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STAINDROP. FRESHOLD HOUSE, also COTTAGE and 4 GRASS FIELDS FOR SALE.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION. AT THE SCARLE MEMORIAL HALL, STAINDROP, ON FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH, 1918, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon (subject to the special conditions of sale of the Durham and North Yorkshire Law Society, and to such special conditions as will then be read), Mr JOHN RICHARD DEACON, Auctioneer.

ALL that DWELLING-HOUSE, known as "HERFORD HOUSE," in the occupation of Mrs Havlock, containing Drawing Room, Living Room, Breakfast Room, Large Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Cellar, Dairy, Pantry, Wash-house, Six Bedrooms and Bathroom.

The House and Buildings are in a capital state of repair, being newly built about 25 years ago with Dunn House Skins, the Roads and slated with Blue Slate. There is a large Tank to the House, which holds 300 gallons of water.

BURNT HOUSES, Near COCKFIELD. TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, AT THE GREYHOUND HOTEL, COCKFIELD, ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH, 1918, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon (subject to the conditions of sale of the Durham and North Yorkshire Law Society, and such special conditions as will then be read),

GEO. TARN BAINBRIDGE & SON, Auctioneers. ALL these THREE FRESHOLD DWELLING-HOUSES, situate and being Nos. 14, 15, and 17, BURNT HOUSES, near COCKFIELD, in the occupation of Messrs Kirby, Graham and Thompson, and each containing sitting room, kitchen, pantry and 3 Bedrooms.

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DIARIES! A limited number of PETTITT'S, CRANE'S, PENNY'S, and RENSHAW'S May now be had at the "Teesdale Mercury" Office, 24, Market Place, Barnard Castle. To-Day. HIGH CLASS DENTAL SURGERY, 35, MARKET-PLACE, BARNARD CASTLE. A. G. PANKHURST Attends alternate Wednesdays, from 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. DENTISTRY IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

DR. SCOTT'S KIDNEY AND LIVER CURE Is 1/3 Per Bottle. Dr. Scott's Double Strength Kidney and Liver Cure is 3/- per bottle, and contains three times the number of doses of the smaller size, and CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED AT MASON'S PHARMACY BARNARD CASTLE.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES. Lord Barnard has been suffering for more than a week past from a severe attack of influenza, in addition to the wound due to the accident. He was improving a little yesterday, though still confined to his room.

Mr F. W. Duckworth, of Blackburn—Captain Dugdale's chief agent has appointed Mr and Mrs Cleasby, of Clitheroe, to the management of the home farm at Gilmorby. The position has become vacant by Mr T. W. Guy accepting a Government appointment on the Kelham estate, near Newark.

Private Thomas Sanderson, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, formerly employed in this office, is in the victorious Army of General Allenby, in the Holy Land. Our townsman was at the capture of Jaffa, Gaza, Jericho and Jerusalem, and speaks of campaigning in Palestine as most arduous.

Owing to war exigencies the Parish Band of Hope in connection with the Parish Church at Barnard Castle is suspended. There happens to be an employee at the Barnard Castle railway station who lived at Ashford in Kent for some time. The place is interesting locally, at this moment, in a military sense, though the characteristics of Ashford may not be generally known.

Lady Byron has given £100 to the Veterans' Association, that a bedroom in the Veterans' Club may be dedicated to the memory of Lord Byron, the poet. Tapestry has been hung at the east-end, and purple kneelers and new altar frontal and superfrontal provided at the Cemetery Chapel at Barnard Castle.

At the Greta Bridge Police Court, this morning, 449 applications for dog exemptions, involving 985 dogs, will be made. Lord Zealand's hunt ceased for the season last Saturday.

The Rev. L. A. Drakeford-Lewis, M.A., who has been Vicar of Kirkby Ravensworth, with Dalton St. James's, near Richmond, since 1909, has been preferred to the vicarage of Hutton Buscel, West Ayton, by Earl Fitzwilliam.

It is true that a number of meat rationing applications from the Startforth Rural District are coming in showing no occupation, and some even without address. We understand that ration cards cannot be issued till this information is supplied, so anyone who has not given the needful facts should apply personally at the local food office.

The Barnard Castle Rural Food Control Committee acknowledge a very liberal allowance of margarine. It is a case of women who rescue politically and industrially. Today we are necessary to defeat Bolshevism," said Miss Christabel Pankhurst, at the London Pavilion, on Monday.

War Agricultural Committee. BOY SCOUTS FOR FARMERS. A further meeting of the above committee was held on Wednesday morning, presided over by Mr W. E. Ralston. Others present were Mr E. L. Wile, E. W. Gresswell, R. G. Heslop, E. H. Brown, L. Gibson, G. E. Forster, V. Hodgson, E. Brown (clerk), and G. H. Smith (Labour Officer), Darlington.

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The Rev. R. W. Young, of the Congregational Church, Staindrop, and formerly of the Thornegate Mission, Barnard Castle, has declined an invitation to a pastorate at Keeth, believing as he does that excellent work is being accomplished at Staindrop.

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IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT FOR MR T. W. GUY, OF GILMORBY. AN APPRECIATION. Mr T. W. Guy, who, with his late father, had held the position of farm bailiff on the Gilmorby estate for nearly sixty years, under the Right Hon. T. E. Headlam, Mr Morley Headlam and General F. E. Headlam, and since 1904, under the late Mr Adam Dugdale, and his successor, Captain T. G. Dugdale, the present owner, is about to leave Gilmorby to undertake an appointment on the Kelham estate, near Newark, in Nottinghamshire.

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UPPER DALE NOTES. [BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] The first meeting in connection with the Women's Institute at Middleton was held at the Temperance Hotel on Tuesday night week. The President (Mrs Dr. Beadell) read a paper on "The Institute and the Home" and Mrs H. Jacks spoke on "Practical hints on home nursing." Songs were contributed by Mrs F. Watson and Miss Benson, and a recitation by Miss Eace. Mrs Mitchell acted as accompanist.

A whist drive in connection with the Mechanics' Institute, Middleton, was held in the billiard-room on Wednesday night. The weather was very unfavourable, but a large number of people attended. Messrs G. A. Thompson and J. W. Hunt were the masters of the evening, and the prizewinners were:—1, Mr W. T. Wile; 2, Miss B. Allinson; 3, Miss D. Ward; Gentlemen—Mrs G. Wilkinson; 2, Mr F. Watson; 3, Mr T. Harrison.

The inhabitants of Teesdale were pleased to note in last week's "Mercury" that a recommendation had been sent to the Board of Agriculture in respect to the extension of the Tees Valley Lico. This would be a great boon to Teesdale, as no doubt the district is rich in minerals, as barytes, black-jack ironstone, gasifier, lead ore, limestone and whinstone are to be found in great quantities, which would undoubtedly have been worked extensively had it not been for the difficulty of transit.

A concert in connection with the Middleton Girls' Guild was given in the Wesleyan school-room on Saturday night by the members. The choir was led by Mrs Addison, Girl Guides' District Committee member, Row-Idell, who, during an interval in the programme, gave an account of the work and aims of the movement throughout the country. The following items were given, much to the delight of the large audience present:—Piano solo—Miss M. Burrow and K. Walton; Solo song and Glee—Miss B. Allinson; Recitation—Miss G. Wile; Solo—Miss B. Allinson; Song—The children's hospital members; Solo—The Zeyher Zou; Solo—Miss F. Walton; Ciderella—members; chorus—Our Island—members; recitation—The wreck—Miss A. Anderson; Solo—My black doll—Miss B. Allinson; Solo—My black doll—Miss B. Allinson; Solo—My black doll—Miss B. Allinson.

TEESDALE CASE AT THE RURAL TRIBUNAL. To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR, In the report of the meeting of the Barnard Castle Rural Tribunal which appeared in your last issue, it was stated that "the same report" was arrived at in the matter of a Bowser, Harwood man, who it was said had been accidentally shot through the lung, "the same result" meaning that there was no variation of my certificate. Anyone reading this report would get the impression that I held exemption on account of having had this accident some years ago. But that is not so. I have been before the Tribunal several times and before a medical board, and the fact that I had been accidentally shot through the lung, or through the liver as well, was not mentioned once, although it would appear that the Tribunal had taken it into consideration in coming to a decision after I was before them. Some time ago there was a great deal of feeling in the dale about certain cases not joining the army, and, as I was one of those who had been before the Tribunal, I would insert this in your next issue, so that these people may not be left under an erroneous impression.—Yours truly, 2nd MARCH, 1918. A BOWSER OLOUSE HARWOOD MAN.

FARM STOCK SALE AT LUNEDALE. Mr W. Tarn, Hunderthwaite, sold at Kelton on Tuesday week 118 lots of the late Mr John Hunt. A large company assembled, and a very satisfactory sale resulted. Spring calving cows made up to £28 10s; best-end calves to £22; better steers, £11 15s to £15; a brown daisy' pony, £20; black-faced lambs ewes, 25 3s to 24 2s each.

Concert at the Wesleyan Chapel, Winstan. A grand concert was given on Saturday, March 2nd, in the above place, by Mr J. G. Wille's party, of Barnard Castle, when the following programme was capably rendered to a large audience:—Quartet—Softly falls the shades of evening—party; song—Old-fashioned love—Miss Wille; song—Long-forever—Mr Singer; recitation—The bishop and the caterpillar—Miss Kirtley; song—My dear soul—Miss Place; song—The English rose—Mr R. Lamb; quartette—The sea hath its pearls—party; song—Peg away—Mrs Wille; song—The boys of the old brigade—Mr Singer; recitation—The Irishman—Miss Kirtley; song—Love's garden of roses—Miss Place; song—Home, boys home—Mr R. Lamb; quartette—The long day closes—party; and the national anthem. Mr J. G. Wille was the accompanist.

"Aton" Best Suit. Owing to insufficient imports the Food Controller has taken charge of the division of all available fat amongst manufacturers. We are using every effort to make the best of a difficult position, and regret that we are only able to supply part orders for the time being, as the supplies are insufficient to meet the largely increased demand.

IMPORTANT BOON TO LADIES. NO Pills or Drugs used in this treatment; my never-failing remedy, and I guarantee to cure all female ailments. I invite those cases that have failed elsewhere. Stamp free advice.—ROSS'S LABORATORY, No. 3, Mitre-street, Cheltenham.

DEATHS. BELL.—At West High Wood, Langleydale, on the 5th inst., Mary Ann, widow of the late George Bell, aged 84 years. To be interred at Barnard Castle on Friday, March 8th, cortege to leave residence at 2 p.m.—Friends please accept this intimation.

HURWORTH.—On February 26th, 1918, Margaret Hurworth, 100, Galgate, Barnard Castle, widow of the late Nicholas Hurworth, aged 75 years.—Was interred on Saturday, March 2nd.

THOMPSON.—At North Bitts, Startforth, on March 3rd, 1918, Jane, widow of the late Thomas Walton Thompson, aged 75 years. To be interred at Startforth on Thursday, March 7th, cortege to leave residence at 2 p.m.—No flowers, by request. Friends please accept this intimation.

ASHMORE.—In loving memory of Arthur Ashmore, of Barnard Castle, who died March 7th, 1914; also of Joseph Ashmore, who was killed in France March 9th, 1916, dearly beloved sons of Mrs Ashmore. In our dear hearts your memory lingers, tender, loving and true. There's not a day goes by that we don't think of you. Ever remembered by mother, brothers and sisters.

ATKINSON.—In loving memory of Agnes, the beloved wife of the late Matthew Atkinson, formerly of 28, Galgate, who died March 1st, 1917. Ever remembered by her daughters and grandchildren.

DENT.—In loving remembrance of dear Muriel who died at Thornhill, Raby Avenue, on March 7th, 1917. Not lived by one, but loved by all. We've not a day goes by that we don't think of you. Ever remembered by mother, brothers and sisters.

STORROW.—In loving memory of William Storrow, who passed away March 4th, 1917, and was laid to rest in Brigaun Churchyard. Home at last, thy labour done. Fate and best, thy weary way. Jordan's river, from death set free. Angels now are watching thee. Ever remembered by his children and grandchildren.

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