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NARD CASTLE, MAY 22ND, 1918.

THE IRISH AFFAIR.

scale of nations democracies at relatively weak in wartime, and tators in the sister isle would id short shrift under an autocracy, re especially in Germany. The beral Chief Secretary, Mr Edward K.C., has apparently satisfied upon the legal position involved rest of prominent members of ein which followed instantly upon French's proclamation. But we await a fair and impartial trial. hile it is noteworthy that Abraham n dealt resolutely with sedition. s the peril continued ; and Sir Walpole's definition of a patriot ime of George II., expressed in n defence, is instructive : "It is using to gratify an unreasonable nsolent demand, and up starts a

CAL AND OTHER NOTES.

BARNARD is at present in London, but BARNARD is at present in London, but o return to Raby about the 24th inst. re glad to learn that Captain the Hon. ane, who, it will be remembered, was y wounded a short time ago, is now secent, though his recovery is somewhat d by the hot weather. His brother, the .F. Vane, is now a Captain in the 4th a Light Infantry, but, on medical s, will not be sent to France-at any present.

YESTERDAY morning, Mrs Merryweather, Burns' Head Inn, Barnard Castle, his sister-in-BUBI-DECANAL conference was held at th on Wednesday. law, received a letter from Second-Lieutenant farst is one case set down for hearing a Greta Bridge Police Court this morning. Flin, of the Durham Light Infantry, regretting that nothing was known of the fate of Private

THERE is a proposal in Laithkirk parish to swho have fallen in the war. the death of Mr W. H. Swann, late organist velifie Church, is announced.

MUNALLER SIDNEY HULLAH, of the Royal his parents at Appleby. 18 ROBERT KEY, Bank, Barnard Castle

hough not officially informed of the fact, yet staton, his step-son, of the Durham Light intry, and formerly in the service of Mr R. worton, boot and shoe dealer, has been d in action in France.

us 14th of May is the date registered by naturalists for the arrival, this year, of ndrail. Cuckoos are numerous at Thorn

wwws has been received that Sapper Sidney on, son of Mr Oliver Sisson, manager of the mard Castle gasworks, is a prisoner of war many.

WIRDAY, the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, who t a chill on his recent health-visit to gate, was rapidly recovering. Acting the advice of his medical man he did indertake duty on Whit-Sunday.

WIVATE SIDNEY HALL, of Bridgegate, has killed in action. He leaves a widow and young children. g will of Mrs Margaret Fusey Dugdale, of

ton Manor, Longridge, Preston, Lancad for £12,502.

CHRESEMAN, who attended the recent of the Vorkshire Naturalists' Union in accompanied the members of the tish Association to South Africa. He is, haps, the leading authority upon fungi.

ORD RHONDDA has issued an order prohibit the picking of gooseberries for sale until 1st. The sale of such fruit in the shops prohibited. In Scotland the prohibition ands to June 10th.

IE Tees Valley Water Board have entered sppeal in the case of Mr Tunstall, the an, whose case is reported on page one.

as wedding took place on Tuesday, the 7th t, of Mr George Burt, of this town, and s A. H. Lewis, of Stockton. The Rev. G. gs, Vicar of the parish, was the officiating

gyman. Mr Begent, brother-in-law, gave bride away, and Mr H. Walton was best The honeymoon was spent at Blackpool. m. T. W. WOODHEAD, who represented the anical section at the recent mountain district ical section at the recent meeting of the prominent member of the Ecological

188 Black Horse Hotel, which for over one aired years has been in the possession of Harrison family, is shortly to be brought the hammer. In "Boswell's Life of Johnson" iset down: "There is nothing which has been contrived by man, by which so much miness is produced as by a good tavern or a and there can be little doubt that, as an this old-established hostelry has arged its functions very well, and it is ally certain that, having regard to modern dimension in the legal sense, it has been the church of this abbey. The party then proceeded by the riverside through Paradise ments in the legal sense, it has been conducted for many decades. James Wood to the meeting of the Grets and the Tees, and thence by Dairy Bridge to Mortham Tower, a "peel" or Border fortress of the fifteenth in early life, was born of the marriage-d at the Black Horse inn, the latter being er to the late Mr Richard Harrison, who a " peel " and the cave in which Guy Denzil and his band of robbers held their wild revels. Behind the Wycliffe, and who married his born at ain, of carrier fame, also named Harrison. Camp, and the visitors prolonged their walk by d at the Black Horse, and there is now in ossession of the family a very ine ain jug containing the words, "James leanor Wilkinson, 1811." James Wilkin-Eleanor was a blacksmith, and there was a smithy the premises which is now occupied as a utparlour, further lettering on the porcelain thenir containing the appropriate maxim : hammer and hand all art doth stand." It wild be added that the old "Black Horse" Won the opposite side of the street, one of blast occupants as an innkeeper being Mr wert Robinson, who, singular to say, had an mat Westwick. Upwards of half-a-century the house was re-built by the late Mr wiel Percival Appleby. In the frivolous us of polished idleness one recalls men of sjest and excellent fancy we have met at an a this in an ever-changing life, and who We, one by one, entered the undiscover'd matry, and surely on reflection we are a part fall that we have met. Meanwhile it may be verved that the inn now in the market il

THE TEESDALE MERCURY-WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1918.

WAR AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

LOCAL CERMAN PRISONERS' CAMP. A meeting of the above body was held on Wednesday morning. Mr W. H. Ralston presided, and there were also present Messrs J. Suddes, G. Harrison, I. C. Bainbridge, B. H. towe, G. Atkinson, G. E. Forster, and R. Brown (secretary.)

Forage for Civil Supplies. Mr G. B. Smith, labour officer, Durham, wrote to say that in connection with the returns of of hay and straw available for immediate sale in the Barnard Castle area, he was informed that a number of small lots of forage had been set aside for civil supplies to be inspected and purchased by local dealers. Necessary local requirements have to have first con-sideration to ensure that hay is not railed from a certain point when it is required in the district, with the result that the forage must be sent back into the locality in a few days' time.

The Hoy and Straw for 1918.

SIR,-I would ask to be allowed a short space in your columns to plead for the careful preservation of the wild flowers of Teesdale, and in particular the blue gentian---its greatest Mr Forster said something definite should be known regarding the 1918 crop of siraw and hay, and he accordingly moved that the Secretary write to the Executive Committee reasure. One year when I went up I found asking them to endeavour to ascertain from the ground covered with little holes, and was the Government what was intended, to be one.-Mr Barrison seconded, and said it was only right to know.

Destruction of Rooks.

informed that a lady had been up and taken away roots for her own garden. If such vandalism is allowed, it will mean the speedy extermination of the plant. It is quite useless, for, except in very skilled hands, the plants, Much correspondence was read on the uestion of the destruction of rooks, and the when transplanted, will speedily die, and any-one who desires to attempt it can get strong, Food Production Department wrote to say that the wholesale destruction of rocks was that the wholesale destruction of rocks was not advocated, having regard to the undoubted advantage which farmers derived from a limited number of the birds.— Mr Atkloson said if rockeries were that with the gun there would always be an adequate number left.— The Chairman : I think it would be almost established clamps from the Irish nursery gardens for a few pence. But I would also ask that great self-restraint should be shown in gathering it. Unless it is allowed to propagate itself freely by seed the whole stock will die out. It lives for a very short time in water. It is far better to enjoy the pleasure impossible to exterminate them. of seeing it growing in its natural home. I would particularly ask all the people of Tess-dale to unite in protecting what is one of their German Prisoner Labour.

Mr James K. Bell, writing on the above subject, on May 2od, said : I am directed to refer to the report of the meeting of the Barnard Castle Committee, dated April 24th, which was considered by the Executive Committee at their meeting on Tuesday last and adopted. I am to say that arrangements are being made for Mr Smith (labour c filcer) to meet Mr Heslep (district labour efficer) to inspect the accommodation available for the German prisoners.

Wireworm and Leather-Jackets.

A circular was read from Mr O. Lee, Director There was a fairly good attendance at the 271st meeting of this body which was held in the district of Teesdale during Whitweek-end, General of the Food Production Department upon the considerable amount of damage that was being done to corn crops by wireworm and leather jackets. In cases in which crops the headquarters being at the King's Head Hotel, Barnard Castle. There were present the honorary scoretaries, Messrs T. Woodhead, Pb.D., M.So., F L.S., Technical College, Hudders-field, and Mr E. L. Wattam, Huddersfield; and the divisional scoretary, Mr J. Hartshorn. are in danger, but have not been destroyed by these pests, it was recommended that heavy rolling should be resorted to at once. Where the injury is due to leather jackets the rolling should be proceeded by double barrowing, which exposes the grub to the attack of birds. Lack of consolidation is the chief cause of failure of Leyburn ; and Miss Johnson, B.Sc., Manchester; Miss Rushworth, Halifax ; Mr and Mrs Greevz Fysher, Leeds ; Mr Chris, A. Cheetham, Leeds sorn crops on newly-turned grass, and, provided Mr Cheeseman, Selby; Mr Fowler Jones, York; Mr H. Burrill, Leeds; Mr Hare, Darlington; Mr W. H. Catterall, Rokeby; and Mr J. P sufficient tilth to cover the seed can be secured, it is almost impossible to roll too heavily. Potatoes are attacked by both wire-Robson, of the Council school, Barnard Castle worm and leather-jacket, but with strong The first excursion took place on Saturday morning, by a ramble on the south side of the growing varieties on good soil the risks are not considerable and are worth taking. Tees to Eggleston Abbey, the greater part being in Early-English of the date of about 1203. Sir Walter Scott places the tragic douth of

Discharged Soldiers. Mr G. B. Smith wrote auggesting that the County Excentive and the district committees might use their organizations to place dis-charged soldiers on farm work.-Mr Forster said a discharged soldier, who had previously been engaged on the land, would eventually go back to the district to where he resided befor bining the colours.

THE COUNTRY'S MEAT RESERVES.

In order that the meat supplies of the country may be assured during the next autumn and winter it is imperative that the public should purchase frizen meat for some little time to come. Cattle cut at grass will put on several stone in weight in the course being rewarded on seeing the gentiana verna in full bloom. Other botanical specimens were of the next few weeks, which, in the aggregate, means a very important net gain in the bulk.

BARNARD CASTLE RURAL FOOD CONTROL.

MEAT SHORTAGE IN THE DISTRICT. Mr R. W. Raine presided over a meeting of the above committee on Wednesday afternoon, when Mr T. W. Baiabridge, the executive officer, reported that he had received a letter from the Live Stock Commissioner of Northum-berland and Durham in reply to the protest galost Weardale butchers coming to Barnard lastle to buy cattle. The matter still remained unsatisfactory, said the Clerk, and was becoming more serious, as the Butterknowle butchers were now coming here to buy meat. There was a shortage for Whitsuntide of 180 stones of beef and 7 sheep.—Mr Thompson : It seems a very unsatisfactory arrangement, because the Weardale people are short as well. -- The Clerk : Everybody is short on account of these other butchers being allowed to come

here.- On the question of frezen meat, Mr Linsley moved that a request be made to butchers to ask them to take a supply of frezen meat as part of their ration, on account of the oming shortage.

Sugar for Fruit Preserving. The Clerk announced that the quantity of sugar allowed for the district for fruit preservation in respect to 872 applicants was 167 owt. 78 lbs. The sugar was expected to be in the hands of retailers at the beginning of June.

Supplementary Ration Cards.

Supplementary ration cards were issued to the following :- 912 heavy workers, compris-ing miners and the like ; 158 to farmers and woodmen; 339 to other workers; 32 to women; 90 to boys; and 168 to adolescents; making a total of 1,699.

Preserving Butter.

A circular was read stating that a surplus of farm butter was now reported from various districts, and that it should be preserved. The atter should be salted in reasonable quantities, but anyone intending to keep it should first make application to the local Food Committee. -It was decided that the amount allowed to be preserved should be limited to five pounds per person, and that the last date for spolica-tions be fixed for August 1st.-Is was further stated that a scheme was being promulgated with regard to any surplus of country outter. It could all be sent to a centre at Newcastle, and the price given would be 2/8 per pound, carriage paid, and must be delivered

by Briday in each week.-It was agreed to reply to the effect that no surplus in this district existed, any available milk being made into cheese. Cheesemaking Encouraged.

The manufacture of cheeses was encouraged n a circular read from the Food Department, they being more easily collected and stored han butter.

Should Tea be Rationed ?

The Food Controller is considering whether it is desirable to bring out a national scheme for tea rationing after the 14th of July, or whether the distribution should be left in the hands of Food Control Committees as st present, and asked for the opinion of the mmittee. It was suggested to allow two ounces per head to all persons over six years old, and none to children under that age. - The Chairman said that whatever was done it should be uniform. They had seen enough of the sectional schemes — A reply to the effect that uniformity should be observed was ordered to be sent.

Aeroplane Week at Barnard Castle.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR,-I shall be glad if you will kindly permit me through the medium of your paper to thank those who helped in any way (including the officials of the various institutions of the towo) to make such a splendid success of aeroplane week in connection with the South-West Durham War Savings Week, the total amount raised being £26,293 in Barnard Castle area. At the same time I wish to heartily thank shose who during my past year of office assisted in making the various fing days, concerts, sports, etc., so successful especially from a financial point of view, the amounts raised for the benefit of the fund for our soldiers and their dependants, distributed through the War Emergency Committee, being extremely satisfactory and gratifying, and] bink I may confidently ask for a continacce of the same support during my present year of flice, so that our townsmen who are beloing

UPPER DALE NOTES. BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The ideal weather during Whitsuatide drew Inc lacal weather during whitsublide drew large numbers of visitors to the dale. Every-where budding nature, bright and fresh, was seen to advantage. The blue gentian, in the vicinity of Widdybank, was plucked in quantities, there being an exceptionally large growth of exquisite bloom this sense. The iver was very low, and angling had to be skilfally performed to ensure success. The water was very clear, and we don't hear of any exceptionally large catches being made. Mr W. Thompson, the well-known Teesdale vocalist, who is shortly leaving the dale to take up his residence in Darlington, was on Tuesday night sen the recipient of a very handsome present given by his well-wishers in the dale and district. In the musical circles of the neighbourhood there is no one better known and so distinctly popular, and for a long time now he has taken the keenest interest in the musical education of the locality. Under his leadership the Primitive Methodist Choir has often been the top at singing contexts, and ever since the Gles and Madrigal Society was formed he has been its leader. The annual concerts have always been a big success, and the practices have stimulated a local love of harmony and melody. The large company which assembled at the presentation was abundant testimony of the popularity of the tenor. Mr. W. Oddia presided. popularity of the tenor. Mr W. Oddle presided, and spike of Mr Thumpson's fine disposition, and his readiness to help not only his own church, but all the churches, and any other good object. — The Rev. W. Samer, on behalf of the committee, made the presen-tation, which consisted of a wallet of Bank of Beglasd notes and a musical cabinet. Altogether over £31 had been subscribed. In Altogether over 231 had been subscribed. In handing over this present he said it was only a slight token of their esteem and an expres-sion of the appreciation for what recipient had done for so many years. — Mr Thompson, in responding, expressed his thanks and gratitude for the handsome recognition of any uittle service he had been able to render. He would look back upon this as a red-letter day would look back upon this as a red-letter day in his life, and the gift would ever be a reminder of the many friends he had in Tess-dale.— Mr W. Healop, of Darlington, with whom Mr Thompson had been closely connected, telegraphed to the Chairman expression his pleasure at the way the dale had recognized Mr Thompson's services.—An ecj yable programme of music was contributed by the following artistes :--Mrs F. Watson, Misses Nattrass, Beadle, Huot, Race, M. Beadle and Mr F. Lowe. Mrs Minchell acted as accompanies, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mr J. C. Sayer, of Birtley, who is a Mickleton man, and lost his eyesight at Greengate Quarry, a number of years ago, preached special sermons at Middleton Primitive Methodist Church, last Sunday, his able discourse being listened to with keep interest.

A memorial service for the late Lieut. Borlaod, of Middleton, was held in the Parish Church on Sunday morning, which was largely attended. The service commenced with the hymn, "Thy will be done," followed by the office for the burial of the dead. Previous to office for the burial of the dead. Previous we the sermon the hymn, "On the resurrection morning," was sung. The Rector (Rev. W. F. Yates-Rooker) preached, taking his text from I. Thessolonians iv. Mr W. Oddie, organist, played the "Dead March," during which the congregation remained standing. "Now the congregation remained standing. "Now the labourer's task is o'er " was sung during the offertory, and, as the clergy and choir receded, the "Nano Dimittis" was rendered as a ecessional. The members of the Barnard Lodge of Breemasons attended. The late Lieut. Borland was a member of the lodge. Relatives and friends of the gallant officer

were present. It is pleasing to report the success of three Middleton girls at the recent examination of pupil teachers at Bishop Auckland Secondary ol. They are Miss Olga Bainbridge, Miss Lilian Wheeler, and Miss Dora Brown

On the Green at Whitsuntide.

JowETT opened his ministry at the inster Chapel on Sunday morning, and ed to a large congregation, which d Mr and Mrs Lloyd George and Miss George. He preached from the words: addred as seeing Him Who is invisible. adured as seeing Him Who is invisible." age arrived from the President of the States. Mr Wilson said the ideals of ople of America were unselfish and ic. The huge congregation and Prime r proke into choose on the great broke into cheers on the gre r's declaration that at last the moral s of England, that great historical ad found its voice.

BARNARD attended the memor in Westminster Abbey, on Saturday, he remains of the late Duke of Northum-were laid to rest in Lesbury Church-

THOMPSON, of Gate House, Eggleston r farmers have had lambs destroyed tes, and an attempt is being made to the number of predatory animals in de, three cubs receiving their quietus day.

e time in the service of Mr Hedley, of eing forge, Galgate, William Arthur sedemith Dudy was blacksmith, Derby House, Crook, was hanging in a stable, on Sunday, on the of Mr Kinchin, hotel proprieto by, Northallerton. The deceased married ter of the late Mr R. Thomp in at the Bridge-end factory.

T. K. BELL, of Victoria-terrace East, has d an intimation from the Record Office. low, that her husband, Lance-Corporal s King Bell, of the Royal West Surrey ent, was posted as "missing" at the War in the 19th Acril on the 13th April. The communication hat "the report that he is missing does cessarily mean that he has been killed, nay he are interesting that he has been hilled. beessarily mean that he has been killed may be a prisoner of war or temporarily ted from his regiment. Official reports ten are prisoners of war take some time ach this country, and if he has been that the been that that end by the enemy it is probable that ial news will reach you first." Mr Bell red by the enemy it is probable the ial news will reach you first." Mr Be he estate agent of Mr Frank York, (sfield House, Barnard Castle, and joine

my last year. URNED for a week, the appointment of y to the Barnard Castle and Teesdale m Mart Company will be made to-day. first confirmation ever held in Brignall

h took place recently, the Right Reverend hop Suffragan of Richmond (Dr. Kilner) stering the site of the stering the stering the site of t aring the rite. There were thirty one

Mas STRONG, of Boldron, has received an stal intimation from the Infantry Record See, Lichfield, that her son, Privato G. wag, of the North Staffordshire Regiment. en reported missing after an engagemen he field on the 15th April.

THE Secretary of the local gas company has wived among others the following post-card nowledgment of the staff's contribution our gift of cigarettes arrived at a field lance in Palestino, and they were as me to us as the manna to the Israelites d old. These gifts from the homeland are Patly appreciated .- Yours gratefully, W

⁰N Saturday night, at the adjourned meeting, Masses J. Bainbridge, W. Longworth, S. Martin M.W. Robson were elected on the committee the local Co-operative Stores.

A YORK gentleman, who is a Governor of the with Eastern County School, says: As a atter of interest in connection with my old ^{tery} week, a little matter mentioned in a ^{etter} I received from my son, yesterday, who ^{a with} the Northumberland Fusiliers Garrison

Malta, may interest you. At some and, which my son describes as reminding very much of Cronkley in its roughness the elevation not being quite so high, and any available piece of land being cultivated, had a word with one of the privates engaged the operations, who remarked : "I wish we some Teesdale lads with us." On enquiry appeared that the man knew our bonny rise on the following morning to find on breakfast table two recent copies of the essdale Mercury," the perusal of which he loyed very much.

PRIVATE ISAAC LEE, of Holwick, is now loying fourteen days' hospital leave in his colours in September, 1914, was wounded the last big offensive. This is the fourth he Private Lee has been wounded-the first the at the landing at Suvla Bay, and the other ice in France.

wed. Monday was the concluding day and, with Mr R. J. Balley. Startforth, as guide, the route was through Daepdale by way of Rigg to Lartington station. The district is rich botanically, and the section was officially represented by Dr. T. W. Woodhead, M Sc. F.L.S In Deepdale the geological exposures are chiefly grits and shales and limestone, with thin coal sills above the main limestone, which are fossiliferons. A meeting was afterwards beid at headquarters, when the Whitby Literary and Philosophical Society becam affiliated to the union, and the following new members were elected :- Messrs L. F. B Butterfield and R S. Wimpenny, Leeds; and A. E. Winter, Scarborough. Votes of thanks to Mr J. J. Bell-Irving, Mr J. F. Baker-Baker, and to the guides and divisional secretary were

F. Merryweather, late hairdresser in this

town. He was a runner of the company which this officer was commanding, and on the 12th

of April the Germans made a heavy attack on

the English positions, who were forced to withdraw. "When I last saw your brother he

was unwounded in the rifle pit, but no one saw

him during our withdrawal to our new positions.

so I fear he must have fallen into enemy hands

and I trust you may hear from him shortly to

this effect. Officers and men are anxiously

CAPTAIN BERRY has been re-elected Rector's

WILD FLOWERS IN TEESDALE.

To the Editor of the " Teesdale Mercury."

prondest possessions, and not to be too ready to send away plants or firmers as is I know

YORKSHIRE NATURALISTS' UNION IN

TEESDALE.

The Romantic Scenes of Rokeby and High

Oswald Wycliffe and Bertram of Rivingham in

century. Down the cliffe is "Bertram's Cave

inn at Greta Bridge was seen the Roman

the side of the Greta, past Brignal old church

On Sanday mercing the visitors reached Middleton by the early morning train for

High Force, the botanical section especially

Force.

the custom. ARTHUR C. HEADLAM. Whorlton Hall, May 18th, 1918.

awaiting news of him?"

warden at Wycliffe Church.



Letter from Lieut.-Colonel C. W. B. Clark. The following letter has been received by Mr C. Hedley, the Chairman of the Urban District Council:- 52ad (Grade) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, Guisborough Camp, Yorkshire, 10th May, 1918 : DEAR SIR,-I be

to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst, and to thank you for the kindly sentiments expressed therein. All the ranks in this battalion thoroughly enjoyed their stay in Barnard Castle, and much regretted having to come to a new station. We all much appro-clated the kindness of the inhabitants and their successful efforts to make us comfortable and at home in your town. When the battalion moves into winter quarters I hope it will be their privilege to be stationed in Barnard Castle.-Yours faithfully, (signed) G. W. B. CLARK, Lieut.-Col, Commanding 52ad Northimberiand Fusiliers."

Whitsuntide at the Parish Church.

The services at S. Mary's Parish Church Barnard Castle, were (in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, through illness) con-ducted by the Rev. W. B. Blackets, who was ancies of the Rev. W. D. Electrons of Holy Communion by Rev. Canon Connell. At the morning prayer Dyke's "Te Denm" and Atwood's anthem "Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire," were sung, a very thoughtful sermon being preached by Mr Blackets on the symbol-ism of the wind, fire, and resultant voices. Lay Reader Banks read the lessons. There was a children's service in the afternoon, con ducted by Mr Blackett. At evening prayer the anthem was "Peace be within thy walls" (Spinney), Mr Blackett again being the

preacher, the lessons being read by Lay Reader R. Wood. The church was prettily decorated in the dominant colours of red and white.

Sarmers will auderstand why the Ministry of Food are discouraging the alaughter of cathle for the present, and consumers should co-operate with the Ministry in its efforts to provide an adequate supply of meat later on The reluctance to accept frozen meat from the butcher shown in some districts must be overcome

STARTFORIH FOOD CONTROL. FARMERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL RATIONS.

The ordinary weekly meeting was held on The ordinary weekly meeting was held on Wednesday siternoon, under the presidency of Mr W. Dent. Others present were Measure Plews, Tarn, Bayles, Metcalfe, Mrs Bowes, Mrs Lingford, Messrs W. H. Robinson (executive officer), and W. Porter (inspector).—Game-keepers, gardeners, painters, flaxdressers and farmers applied for supplemental rations, and the cases were dealt with according to the evidence adduced.—Mr Tarn : I am told that on this side farmers are allowed extra rations. I am not speaking for mysell, but it seems a I am not speaking for myself, but it scems a

very strange thing that they are not allowed here.—Mr Plews : Sedgefield Rural Food Control Committee have not allowed extra rations to "farmers.—Thomas Stoddast was registered to deal in flour.—The committee were asked to consider a case where three ladies had been supplied with a quartity of bacon as a gift from their brother in Lincolnshire, and the prevailing opinion seemed to be that the committee had nothing to do with it. --Mr. Tarn: May I ask what the wholesale price of butter is for this area ? - The Clerk replied that on the 28th of November the wholesale price of butter was fixed at 22 24, and the retail price at 25 5d.-Mrs Lingford's married daughter from London is staying with her parents at Lancelands, Cotherstone, for a month, and the Clerk requested the return of the original card with counterfoils, as the lady had to have extra mest, and she could not otherwise be supplied with it.

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to win this war will have every reason to know that we at home do not forget them. I may ay that I have received over 300 letters reply to the Christmas presents alone, and in each case grateful thanks are expressed to all who have helped in the matter.-I am. yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER REDLEY,

faithfully, CHRISTOPHER HEDLEY, Chairman of Urban District Council and War Emergency Committee. 17th May, 1918.



A farmer who chooses to pay income tax on his profits instead of twice his rent must give notice to the surveyor of taxes before Jane 5th He will have to show the value of his live stock, implements, grops, manures, etc., at the beginning and the end of the year, the payments for stock, manures, and other outgoings, an the receipts from sales, as well as an estimate of the value of produce consumed by the farmer and his family. The excess of the oredit side over the debit side will give the year's profit. A farmer whose reat does not ceeds £65 a year is exempt from income tax.

By Brignal Banks, May, 1918.

THE PRIMEOSE. The Primerose.
tender primerose. thy soft bloom now shows
In thy mosay and fairy dell;
Though bare are the boughs and the east wind blows
Thon a messing of hope dost tell:
'Tis the promise of Spring Thou dost joyfully sing
On the banks where anemones dwell. The birds on the trees that wave in the breeze All twitter and sing with delight. They see thy sweet face and thy delicate grace-Their hearts are made glad with the sight. Thy riplets that flow In the valley below All sparkle with joy in the light.

All spurkle with joy in the ngat. "Bird-ceu" at our feet, pure, simple and sweet, Look up at thy pale yellow face; "Forget-me-not," too, springs up thee to view-All join to pay homage and grace. O, primrose, sweet primrose, However the wind blows. In Spring thou hast still the first place. Kirkby-in-Furnes. B. ROBINSON.

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In delightful weather the opening match was played on the Bowes Museum bowling green on Monday afternoon, between teams elected by Mr M. J. Dixon (president) and Mr J. G. Hall (vice-president). There was a good muster of players, but the green was rather on the heavy side. An erjoyable game resulted in a win for the vice-president's side, the

scores being :--Mr Dixon's Team. J. Graham, M. J. Dixon, W H. Obester, J. Thomp-on (4) 2⁽¹⁾ J. Appleby, G. H. Weifard, A. Winpensy (8) R. Woodhams, R. H. Thompson, O. E. Edmondson (8) ... 15 J. Longworth, H. Halliday, J. Franklin, J. Bailey (8) ... 5

Total 45 Mr Hall's Team, K. C Hobson, R. Nelson, J G Hall, H. Hobson (s) T. Peacock, R. R. Gent, J Glovar (s) J. W. Rewick J. W. B Healop, G. Craig (s) G. White, G. Kellett, J. R. Brown, F. Welford (s) Total 82

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BIRTUS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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WHENT: LEWIS.-At Timperley Church. Cheshire, by the rev G. Briggs. View on the 7th May, 1918, George, second son of the late Mr C. Burt, formerly of Westwick, to Annig Hodgson Lewis, of Stockton-on-ices. WENT: COATES -- May 18th, at the Parish Church, Willington, by the eve, Cannon Urmson, Joseph West, of Willington to Margaret Isabel, daughter of Mr and the late Mrs John Coates, of Barnard Castle (by special license).

Beaths.

DFRT.-On May 21st, at Lenesde House, Thomas Dent, late of Mickleton Interment at Leithkirk. on Friday, ortrage leaving residence at 2-15 p.m. Friends kindly invirod. PriEKCK.-On May 17th, at 16, Wentworth Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sheila, dearly loved daughter of Albert and Edith Presce.

Presce. RAINE.-At Station Road. Mickleton, on May 20th, 1918, Foris Mabel, belowd daughter of Charles and Mary Hannah Raine, aged 15 years. To be interred at Laithkirk, on Thursday, May 23rd, cortage to leave residence at 2-30 nm.

In Memoriam.

HOPKIN.--In loving memory of my dear husband, John Hopkin, who died May 24th, 1917.--Ever remembered by his loving wife and son.

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in-law and nices. ROBINSON - In loving memory of our dear daughter, Ethel Maria Robinson, of Barnard Castle, who died May 22nd, 1913, aged 22 years. Dear is the grave where our daughter is laid. Sweet is the memory that never shall fade ; Leaves may wither, flowers may die. If others forget her, never shall we. -Ever remembered by her father, mother, brother, and nister-in-law.

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RSON.- In loving instance of 1967. One year has gone, and still we take thin Never shall be memory fade: Loving thought - 10 over larger Bound the gray, where he is has.

-Ever remembered by his family

