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WANTED, Estate for a few Two-years-old Helters; also a Yearling Colt.—Thos Ireland, Startforth, Barnard Castle.

The Teesdale Mercury BARNARD CASTLE, MAY 2ND, 1917 CONCENTRATE ON THE SAVING OF BREAD.

THE first and foremost necessity of the hour is complete efficiency in conducting a Food Economy Campaign, and the urgency of the problem to be solved cannot be put too prominently before the country. Mr Kennedy Jones, the Director of Food Economy, in a trenchant letter, emphasises facts which will appeal to every intelligent Englishman and woman, while Lord Barnard, in a letter which appears in our issue of this day, points out that there is already a food crisis in this land, and urges the staving off, if possible, of compulsory food rationing by patriotic voluntary effort on the part of everybody, but more especially in the commissariat of the well-to-do. There is no doubt, as Lord Barnard says, State control of foodstuffs would call for the expenditure of illimitable time, trouble and money, which is urgently needed in other directions. But a worse feature by far is that such a system would perform to extremely irritating, and would certainly work most unfairly. It is imperatively necessary, therefore, to bring home to everyone the fact that the wheat crop of 1916 was a failure the world over, and how very closely that shortage affects this country is self-evident when we call to mind that before the war we imported four-fifths of our wheat supplies. More than that. Of all the food we ate we brought three-fifths across the seas. Hundreds of vessels which hitherto carried alimant for our consumption are plying purely in the interests of our Allies and those of our Allies. But it is incumbent that the mass of the population must have bread, and to the indigent it is, of course, the chief necessary of life. It is cheap, and needs no cooking. Mr Kennedy Jones holds the opinion that the cheaper foods—it is, without doubt, a crux to find them—should be left for those who cannot afford to buy anything else, adding that the rich can endure breadless days, but the poor cannot. Wasteful and ridiculous excess is banned, for loss of meat, of vegetables, waste in over-cooking and in over-eating are undeniable forms of helping Germany—our rapacious and blasphemous enemy—and with every confidence we rely upon the pastoral districts, for sure, to exercise timely and wise discrimination in deeds, not words, in this hour of stress and trial, and we implore large wage-earners in munition areas to exercise the same rigid economy.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The death of Lord Portarlington, who is reported killed, was a brother-in-law of the late Captain Fergus Bowes-Lyon, son of the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, who was also killed in action. Mr J. E. Dent says the old Independent Chapel in Newgate was the first public building in the town which was lighted with coal gas. A plum tree in Queen-street has been in partial flower and leaf for over a week. The local Medical Officer of Health reports seven cases of diphtheria, one death resulting. In no case was there any evident traceable cause. Mr E. C. Surtees, architect, of Barnard Castle, has been appointed official successor to the late Mr J. H. Hyslop in connection with the Eppor Teesdale (Raby) estate. There are indications of a magnificent display of blossom on fruit trees in Teesdale. A portion of an old building in Bridgegate has fallen into the river, and damaged one of the stone piles supporting the steel sewer. Farm and allotment tillage land is being intensively cultivated in this neighbourhood, vast quantities of potatoes having been planted. Colonel the Hon. W. L. Vane, brother of Lord Barnard, has been appointed to the hon. colonelcy of the 6th Battalion (Territorials) Durham Light Infantry, in succession to the late Sir William Eden, Bart. He formerly commanded the battalion. In the recent school examination (elementary division) of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, Gladys Lamb, a pupil of Miss A. M. Scarre, M.A., 87, Galgate, Barnard Castle, was awarded a pass for pianoforte playing. The daffodils are among the first fruits of the floral wealth of this country, with their light cream petals and rich yellow trumpets, and in Teesdale they are standing out alone in their exquisite loveliness. Three swallows were seen at the Sills on Saturday. Private Isaac Lee, of Holwick, is enjoying ten days' sick leave at his home, he having spent a considerable time in hospitals at Manchester and Rochdale. Private Lee, who enlisted at the outbreak of the war, has been wounded three times, the first time being at the Suvia Bay landing, the second on July 1st, and recently at Peronne, where he suffered from shrapnel wounds in the thigh. This gallant daleman has certainly "done his bit." Plum tree blossom has been seen for a week at the Low Field market garden. Mrs F. Bell-irving (78), Sunny-bank, Mayfield, Sussex, left a painting, "Kabye, the Woodcutter," by Edgar Barclay, to the National Gallery. The gross value of her estate was £13,441.

Jim Peacock, son of Mr and Mrs W. Peacock of Stainton, has been wounded in the chin, and is now lying at the base hospital in France. This is the second time he has been injured. The Rev. J. Penrose Hodgson, late of this town, has just accepted an invitation to Blackheath, London, for 1919, which is rather an important appointment in Methodism. There is a Sunday school of 800, and two deaconesses to keep in the work. Mr Hodgson has many warm-hearted friends in this neighbourhood. News has been received at Barnard Castle that Sergeant R. Key, of the Durham Light Infantry; and Private S. Hall, both of Bridgegate, have been wounded in action. Last week a Red Emperor butterfly was seen on the wing on the Westwick-lane. The advance party of troops intended to be encamped in Teesdale arrived at the barracks on Monday morning. Several letters have been received at Barnard Castle stating that Private T. Chapman, of Bridgegate; and Private W. Waine, of Thorgate; are missing. 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The monthly meeting of this body was held on Thursday night, under the presidency of Mr O. Hedley. There were also present Messrs T. Thompson, C. J. Smith, H. Walker, R. Woodhams, F. J. Wilson, J. Guy, R. Arrowsmith, W. Hodgson, J. I. Dawson (clerk), J. H. Veltch (assistant-clerk), C. H. Welford, M.D. (medical officer), E. V. Ord (collector), L. Simpson (temporary surveyor), and C. J. G. Martin (inspector).—The new rate of 2s 9d. in the pound was signed and sealed.—Mr J. Guy was elected Chairman of the Finance Committee.—The Clerk announced that he had written to the Secretary of State for War, and to the Right Hon. A. Henderson, M.P., on the subject of troops, and had received a letter from the Northern Command announcing that a battalion would be sent here for the summer months, and the question of winter quarters would be considered later.—Mr Smith: It is very satisfactory.—It was agreed to increase the rate of pay of the workmen at the sewage farm from 2s 9d. to 3s 8d. per chair.—The Sanitary Committee's report on that fresh notice had been served regarding a pill privy and other defects at 28, Newgate, and also for privy aspects in George-street.—Mr Smith said he was in favour of the abolition of the whole of the pill closets in the town, but the present was not an opportune moment.—It was agreed on the motion of Mr Woodhams that the recommendation be sent back to the Sanitary Committee, together with the proposition that steps be taken to enforce the notice served in respect of 9, Wood-street.—Speaking on a suggestion from the Women's Municipal Party that women be accepted on local authorities, and the proviso being signed by Lady Frances Balfour, Mr Smith asked what the qualification of real practicality was? Would he be in order, he insisted, if he were to stand down in favour of his wife whom he regarded so thoroughly practical? They had nine children, and all were living.—Nothing was done, and the statutory accounts of the Gas Company were referred to the Lighting Committee.—A flag day in support of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Nawa-sati, is to be arranged for July or August.—An application for funds for the Durham Volunteer Regiment was referred to the Finance Committee.

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