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9th.—Farm, Woodland. Messrs W. J.
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16th .- Three Dwelling-houses at Burnt uses, near Cookfield, to be sold at the sybound Hotel, Cookfield, Mesurs slop and York, Solicitors. 21st.—West Side, near Staindrop, luable Farming Stock, property of Mr n. Heslop, in conjunction with Mr N,

23rd.—Barnard House Farm, Cockfield. nable Farming Stock, property of Mrs 28th.-West High Wood, Langleydale. nable Farming Stock, property of the cutors of the late Mr George Bell, in

oction with Mr T. Addison. PART OF MARCH OR EARLY IN APRIL. - d Hall Farm. 12 Horses and a lot of and Calved and In-calving Cows, operty of Mr T. E. Dougill.

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ing Stock, property of Mr J. P. s of APRIL.—Hill House Farm, near reliffe. Valuable Farming Stock, operty of the Representatives of the

to Mr Thos. Stephenson.
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METHODS SCHOLASTIC.

CHANGES are predicted in the curricula. the methods of teaching, and in the rangements and training of boys and There are no signs that education all suffer in the coming days, but Dr. navid, Headmaster of Rugby, leans to belief that classical teaching may be mewhat less, and that modern sides by be more developed, particularly in the line of science and modern languages. ideed this may be safely affirmed, and conviction is expressed that the thools and the boys will be all the etter for this. It is refreshing to learn such high authority as that of gugby's Headmaster that English istory and English literature will be more generally studied in future. he significantly adds that it may ell be that boys were too much absorbed their games, and, indeed, had acquired alse idea of the value of them and the portance of sport. "We who lead sust correct this view in the future," is his scholar's pronouncement. Dr. David lieves that there will certainly continue he more military training and drill, the time to come, in all schools, and logether apart from the question of at and fighting, he feels sure that

MORE VECETABLES.

scipline.

ir was pointed out at the local meeting g promoting food production, on Monnight, that the Government eferred the growth of cereals to the ration of beef, and the small morsels animal food per diem which will ach all tables in the coming days of tioning may be regarded as proof esitive that vegetables will, not as a atter of choice, but of stern necessity, im the major part of our indispens-ile food. Hence the anxiety of every atriotic well-wisher in the community encourage cottage gardening. Land m plot culture may be had for the ming, and the Urban Council is ready passist any person willing to co-operate namovement which is intensely loyal nd national. Self-reliance or modest dependence of action were undoubtedly ming qualities in immediate pre-war ins, and all are familiar by observation in the rack of a too easy chair, and the enerlasting yawn confessing the pains at penalties of idleness." Means are instadowed to market any excess of griden allotment produce without immenience to the grower, and, as the early spring is the time to tackle More Allotments and Food Production the problem, it is hoped that all who will embrace the opportunity.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Vesterday's telephonic message says that and Barnard had not had an indifferent night ingh acting on the advice of Dr. McCullough

The members of the local Young Leaguers ion will give an entertainment for Dr. son's Homes on Thursday afternoo lich 21st, in the Wycliffe Hall.

Mr Charles William Raine, son of Mr C. E line, Horse-market, Barnard Castle, has been nuted the rank of second lieutenant, and has m posted to the 3rd (Duke of Wellington's) at Riding Regiment.

bittern—a bird rarely found in this country as been shot near Windsor.

he Rev. A. T. Guttery, of Liverpool, well hown in Barnard Castle Primitive Methodism, been nominated by the Executive of the tional Free Church to succeed the Rev.

Farmers urge the erection of new houses "reported the sanitary inspector at the Wen Rural Council at Bangor.

Mr J. H. Bowron, who has been on a shor it to his mother, at Home Cottage, Cothertale, after his splendid patriotic work in tale, California, left Teesdale last Wednesnorning for London.

ach 2nd, at Blackton, near Egglestone, at

he recommendation of 550 additional acres

All persons who attend at the Medical Board, erland, must produce their registration tds, as without these they cannot be

The tailor and shoemaker can sell their taits; the baker and grocer can dispose of bir stale wares; the carpenter can save and se his his wrongly cut boards; but there is no liket for the mistakes of the printer.

Mr W. Coates, choirmaster of the Primitive odist Church, was the prime mover in the ted concert of last Sunday afternoon. The aum of 211 will be sent for the relief of oldiers, the members of the choirs aying the expenses.

he Rev. Dr. Curwen is resigning the living d taking up his residence at Kirkandrews-

Mrs Muriel Gosling, wife of Colonel H. M. baling, has died at Hitching after nursing her ledener's wife, who died of a disease which and thought to have been spotted fever.

Only one case, possessing no public interest, be heard at the Barnard Castle Police art, this morning.

Sergeant C. Watson, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, and Sapper J. Bell, of the Royal Startforth Area Food Engineers, are at Barnard Castle on a short furlough from France.

The death has taken place of Mr Lancelot Shepherd Askew, a former station-master at Appleby, at the age of 88 years.

Yesterday's gale has done considerable damage to house property. It is said that the incoming battalion

possesses a fine brass band.

Cotherstone War Relief Fund.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR, - With reference to the petition and reply of the committee published in your issue of 20th inst, as one of those who signed the petition, I regret very much that the committee did not consider the petition with 67 signatures (33 subscribers and 34 potential subscribers) of sufficient weight to merit what, after all, was the main request of the petitioners—the calling of a public meeting to consider the suggestions made. I note that the committee say, "evidently non-subscribers are prepared to dictate as to methods of procedure." I have carefully re-read the petition and I can find no evidence of any desire on the part of the petitioners to dictate to anyone about anything. The petition, 1, expresses the views of the petitioners; 2, assures the committee of further ficancial support if needed; and, 3, suggests that a public meeting be called. The committee, by their suggestions of partiality in presenting the potitioners' case, and the obtaining of signatures under misapprehension of facts, have very unnecessarily buts the feelings of two very worthy young ladies who kindly undertook th giving inhabitants of the village the chance to sign the petition. I think if the committee realised the amount of trouble to which the potitioners went to so word their petition as to avoid any possible chance of giving offence to the committee, they would have omitted this rather offensive portion of their reply. As a consequence of the refusal of the committee to pay any attention to the petition steps have now been taken to call a public meeting to be held on Thursday next, 28th inst., with a view to the consideration of the setting up of a separate fund to carry out the objects mentioned in the petition. It seems to me that it will be great pity for two entirely separate funds, which cannot very well avoid slightly competing with each other, to exist in a small place like Cotherstone, and I hope that steps may yet he taken to avoid this. I am writing entirely on my own responsibility, and yet I feel no hesitation in saying that any modification of the committee's attitude on the matter would be welcomed by the petitioners, who, I am sure, would still gladly join forces with the committee. I note that the committee feels itself unable to undertake the work on this point. The petitioners would gladly relieve them of any work of this nature. A strong sub-committee could b chosen from among the petitioners to undertake this and the other additional work which would be involved by the adoption the suggestions made.—Yours faithfully, CHAS, CHIPCHASE.

Cotherstone. 21st February. 1918

Rousing the People to Earnest Endeavour.

A public meeting was held in the County Court-room, on Monday night, under the presidency of Mr C. Hedley, Chairman of the Urban Conneil, to take into consideration the question of increased food production. There was not a large attendance.—The Chairmar said their little town had always been a gardening centre, and he called upon the sixty allotment holders to produce half as much more than they had hitherto done. He asked them to do their level best in helping to win the war by producing more food. Farmers one and all were coming well to the front in ploughing out. With regard to more land for garden culture the Council would take in hand the acquisition of more ground when the applications warranted the step.—Mr Dawson, Clerk to the Urban Council, said that Sir Arthur Lee had reminded them that time in this matter was the essence of success, and he further remarked that the meat shortage would compel people to live more upon vegetables than ever. With regard to the acquisition of more land, it was not desirable to take less than an acre. The Chairman added that land was needed for schoolchildren, but, before the Council took notion, they needed a more substantial demand .- Mr J. Robson emphasized the need of prompt action being taken, for he was convinced that the nation was in for a lesson on short commo He deprecated the chilling attributes of Government officialdom in the simple matter of securing allotments as having a tendency to wear down spontaneous patriotism.—Mr Dawson said, all told, they had about 100 allotment holders, where they should have 250. —Mr Knowles said in the south more vegetables were grown than could be marketed.— Mr Craig replied that surplus growths would in the future be collected and marketed for allotment holders .-- Mr Singer said the difficulty he had experienced was to rouse the people the urgent need of plot culture in view The re-survey in the local (Durham) area of in the hope that the movement would be war Agricultural Committee has resulted extended, and the Council encouraged to secure more land.

"Atora" Beef Suet.

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Control. Tribunal.

REGISTRATION FOR RETAIL MILK DEALERS.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, Mr W Dent presiding. There were also present Mrs.
Bowes, Messrs T. H. Plews, T. Metcalfe, T. W.
Garth, T. C. Nicholson (clerk), W. Porter (inspector), and J. A. Gargett (executive

Milk Retailers and Registration.

The Executive Officer reported that he had received six applications for registration, and the particulars given were sufficient to comply with the requirements of the order.—Mr Garth thereupon moved, and Mr Metcalfo seconded a resolution that the Executive Officer be empowered to issue the necessary certificates.—This was carried.

The Great Sugar Theme.

Mr Gargett stated that he had receive fresh instructions as to dealing with licenses to caterers, in consequence of the new Public Meals Order, and that he had taken the necessary steps with a view to revise all the licenses previously granted. He also reported that he had received two applications from Mrs Dennison and her son, George Dennison, for the issue of duplicate sugar tickets, those originally issued to them having been accidentally destroyed,-The applications were considered, and Mr Plews moved that they be granted,-This was seconded by Mr Garth, and adopted.—Mr Gargets also reported that be had received further application, through Mr Piews, from Private F. Raine, who was in the employ of Mr Crusher, at Huston Magua, on farm work, for the issue of a sugar ticket. - It was considered that the committee were empowered to deal with the matter, and the Executive Officer was authorised to do what was necessary.

St. John's Chapel Butcher Asks for a License to Sell at Ovington.

A letter from Mr W. H. Stott, of Frog Hall St. John's Chapel, Weardale, was read, applying for a retail license to sell meat at Ovington. The request was considered, and it was by no means clear whether the committee had power to deal with the application. - It was resolved on the motion of Mr Piews, seconded by Mr Garth, that the matter stand over pending further inquiries by the Executive Officer.

The Meat Rationing Scheme. Instructions from the Ministry of Food were read and considered, and it seemed probable that additional assistance would be required if the registration and issue of tickets were to be completed within the time fixed by the instructions.—Mr Plews moved, and Mr Garth econded a resolution that the Executive Officer be authorised at his discretion to obtain whatever necessary assistance might be required.—This was carried.—The Executive Officer was asked whether any reply had been received to the letter which had been written to the Ministry of Food as to the limitation of supplies to the 50 per cent. scale of the October sales.— Mr Gargett reported that he had heard nothing further, but he understood from the Executive Officer of the Barnard Castle Urban area that no authorization had been given to them to exceed the limit of 50 per cent. of the October sales, as had been alleged.—Mr Gargett was instructed to see the Executive Officer of the Barnard Castle Rural Committee and ascertain if they had been authorized to exceed the limit, and if that should prove to be the case a further letter be written to the Divisional Commissioner on the subject.

Butter Prices Again. The question of the difference in the maximum prices chargeable in the committee's area and in Barnard Castle was raised by the Inspector and considered, and it was ultimately

Death of Mr William Gill, of Cotheratone.

The death took place at half-past one o'clock yesterday morning of Mr William Gill, butcher, in his fifty-third year. Off and on the deceased gentleman has been confined to bed since last July, and has actually been bedfast since last October. A good deal of sympathy was extended to the deceased gentleman, and sincere condolence is expressed with the widow and family, the elder son, Richard, having long been a prisoner of war in Germany. The late Mr Gill was a son of Mr Peter Gill, who lived for many years in King street, Barnard Castle, and the former married Miss Dodds, of Lartington. A widow and two sons and two daughters mourn his lose. Mr William Gill came of an old Wesleyan family.

Food Production Society for Cotherstone and District.

A public meeting was organized and held in the Temperance Hall, Cotherstone, on Wednesday evening last. Mr W. Dent (Chairman of the Parish Council) occupied the chair. There was a full attendance, the object being to form a Food Production Society for Cotherstone and district. After Mr Dent's Cotherstone and district. After Mr Dent's opening remarks, guaranteeing the movement the support of the Council, Mr F. C. Dalgarno, F R. H.S., the organizer and horticultural representative, set out the benefits of an association, pointing out the importance of the work done by similar associations. On a resolution being put, it was unanimously decided to form a food production association. Mr J. M. Aydon was elected president, Mr W. H. Ridley, secretary, and Mr Nolson, treasurer. A committee was also chosen, the first meeting being held at West Lodge, on Monday night, to draw up rules. Further Monday night, to draw up rules. Further meetings will follow, and it is to be hoped that there will be a good demand for new

Appeal for the Durham Light Infantry Prisoners of War Fund.

The committee of the Durham Light Infantry Prisoners of War Fund feel obliged to again appeal to the county for further help to assist these gallant and unfortunate men. They have already received the large sum of £22 224, but of this only the comparatively small amount of 2958 is left. There are 700 names on the books, and every week each man is sent a parcel containing meat, vegetables, fruit, tea, cocoa, sugar, preserved milk, etc., and bread from Copenhagen. As is well known the price of food is now double, and the cost of each man's parcel, with bread, is now £2 16s monthly. The committee assure the public that no money whatever is spent on manage-

Startforth Rural

18 Cases Reviewed and Varied from Open Conditional to Fixed Period.

meeting of this Tribunal took place Wednesday, under the presidency of Mr Jam' Peacock. There were present Messrs Bayles, J. Allison, R. Raine, W. H. Robinson, W. Garth, R. W. Storey, deputy clerk; Major J. W. B. Heslop, National Service; and Mr W. Dent, Board of Agriculture.

Periodical Return of Attendances at Volunteer

Drille. Major Heslop said that at the request o Major Healop said that at the request of Captain Bell-Irving he made the suggestion that the Tribunal adopt a resolution calling upon the commandant of C Company of the 2/3 Battalion of the North Riding Volunteer Regiment for periodical returns of attendances at drill, and a resolution was accordingly passed on the motion of Mr Robinson.

Teesdale Whinstone Quarries Pressed by the

Coverament. It was stated that a Rokeby Park employee had been totally discharged from the army, or medical grounds, as understood.—A workman medical grounds, as understood.—A workman employed at the whinstone quarries of Messrs Ord and Maddison appealed against the obligation to join a Volunteer Training Corps on domestic grounds. The case had been adjourned for medical re-examination, and appellant's grading was now classified as A.—Mr Ord entered a strong appeal from the employers point of view, as the quarries were getting worse and worse as regarded output. The Road Stone Control Committee had warned the company that there had been a large decrease in the output, and every endeavour should be made to increase the yield of the quarries during the coming year.—Major quarries during the coming year.—Major Heslop: I don't see how the drills would affect his work.—Six months exemption on joining the V T.C. was the decision.—A shunter engaged at the same quarries (22, grade 2) ppealed on the ground of domestic hardship; and the company on the score of inability t only shunter we have left. Five or six are in the army. It is most difficult and dangerous work, and requires a well-trained man .- Six months conditional exemption, owing to domestic circumstances, and the joining of the Volunteer Training Corps, was the finding of the Tribunal.

Reviews by National Service Representative.

There were 18 cases of men employed in agriculture, where the National Service Representative asked for a variation of exemption from open conditional to a fixed period. In all cases 6 months conditional was the decision, coupled in some cases, where the circumstances justified, with the condition of juining the V.T.C. Section B.

Agricultural Cases: Faulty Drill Attendances A Barningham horseman was given six months' release and V.T.C.; the son of a Doe Park farmer was called upon to sign Form B in a fortnight, as was also a Mickleton blacksmith, and a Hutton Magna tenant farmer, who was 42 last birthday. A White Cross Hall (Bowes) farmer was dismissed with a caution, e having only attended ten drills since th 1st October to the present time.—A North Side (Boldron) farmer, with ten drills to his oredit, had his case adjourned for a fortnight to sign Form B.-On a military appeals Clifford's Farm (Ovingtor) tenant, with 9

drills, was dismissed with a caution. "When Greeks Joined Greeks Then Was the

Tug of War."

The son of a Rokeby tenant farmer was represented by his father, for whom Mr J. I Dawson appeared.—Major Heslop: The only question is the Volunteer Training Corps, and the young man lives in the town .- Mr Dawson ; The mac is employed in agriculture. There is a very strong regulation on this matter, and the Tribunal has, perhaps, nuilified these instructions on that point. In any case the man cannot do it, and practically it comes to this that agriculturists are not to be included in it.—Major Hesiop warmly retorted that the was not so, and Mr Dawson was misleading the Tribunal. Each case must be decided or its merits,-Mr Dawson : I will go further. So far as I know there is no man engaged in agriculture at the present moment has time to attend drills, even if the station is within half a-mile of the farm.—The Tribunal granted six months' exemption, a strongly-worded medical certificate being put in, and the young man not being present.

Death and Funeral of Miss Dorothy Wilson, Formerly of Spanham.

The death took place at 71, Galgate, Barnar Castle, on February 17th, of Miss Dorotby Wilson, youngest daughter of the late Mr Wm. Wilson, formerly of Spanham. The deceased lady, who was 71 years of age, and of inde-pendent means, had resided in this town for some time, and was well known and respected throughout the district. The interment tool place at Bowes Cemetery, last Wednesday. The Rev. H. Straker, Vicar of the parish, dministered the last rites. The funeral was simple but impressive. There were present Mr W. W. Trotter, Mrs Bioks, Mrs Akrigg, Mr and Mrs Pickersgill, of the Unicorn Hotel.
Bowes; Mr J. W. Peacock, Mr J. L. Peacock,
Miss Addison, Miss Hoggett, and Mr A. B.
Nicholson, representing Messrs W. J. and H. C.
Watson, solicitors.

Wesleyan Nome Missions.

Mr James Lynn presided at the annual meeting of the local auxiliary on Thursday night, and remarked that home mission work was the foundation of all missionary effort.—The Rev H. P. Bosse presented the report, showing that the Barnard Castle Circuit had ubscribed £24 6s 3d.—Captain Davis enlarged with enthusiasm upon the propaganda in the South Yorkshire Mission, and was followed by the Rev. Josiah Mee, who said they all remembered and he could not forget that our President, this year, is a Barnard Castle man." (Applause). He thanked God that country Methodism had once found a president for them. His circuit comprehended 1,000 square miles and there were more colliers in South Yorkshire coalfield than there were in 8 nth Wales or the county of Durham, and 27,000,000 had been invested just round Doncaster itself. About one-third of the people coming into the district were connected with Methodism. They had as many as sixteen services in one day. The larger coming Methodism needed more courage and ingenuity, and it was the man in the looking glass—self— which kept people from abandoning their own ideas, and entering vigorously into modern

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The interment took place at Forest on Saturday of the late Mr Nicholas Talleutire, Saturday of the late Mr Nicholas Tallentire, Hanging Shaw, Forest, where death occurred on Wednesday morning after a short illness. Deceased, who was 69 years of age, was a native of the dale, succeeding his father to Hanging Shaw Farm. He was a prominent member of the Baptist society, but of late years has been connected with the Wesleyan Church, as the Baptist Chapel has been closed for some time. A member of the District Council, the late Mr Tallentire took a great interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the dale. He leaves a widow, two sons and a the dale. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter to mourn his loss.

A meeting of the Middleton Gardeners Association was held in the Temperance Hotel, on Wednesday night, for the election of fillels, and the following appointments were made: —President, Mr W. Oddie; vice-president, Mr R. Dobson; secretary, Mr R. W. Bleck'nsopp; treasurer, Mr W. Peel; and committee, Mrs W. Robson, Miss Dent, Messrs H C. Nicholson, P. Robson, P. Lowe, J. Tinkler, A. Lowe and W. Brown. Thirty-three mambers A. Lowe and W. Brown. Thirty-three member joined the association, and the annual sub-scription was fixed at 1s 6d. The drawing up of the rules was left in the hands of the committee.

Mr T. R. Gowling, enairmen of the Parish Council, presided over a public meeting held on Tuesday night week in the Council school-room to take into consideration the possibility of increased food production in the district. An argent appeal has been received by the Council from the Board of Agriculture (Food Production Department) seeking their co-operation in this object, and it was decided to issue notices to the inhabitants to ascertain the demand for further allotments. A number of les fiets sent by the Food Production Department has been distributed, and a further meeting is to be held this week.

On Friday afternoon the Rev. Josiah Mee, of the South Yorkshire Coalfield Mission, preached in the Wesleyan Church, Middleton in connection with the home missionary celebrations. In the evening a public meeting was held, when stirring addresses were given by the Rev. J. Mee, who dealt with his work in connection with his mission, which has an area of 1,000 square miles; and Captain J. D. Davis, who spoke of the power of prayer in evangelism. The meeting was presided over by Mr T. Coatsworth, and Mr and Mrs G. V. Tarn contributed a duet. Good comp assembled at both meetings.

One of the popular entertainments in connection with Middleton Band of Hope was beld on Saturday night, presided over by Mrs Wheeler. The varied programme was much appreciated by the large company present, as was shown by the frequent encores. The entertainment concluded with a humorous sketch, entitled "Honeymoon experiments,"

The Primitive Methodist Church, Middleton, was crowded on Sunday night, when Mr J. W. Temple and Mr J. W. Kettlewell conducted a service in memory of Corporal T. Bellas, Private S. Watson, Private W. Hutchinson and Private B. Robson, four local lads who have made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefield in France. Mr Temple preached an impressive sermon from St. James, iv., 14: "For what is your life?" Both Mr Temple and Mr Kettle-well made feeling reference to the departed soldiers. Suitable hymna were sung, and Miss C. Watson rendered "Crossing the bar," large audience rose to their feet in silence while the mourners were leaving the church.

During the beavy gale on Thursday night a window in Bridge-street, Middleton. blown out.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Deaths

EWBANK.-At 2, Headlam Gardens, Barnard Castle, on the 22nd of February, Margaret Hellen, daughter of the late Mr Matthew Ewbank.

HLL -William, the dearly beloved busband of Elizabeth Annie Gill, died February 28th, in his 73rd year. To be interred at Cotherstone on Friday, March 1st, cortege to leave at 2 p.m.-All friends kindly invited.

In Memoriem.

COLLINSON .- In loving memory of Trooper John George Collinson, eldest son of Joseph and Jane Ann Collinson, of Coach and Horses, Spital, who died in France, February 21st, 1917, aged 32 years.

Asleep in Jesus far from theo Thy kindred and their graves may be, But thine is still a blessed sleep, From which none ever wakes to weep. -Ever remembered by father, mother,

brothers and sisters. HENDERSON.-In loving memory of Corporal Fred Henderson, the dearly beloved son of Thomas and Mary Ann Henderson, who was accidentally killed in France on February

27th, 1917. One year has passed and still we miss him. Friends may think the wound is healed But they little know the sorrow Deep within our hearts concealed We often sit and think of him,

His name we often call; Yet there's nothing left to answer But his phote on the wall. Ever remembered by his loving father and mother, sisters and brothers. VEARMOUTH .- In loving memory of Mary, the

beloved wife of Nicholas Wearmouth, of Over House, Cowling, who departed this life February 28th, 1917.

'Tis sweet to know we'll meet again, Where pertings are no more, And that the one we'l sed to well there of have only an et-fire. -Ever remembered by her bying husband and family.