

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The Hon. H. Cecil Vane, the eldest son of Lord and Lady Barnard, arrived at Raby Castle on Saturday, on a short visit to his parents...

The marriage arranged between Captain the Hon. Ralph Vane, 4th Battalion Durham Light Infantry (Special Reserve), youngest son of Lord and Lady Barnard, and Miss Kathleen Mair...

Among casualties recently reported from France are two which affect an old Barnard Castle family. Previously reported missing, believed killed, and now reported killed in action...

Lord Barnard, presiding at a meeting of the Tees Fishery Board, said that he had no pecuniary interest in the work of the Board...

The vessel commanded by Captain H. H. Hill, eldest son of the late Mr Hill, of Egglestone House, has been torpedoed in the Atlantic...

At the Darlington Auction Mart, on Monday, a bullock belonging to Mr J. H. Hett, of Headlam Hall, made the record price of £70 10s.

Private J. W. Walton, of the Durham Light Infantry, who was invalided from France on Good Friday, arrived at his home at Stainton on Monday night for a short furlough.

NORTH EASTERN COUNTY SCHOOL SPORTS.

Prizes Distributed by Mrs F. L. Brereton. The annual sports associated with this first-class educational institution were held yesterday. There was a very large attendance of visitors...

LOCAL MILITARY WHITSUNTIDE.

Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Horne's Straight Talk about the Battalion. Whit-Monday at Barnard Castle, almost unintercepted by a quarter-of-a-century and more...

The Sports. The large list of events, arranged by the 16th Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment, at Deerbolt Camp, on Monday afternoon, drew a very large crowd of spectators...

Six-a-side football competition—An exciting encounter ended in favour of B company over D. Best turned-out man—Pte Ditchin, B company. Throwing the cricket ball—Pte Metcalfe, H; 2nd, Pte Byrne...

Varley Concert in the Victoria Hall: A Full House. In the evening, at popular prices, the Victoria Hall was literally packed by an enthusiastic audience...

Advisory Committee's Exemptions. A Hindon (Woodland) man sought a rehearing in the case of his son, which was granted. Mr Dawson: By his own unaided efforts the man cannot carry on the farm...

Food Economy Pledge and Ribbon. To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR,—The National Committee having now instituted a universal form of pledge and provided a narrow purple ribbon to be worn on the edge of the coat...

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 12 Powders, 1s; 98 Powders, 6s, on receipt of remittance...

The Rural Tribunal.

BARNARD CASTLE. Who is to Appraise the Value of Substitutes?

Lord Barnard presided at a meeting of the Barnard Castle Rural Area Tribunal on Friday afternoon, when about twenty-four cases were considered. There were present Messrs R. W. Raine, J.P., H. L. Elfe, J.P., J. W. I. Davidson, J.P., T. Taro, G. R. Gout, T. W. Bainbridge (clerk), F. Stobart (military representative), W. Woodhead (clerk to the military), and V. Hodgson (Board of Agriculture)...

One-Sixth of the Pasture Land of Durham to be Ploughed Out. The case of a young man who is at this moment employed on the Selaby home farm (19), passed for general service, was considered. Military Representative: I think he ought to go. I brought the case up myself. Mr Thomas Carr, the farm bailiff, was present. Lord Barnard: Do you tell us that you cannot carry on without him? Mr Carr: I do. Mr Hodgson pleaded for greater consideration for farmers, as 64,000 acres, or one-sixth of the available pasture land in Durham county, had to be ploughed out...

Temporary exemption was granted to the manager of Hauxwell farm, Marwood, till 1st October. An auxiliary postman and farmer (40), Whorlton Lodge, Winton, had his case adjourned pending his reporting that he had secured four days' work a week on a farm. He had joined the V.T.C. Conditional exemption would follow. Conditional exemption was granted to the son of the occupant of Snotter-to-Hall farm (18, E2). In the case of a young man from Field House, Gainford, 19, single, and passed for general service, no exemption was granted, though a substitute will be provided. Conditional exemption was granted to a man of 39, married, with three children, who works for the Bishop Auckland Co-operative Society on Morton Timbush farm. An engineer and steam road roller driver, married, 33, living at Gordon House, Egglestone, had his exemption withdrawn, the time limit being the first of July. In a military reviewer draper's traveller living at Middleton (41), married, again pleaded domestic hardship, and the case was adjourned for medical examination. The Middleton Sub-Postmaster, in category C 3, was granted conditional exemption, this being a distributing centre for a wide district, and Mr Dockrill, of Barnard Castle, reading official correspondence. The last case for review was explained by Mr J. I. Dawson, and concerned a butcher at Middleton, whose conditional exemption was withdrawn and temporary exemption allowed to the 1st of September. The Tribunal made no variation in the case of a Gainford butcher (24), C 2, who travels to Winton, Orvington, Wyolfie and New Raby. A farmer, having holdings at Aukside and Mickleton (36), married, and formerly working as a quarryman, was exempted till October 1st, with a view to his obtaining work on other farms, and attending the Medical Board for examination. A Middleton man employed at Lonton in full time was told by Lord Barnard that he must do one of two things—either spend the whole of his time in agriculture, or go to the Army. The exemption of a Middleton man engaged at Stotley was continued on fulfilling the stipulated condition as to farm work. The same decision was given to another Middleton man working part time at Stanhope Gate.

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OFFICIALS OF THE NORTH-EASTERN CYCLISTS' MEET.

RECEPTION AT THE TURK'S HEAD HOTEL.

A meeting took place at the Turks' Head Hotel, on Monday night, promoted by Mr C. Hedley, J.P., Chairman of the Urban District Council. The object of the gathering was to welcome, on behalf of the Council and the inhabitants, the representatives of the North-Eastern Cyclists' Meet, in Messrs J. H. Woods, ex-president; D. Macpherson, honorary secretary; O. Thompson, Captain of the Kensington Cycling Club; and R. Herron, Vice-president of the Kensington Cycling Club. Councillors H. Walker and E. J. Wilson (ex-chairman), and Mr J. H. Velich, assistant-clerk, and other representatives of the town were present. Light refreshments having been handed round, the Chairman proposed "The Officials of the Meet," and extended to them a hearty welcome to the old town, and expressed a wish that the cyclists' meet would return to Barnard Castle with pristine vigour when the opportune time came. This toast was ably responded to by Messrs J. H. Woods, D. Macpherson, O. Thompson and R. Herron, all old members and ardent supporters of one of the oldest gatherings of its kind in the world. Councillors H. Walker and E. J. Wilson also addressed the meeting, and dwelt upon the facilities that Barnard Castle offered for a carnival such as the North Eastern Cyclists' Meet. Both gentlemen acknowledged in grateful yet forceful sentences that they were pleased to learn that it was the intention of the veteran wheelmen to make the capital of Teesdale their "Mecca" for many years to come. The toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by a life-long friend, Mr Ernest Wippeny, and a very pleasant gathering was brought to a conclusion in time to attend the military concert at the Victoria Hall.

Durham Light Infantry Prisoners of War Fund.

The following subscriptions have been received by Mrs H. C. Watson towards the above fund:—Mrs Bircham, £1; Mrs Hare, £2; Mr C. J. Smith, £1; collection, per Mr R. T. Richardson, £1; per Mrs B. Heslop, Mr and Mrs Dove, £2 1s. 6d. Monthly subscriptions towards the cost of parcels for the 6th Durham Light Infantry prisoners are sent by Mrs Addington, Miss Brownless (Whorlton Grange), Mrs B. Heslop (Startforth), Mrs Jeffreys (Lyndhurst), Mrs H. C. Watson, Miss Watson (Spring Lodge), and the Misses Dashedow. Further subscriptions will be most gratefully received. The cost of one parcel is 7s per month, and every prisoner has five, and, in addition, bread. Each prisoner, therefore, costs nearly £2 per month.

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UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] The lighting of an aeroplane in Teesdale, on Wednesday, attracted a large number of interested spectators. The machine, which came down in a field near Wodecroft, Cootherstone, was somewhat damaged by the descent, and had to be conveyed away by a motor waggon. It is thought that the pilot had got out of his course on account of the fog.

A party of wounded soldiers, numbering about forty, are to be brought from Bishop Auckland on Friday for an outing in Lunedale. Mr Aubin has arranged the visit, and the matter has been taken up enthusiastically by the Lunedale people. A meeting was held at Carlbeck last Friday night, and steps were taken to entertain the soldiers. Mr Aubin and his committee are most desirous that several excursions should be arranged during the summer for the men who have been wounded in battle, Teesdale being the locality selected.

The anniversary celebrations in connection with Bowles Primitive Methodist Sunday School took place last week-end, and were very successful. Mr Pallin, of West Hartlepool, was the special preacher, and addressed a public meeting on Saturday night. The Rev. C. Pettler also spoke, and Mr J. W. Kettlewell, Romaldkirk, was the chairman. The public supper was abandoned this year, but the usual tea for the scholars took place in the afternoon. Services were held on Sunday afternoon and evening, when special hymns and recitations were given by the choir and scholars. Miss Natrass ably presided at the organ.

Mr T. R. Gowling, one of Lord Barnard's estate joiners, has had rather a serious accident. On Monday of last week he fell from a ladder whilst working at Cleveland Cottage, receiving a nasty wound on the head. He was rendered unconscious for some time, but is now progressing favourably towards recovery.

There are still traces of the severe storms on the moors in Teesdale—"winter lingering chills the lap of May." Near "The Standards," on the moor between Lunedale and Teesdale are two good-sized patches of snow.

There was quite a number of visitors in Teesdale for the Whitsuntide holidays, who explored the various places of interest. The Gentiana Vera, which is rather late this year, is now in full bloom, and botanists were keenly on the alert for the lovely and rare little, blue, deeply, beautifully blue, flower, which blooms only in certain parts of Europe.

Barytes now mined at Lunedale, and at present carted to Warcop station, will, we are informed, shortly be conveyed to Middleton station by means of a motorrolley.

It will be of interest to the people of Mickleton to know that Philip Postlethwaite, who went to reside at Darlington just before the War broke out, and is now in the Royal Army Medical Corps, has distinguished himself on the field of battle. The Commanding Officer of the division to which he is attached has reported to the Major-General that Postlethwaite won merit on the 23rd and 24th of April by going up the line for wounded, and the military medal has been awarded to the gallant soldier. He joined the army on the 17th of August, 1914, and five weeks afterwards he was in France.

A sacred concert was given in the Middleton Wesleyan Chapel, on Sunday afternoon, by Madam Pratt, Darlington, and the Teesdale Male Voice Quartette Party. Mr Tunesdale, Skildon, was the special organist, and contributed several items. Dr. Beadle occupied the chair. Mr M. J. Dixon, of Barnard Castle, preached in the evening, after which an organ recital was given by Mr Tunesdale. The effort was on behalf of the trust funds.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

MARRIAGES. HIBBERT: BIRKETT.—On May 28th, at Gainford Parish Church, Walter Hibbert, A.M. I.E.E., London, to Hannah, daughter of the late Thomas Birkett, West End, Romaldkirk. DODDS: BROWN.—On the 15th inst., at St. Cuthbert's Church, Cootherstone, by the Rev. S. Gilbert Beal, Rector of Romaldkirk, assisted by the Rev. W. W. Wilkinson, William, the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Dodds, of Blue House, Greatham, to Margaret Annie, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Brown, Bocze Wood, Cootherstone. DEATHS. FAWCETT.—At West Birkhat Farm, Baldersdale, on May 25th, aged 85 years, Edmund Fawcett. The interment will take place, to-day (Wednesday), cortege leaving the residence at 12.50 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation. HOPKIN.—On May the 24th, 1917, at 61, Bank, Barnard Castle, John, the dearly beloved husband of Margaret Hopkin, aged 56 years. In Memoriam. THOMPSON.—In loving memory of John Thompson, of Goodburn House, Middleton-in-Teesdale, who entered the "Homeland" on May 29th, 1915 "Safe in our Father's keeping."—A. and M. T. CHATT.—In loving memory of Margaret, the beloved wife of Robert Chatt, who died at Manchester on the 26th of May, 1914. Gone from us, but not forgotten. Never shall her memory fade; Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger round the grave where thou art laid. —From husband and family. Return Thanks. MR AND MRS KIPLING AND SON, Clove Lodge, Baldersdale, desire to thank all friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement. MRS HOPKIN desires to sincerely thank the many friends for their kind sympathy in her recent sad bereavement. THE FAMILY OF THE LATE GEORGE ROGERSON, of Stainton, desire to thank all friends for their kindness and sympathy in their sad bereavement.