (William Walker), who had been sent to the Wellesley training ship in the Tyne. Wilson was working on munitions at present, and had promised to contribute the amount.—The Bench accordingly made the order.

Middleton Rate Arrears.

The Rev. W. F. Yates-Rooker, Rector of Middleton, was in the list of defaulters, he being summoned by Mr Thomas Dent, assistant-overseer of the parish. The actual amount claimed as rates was £3 18s. 9d., but the total sum, which included costs, was £9 3s. 6d.—Complainant said he had received a cheque from the defendant that morning in payment.—Mr Hartley: Is he not regularly in arrear?—Mr Dent: Yes, I have had to summon him several times before.—Mr Hartley thought it wrong on the part of the Rector of a parish.—Mr Martin: I quite agree with you.—Mr Dent: He sets a bad example to others. He never pays till he is summoned. He went away on the 18th of January, to London, and has never been back since.—Mr Hartley: I think some notice should be taken of it.—Mr Dent: As soon as he is summoned he pays.—The Chairman remarked that it was anything but right of the Rector not to pay till he was summoned.