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LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Yesterday morning Mr W. H. Ralston, J.P., received a telegram from London announcing the fact that Captain the Hon. Michael Bowles-Lyon, of the Royal Scots, who has been missing since the 28th of April, is a prisoner of War in Germany.

Thursday is Empire Day. To celebrate the day the Barnard Castle Boy Scouts are having a muster at the John-street tennis ground (by permission of Mr R. T. Richardson) at 6-30 in the evening, when various trophies and badges will be presented and new scouts and wolf cubs enrolled.

A gentleman living in retirement at Barnard Castle had the misfortune to lose his purse in the town, which was found on Saturday by Mrs Robinson, daughter of Mr Walker Waine, and taken to the police station.

Lieutenant O. T. Walton, South Lancashire Regiment, and Royal Flying Corps, second son of the Rev. J. M. Walton (who is one of the Lords in Trust for Bowes Moor) and Mrs Walton, Langton Rectory, Northallerton, reported missing on April 12th, is now reported killed on the same date, in an aerial combat.

The Rev. J. B. Robinson reports that 900 eggs were despatched last week from the local depot for our wounded soldiers and sailors. Of these 19 were collected at Startforth (Mrs Douglas), 22 at Old Spital (Mrs Hird), 32 at Scargill (Miss Hillary), 44 at Bowes (the Misses N. and M. Alderson), and 400 from the Rev. A. W. Stewart, of Brignall, the remainder being contributed in Barnard Castle town and market.

Sappers J. Thompson and H. Thompson, of the Royal Engineers, the two sons of Mr J. Thompson, Travellers' Rest, Cockerton, Darlington (formerly of Barnard Castle), have been wounded. Before the war they were prominent footballers. J. Thompson playing for Grangetown, and his brother for St. Augustine's.

On the occasion of Mr J. W. Watson leaving the North Eastern County School, to take up duties at an isolation hospital, near Chester-le-Street, he was the recipient from his fellow-employees of a beautiful clock in rose-wood case, a barometer, and a gold safety-pin brooch for Mrs Watson; from the Headmaster a cheque, and from the Assistant-Masters and Bursar also a cheque.

Private T. Chapman, Bridgegate, of a Lewis Gun Section, the youngest of three brothers in the Army, is stated to be missing, a letter having been received to that effect from his comrade, Private C. Atkinson, of the Landings.

Writing from Madras, on the 12th of April, Mrs Webster, late of Coronation-street, Barnard Castle, announces that her husband and herself have arrived in India quite safely, after passing through the War zone.

Mr Geo. Roper, of Gilling Lodge, Richmond, has received intimation that his son, Lieut. Geoffrey Roper, has been killed in action. The deceased, who was in Canada when the war broke out, enlisted as a private, and subsequently qualified for a commission.

A farmer and market gardener told the Urban Tribunal on Thursday night that he had paid £32 for seed potatoes to plant two acres.

Lance-Sergeant A. W. Little, whose death we announced last week, and who was a native of Barnard Castle, was in the Durham Light Infantry, and had previously seen service with the Northumberland Fusiliers in the Boer War.

Lord Gainford has been appointed by the President of the Board of Education to arbitrate between the London County Council and its teachers on the question of a war bonus. The teachers are asking for 10s. per week bonus, and the Council offered them a graduated scale, the biggest amount being 3s.

Captain Roy H. Helmer has arrived at Romaldkirk on a ten days' leave of absence.

Mr Arthur Henderson says peace must be in harmony with democratic ideals—not dictated by uncontrolled and unrepentant military despots.

Two larceny and one case of receiving stolen property will be heard at the Greta Bridge Police Court, this morning.

There is a woman in this town working regularly on the land at the age of 82.

Acting-Corporal J. W. Aseough, Royal Engineers, writing home to his parents at Barnard Castle, says they are now back from the front resting after hard work, indulging in various forms of drill, and taking part in organised sports. Speaking of his own company he writes:—"It was a glorious day, but much too hot about 80 degrees in the shade, especially when you consider that we run in ordinary boots, trousers, and shirt. The sports started at one o'clock and did not finish until about 7 p.m. My section won the most points, with 88 against 72. I took the championship with 30 points, being first in the one mile, second in walk, run and cycle race, second in high jump, and third in half-mile and quarter-mile. All events were off scratch. The total amount of my winnings were about 43 francs."

The military sports and variety concert at Barnard Castle will form the chief attraction in Teesdale on Whit Monday.

Private H. Storey, Northumberland Fusiliers, a well-known North-Eastern Railway clerk, is lying in a Midland Hospital, severely wounded in both legs, and Rileman D. W. Storey, of the King's Royal Rifles, is reported missing since April 23rd. Both these promising young fellows are sons of Mr and Mrs F. Storey, Staindrop, and brothers of Mr S. Storey, Wool House Farm, who have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

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War Agricultural Committee.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE OF FARMERS ARRANGED.

Women for the Land.

A meeting of the Barnard Castle Union District War Agricultural Committee was held on Wednesday, at the Teesdale Institution, Mr W. H. Ralston, J.P., presided, and there were also present Messrs H. L. Fife, J.P., W. Suddes, J. C. Bainbridge, V. Hodgson, F. Forster, Heslop, G. Atkinson, and R. Brown (clerk).

With regard to soldier labour on the land, the Clerk read correspondence from Mr Wm. Fleming, the honorary secretary of the County War Agricultural Committee, in which he said there were no men available at present. He had had further applications, and had written to Lieutenants Turbull, of the 7th Agricultural Company, Newcastle, who regretted to say that it was impossible to supply soldiers for the Teesdale Union district.—Mr Hodgson: I have had several applications from farmers for soldier labour, and I advised them to write to Mr Fleming, but it does not seem to be any good now, if they have not got men to send.—The Chairman: Are there many soldiers working on land in this district?—Mr Hodgson: There are a few, and some very good men, too.

Agricultural Conference.

A letter was read from Mr F. P. Walker, adviser in agriculture to the Durham War Agricultural Executive Committee, in which he stated that he had recently addressed a meeting of the Chester-le-Street Committee, and had also asked farmers to attend, and he would like an opportunity of meeting the members of the local committee and the farmers of the neighbourhood in a similar manner, as he believed that nothing but good could result therefrom. If the committee would like to make arrangements and invite him to come, Mr Walker would, with pleasure, try to do so at a time that was most convenient for them.—The Chairman thought it would be a good thing if they could get Mr Walker to come and address them, and suggested that it would be well if they could arrange to hold a public meeting, on Wednesday, May 23rd. He said that nothing but good could result, as they would have an instructive agenda, and may also have a discussion afterwards.—It was eventually agreed to invite Mr Walker to come and address a public meeting, which had to take place to-day, at 2-30 o'clock, in the upstairs-room of the Witham Hall.—The Chairman: I think it would be as well if we could get Lord Barnard to preside over this important meeting.—The Clerk was thereupon instructed to write to His Lordship, who is at present in London, to invite him to take the chair on the occasion.

Breaking-up of Land.

A discussion took place which had bearing upon the area of arable land in the county, and Mr Atkinson said the great point was in getting the right kind of land for growing crops, never mind the district.—Mr Fife: If you ask a farmer to break up land, the important question is: Can you assure him that he will have the labour to deal with it?—A Member: It is no use getting a tractor to plough a field, if it cannot be properly looked after.—Mr Forster remarked that it was the wrong sort of plough that was sent with a tractor.—A member: There must also be a skilled man with the plough.—The Chairman opined that chaffcutters, or anybody, were sent with the motor-tractor. (Laughter). He thought it would be better if they left the matter over and have a meeting after the arranged conference, when they could discuss the subject with Mr Walker, and it was so decreed.

Women for the Land.

The Chairman read an important communication from Mrs Frank Sobart, of Selaby, the honorary secretary of the Women's War Agricultural Committee, in which she set before the meeting the way in which they could provide labour for farmers. They could supply casual workers or gangs to help during hay-time and harvest, where agriculturists were unable to secure sufficient local labour to accomplish the work quickly and expeditiously. The committee were prepared to arrange for gangs of workers to stay in the locality. Gang leaders would be supplied to supervise the work. Applications could be made to Mrs Sobart at Selaby, who would supply full details and particulars.—Mr Fife: There is no doubt women can do useful work on a farm.—The Chairman: Have you got any at Raby, Mr Fife?—Mr Fife: Yes; and they are settling down very well.—Mr Bainbridge: The difficulty, I should think, will be to find lodgings for them.

Memorial Service at Bowes.

Private George Henry Bayles, of the Royal Irish Rifles.

An impressive memorial service was held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Bowes, on Sunday afternoon last, for Private George Henry Bayles, son of Mr Thomas Bayles, of Plover Hall, Gilmonby, who died in the General Hospital, Rouen, on May 8th, at the age of 24. The respect in which the deceased soldier had been held was evidenced by the large congregation which gathered to honour his memory, extra seats being necessary to provide accommodation. The local Volunteer Training Corps suspended drill and attended in a body. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Gatehouse, the Rev. H. Straker (Vicar of Bowes) reading the 91st Psalm Messrs J. N. Walker and T. W. Gay made most sympathetic reference to the sterling character and quiet strength of the departed. Naturally of a retiring disposition, and unpretentious in all he did, he, nevertheless, was ever to be found in his place, prepared to do his duty. This characteristic quality was manifested when the call of country rang in his ears, and he willingly went forth in response to the call. Mr Guy's tribute referred more particularly to the deceased's association with the church, and especially with the bible class of which he had been a member. It was a comforting and refreshing message, and the impressionable congregation instinctively felt that the Christian faith, intelligently received and firmly held, which issued in Christian character, was the greatest asset in any life, whether in joy or sorrow—on the field of battle or in the home. The Rev. F. G. Gatehouse, in a few words of comfort, referred to the widespread influence of sorrow and suffering in relation to the evolution of that more perfect life in which all the nations would presently share. A most impressive and helpful service concluded with the singing of the hymn, "For ever with the Lord."

DEATH OF MR CHARLES E. HUNTER, FORMERLY OF WEMMERCILL HALL.

Keen Sportsman and Politician.

The death has taken place in London, at the age of 65, of Mr C. E. Hunter, whose remains were cremated at Golders Green on Friday. The deceased was a Durham County magistrate, the date of his commission being January, 1888, and he occasionally sat on the bench at Barnard Castle. For a number of years he resided at Selaby Hall, Gainford, and was a keen sportsman. He hunted a good deal, and for many years leased the famous Lunedale Moors of Wemmercill from Lord Strathmore, in the company of which he succeeded Lord Westbury. He owned several horses which won in steepchases. The late Mr Hunter was a prominent figure for many years in the Northern coal trade, and was closely associated with North of England politics. He was the son of Mr William Hunter, a former Mayor of Newcastle, and succeeded to the property of his uncle, who was largely interested in the coal trade, Mr C. E. Hunter having been Chairman of Coalbrookdale and Scaister Collieries (Limited), Durham, and the Houghton Main Colliery (Limited), Yorkshire. Mr Hunter was admitted a solicitor in 1873, the last year in which he took out his certificate being 1886. He was a Commissioner for Oaths, and practised at Newcastle, where he was superintendent for births, deaths and marriages. The deceased had been a member of the Durham Conciliation Board, and the Durham County Council. He served for some time in the Northumberland Hussars, and though retired when the War broke out, again offered his services and found useful employment at home on defence work. In politics he was a Conservative, and was an active partisan for many years, and occasionally spoke from party platforms at Barnard Castle. He fought several elections, but none successfully, although he had reduced Radical majorities. Mid-Durham, against the late Mr John Wilson; Hexham (Northumberland), against the present Lord Altondale, and Scarborough were the seats he contested. He latterly lived at Hill Hall, Epping. Mr Hunter married Miss M. E. Smyth, daughter of General J. B. Smyth, and leaves a widow and three daughters—Mrs L. Carey-Elwes, her husband, at the time of the marriage being Adjutant of the local Regiment of Durham Light Infantry; Mrs F. C. Williamson, and Lady Grant-Lawson. The funeral of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles E. Hunter, of Hill Hall, Epping, took place at Theydon Mount, on Saturday. Among those present in addition to Mrs Hunter and a number of relatives were Lord and Lady Warwick, Lord Albemarle, Lord Brooke, representing Lord French, Sir Evelyn Wood, Lord Willoughby de Broke, Lord Chesterfield, Lord Ribblesdale, Lord Derwent, and Colonel Mark Lockwood.

Dates and Events by a Commanding Officer.

An esteemed Officer in His Majesty's service gives the following accurate memoranda:—Charles Edward Hunter, son of the late William Hunter, was born in 1852; married, 1875, Mary, daughter of the late General Smyth, C.B. of Finsbury, Surrey. He was a Justice of Peace for County Durham (1888); served in the Northumberland Hussars, 1874—1897, retiring with the rank of honorary major, rejoined the Northumberland Hussars in October, 1914, and was transferred to the Territorial Force Reserve in 1916; resided for some years at Selaby Hall; took an active part in local affairs; was for some time chairman of the Barnard Castle Conservative Association; contested Mid-Durham in 1892; Hexham Division of Northumberland, in 1895; Mid-Durham in 1900, and Scarborough in 1906, all in the Conservative interest, but failed to secure election; leaves three daughters, Mrs L. E. Cary-Elwes, Mrs F. C. Williamson, and Lady Grant-Lawson, besides his widow, to mourn his loss. Mr Hunter died at his residence in London, 30, Old Burlington-street, and of late years he spent most of his time at his country residence, Hill Hall, near Epping.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] There were fifteen candidates at the confirmation service held at Middleton-in-Teesdale, on Tuesday, 15th inst., and conducted by the Bishop of Durham. The clergy present were the Rev. W. F. Yates-Rucker, the Rev. E. O. Butler, and the Bishop's Chaplain (the Rev. H. Marsh).

There was widespread regret at Middleton on Friday morning, when it became known that Mr Timothy Tara, of Hill-terrace, had passed away. Deceased, who was 52 years of age, was taken suddenly ill while at his work, at Messrs Ord and Maddison's quarries, Park End, on Thursday, and was brought home by his fellow-workmen. Medical aid was at once obtained, but he died early on Friday morning. The funeral, which took place on Sunday, was one of the largest witnessed for some time, most of his brother employees attending, along with a large number of relatives and friends. The Rev. C. Pettler conducted a service in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, and also officiated at the grave-side. Deceased was an ardent trade-unionist, and was a member of the committee of the local branch of the Gas Workers' Union, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and one daughter, for whom much sympathy is felt.

Teesdale School Lads and Farm Work.

Education Committee Take No Action.

The monthly meeting of this body was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of Mr H. L. Fife, J.P.—The average attendances were:—Barnard Castle, 33.3; Middleton, 35.5; and Staindrop, 38.3.—Three cases of scholars absent from school and assisting their parents on the land were under review, and the members were exceedingly chary in taking action, Mr R. W. Ralston, J.P., remarking that the times were such that the committee needed to be exceedingly lenient.

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FOOD CONTROLLING AT BARNARD CASTLE.

Special Meeting of the Urban Council.

A special meeting of the local Urban District Council was held on Monday night. Mr C. Hedley, J.P., presided, and there were also present Messrs R. Arrowsmith, J. Guy, F. J. Wilson, R. Woodham, J. Wiseman, C. J. Smith, J. I. Dawson (clerk), J. H. Vetch (assistant-clerk), and C. J. G. Martin (surveyor).

A Big Undertaking.

The Clerk said the business of the meeting was to consider the carrying out and enforcing the whole of the orders made by the Food Controller under the Regulation of the Defence of the Realm Act. The cost would be borne by the rates, and the officials of the Council would have to prosecute any offence. The matters to be dealt with included the regulation of price of chocolate and sweets; no game birds to be fed with wheat, pulse or food stuffs; the price of milk order; price of potato order; flour mixture order; bread order—selling by weight, and no sugar to be used; sweeds turnips order; no sale of sugar conditionally that other articles are purchased; public meals order—registration of restaurants and dining rooms; net weight of tea order; cake and pastry order; wheat and rice distribution order; maize; barley and oats to be used only as seeds; food given to horses according to their occupations; price of oats and maize products. The Clerk added that roughly speaking it was the duty of the Council to enforce these orders.

Mr Smith moved, Mr Wiseman seconded, and it was resolved that the Clerk make inquiries to see whether Supt. Riddell, the Inspector of lodging houses, could undertake the duties, and this would probably involve a letter to the Chief Constable.

The Inspector (Mr Martin) said he would not like to shirk anything, but he was pretty well fixed up with work at present.

The Clerk said it was only right that people should have an opportunity of knowing all about these orders, and the machinery to be set up. He had, therefore, prepared a file of the orders, and he would be pleased if any tradesman or persons affected by them would call at his office and inspect them. It would be most unfair to take the public onawares.

Mr Smith proposed and Mr Wiseman seconded that the Clerk insert for three weeks, in the local newspaper, a notice calling attention to the subject, and inviting an inspection of his file.

Fencing the Allotments.

The Chairman pointed to the depositions of horses in the newly-planted Intake Allotment.—The Clerk: The lease provides that the Council have to make a proper gateway out of the Dameses into the allotment.—Mr Wiseman moved and Mr Smith seconded that the Chairman and Messrs Guy and Wilson take up the matter of fencing as it applies to all allotments.

Abominable Waste of Fuel.

The Inspector produced about a shovelful of fairly round, useable coal and coke which he had picked off the rubbish-tip without making any particular search.—The Chairman: This is ridiculous waste. Monstrous.—Inspector: It wants picking out as well as screening.—Mr Arrowsmith: Why should people waste fuel like that? It is absolutely shameful.—The Clerk: It is a perfect scandal.—The Chairman: Have you any idea of the district where this coal refuse has been collected?—Mr Miller (cartman) said he had not, but added that a hundredweight could be taken from five or six boxes. A cartload of refuse would weigh about fifteen hundredweight.—Mr Arrowsmith moved and Mr Smith seconded that the Clerk draw up an official advertisement for insertion in the local paper setting forth that any detection of waste would incur prompt prosecution.

Durham Light Infantry Prisoners of War Fund.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury."

SIR,—The President, Secretaries, and Treasurer of the above fund, in making a further appeal, have received a letter from the Lord Lieutenant (the Earl of Durham), in which he draws attention to the increasingly large demands made on the fund, and expresses a hope that Durham will rise to the occasion, as Northumberland already has, in continuing to provide funds to keep our brave men from starvation in their prison camps in Germany. We feel sure that the necessity has only to be known to elicit a generous response. We know what great demands are being made on all those who give, but surely no appeal goes more direct to the heart of all those who feel the bond of humanity than that for food for those who have fought and suffered for us. Now, when we are asked to deny ourselves of all that is superfluous in eating, no reason that anyone can give is so strong as that, if we indulge ourselves, the men who are fighting and have fought must go short. For those who have fought and died that they may not have died in vain, for those who are fighting that they may have strength to bring victory to our cause, which is God's cause, for those who are languishing in prison that their health and strength may not be impaired by lack of food, let us willingly and cheerfully deny ourselves even what were in the past necessary things in food and clothing and pleasures, that we may have still more to give and supplies left for the gallant sailors and soldiers, especially those who are prisoners of war.—Yours, etc.—KATHARINE L. VANE, President. H. D. DARWIN, Hon. H. D. SHAFOT, Secretaries. W. MOULT, Hon. Treasurer. 8, South Bailey, Durham.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

In Memoriam.

LAW.—In loving memory of Elizabeth Sarah, beloved daughter of Robert Law, Start House, Balderdale, who died May 19th, 1915. "The sweet to know we'll meet again, where parting is no more."—Ever remembered by her father, sister, brother-in-law, and nieces.

ROBINSON.—In loving memory of our dear daughter, Ethel Maria Robinson, of Barnard Castle, who died May 22nd, 1915, aged 22 years.

Dear is the grave where our daughter is laid, Sweet is the memory that never shall fade; Love may wither, flowers may die, If others forget her, never shall we.

—Ever remembered by her father, mother, brother, and sister-in-law.

Return Thanks, MR AND MRS BAYLES AND FAMILY, Plover Hill, Bowes, desire to thank all friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement.