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REV. SIMPSON JOHNSON,

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...o by Mrs J. G. Willey at Evening Service.

ON MONDAY, September 23rd:
...V. SIMPSON JOHNSON will Preach at 4 o'clock, followed by a PUBLIC TEA.
...n the Evening a PUBLIC MEETING will be ...d, to be Addressed by the REV. SIMPSON ...NSON and REV. A. E. GUILE, Chairman ...he Whitby and Darlington District. Chair ...e taken at 7 o'clock, by T. D. STEWART, ..., of Whitby.

CORN PRODUCTION ACT, 1917.

...RICULTURAL WAGES BOARD
(ENGLAND AND WALES).

...imum Rates of Wages Fixed for Male ...rkmen in Northumberland and Durham, to ...e into Force on the 9th September, 1918.

...HE Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales) duly established and con...uted under Section 5 (1) of the above Act ... the Regulations made by the Board of ...iculture and Fisheries, dated the 8th ...ember, 1917, having given the Notice ...cribed by the said Act, and having ...sidered all objections duly lodged with ...m, and having had regard to the provisions ...ub-sections (6) and (7) of the said section, ...eby give Notice, as required by Sub-section ... the said Section, and by paragraph 4 of the ...icultural Wages Regulations, 1918, that ...y have fixed the following minimum rates ...wages and the following differential rates ... overtime employment, as hereinafter ...ned, for male workmen employed in ...iculture for time-work in the area com...ing the administrative counties of North...berland (including the Borough of Berwick-Tweed) and Durham, and the county ...oughs of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tynemouth, ...lington, Gateshead, South Shields, Sunder...d and West Hartlepool, and have defined ... the purpose of the application of such ...erential rates for overtime the employment ...ich is to be treated as overtime employment ...follows, that is to say:—

... The wages payable for employment of any ...e workman of 16 years of age and over ...ployed as a Horseman or Cattleman or ...ployed wholly or mainly in tending sheep or ...attending to other stock (other than whole-...e shepherds) shall be not less than wages ... the following minimum rates for a week ...sisting of the hours of employment whether ... week-days or on Sunday customary in the ...ve area in the case of a workman so ...ployed, that is to say:

For male workmen of 19 years of age and over	38/- a week
For male workmen of 18 and under 19 years of age	35/- „
For male workmen of 17 and under 18 years of age	30/- „
For male workmen of 16 and under 17 years of age	25/- „

... The wages payable for employment of all ...er male workmen in agriculture shall be not ...s than wages at the following minimum ...es, that is to say:—

...n respect of employment in summer (as ...einafter defined) for 54 hours and in respect ...mployment in winter as (hereinafter defined) ...48 hours:

For male workmen of 19 years of age and over	36/-
For male workmen of 18 and under 19 years of age	33/-
For male workmen of 17 and under 18 years of age	28/-
For male workmen of 16 and under 17 years of age	23/-
For male workmen of 15 and under 16 years of age	18/-
For male workmen of 14 and under 15 years of age	14/-
For male workmen under 14	10/-

Provided that where a whole-time workman ...whom these rates apply is employed by the ...ek or any longer period the wages payable ... him for the hours of work agreed between ...n and the employer in any week (excluding ...urs of overtime employment) shall not be ...s than the respective amounts set out in ...is clause notwithstanding that these hours ...e less than 54 in summer or 48 in winter.

... The differential rates for overtime ...ployment shall be as follows:

For male workmen of 19 years of age and over, 10d. per hour on weekdays, 1s. per hour on Sundays.

For male workmen of 18 and under 19 years of age, 9d. per hour on weekdays, 11d. per hour on Sundays.

For male workmen of 17 and under 18 years of age, 8d. per hour on weekdays, 9½d. per hour on Sundays.

For male workmen of 16 and under 17 years of age, 6½d. per hour on weekdays, 7½d. per hour on Sundays.

For male workmen of 15 and under 16 years of age, 5d. per hour on weekdays, 6d. per hour on Sundays.

For male workmen of 14 and under 15 years of age, 4d. per hour on weekdays, 4½d. per hour on Sundays.

For male workmen of under 14 years of age, 3d. per hour on weekdays, 3½d. per hour on Sundays.

... Provided that in the case of a male ...rkman of under 18 years of age the minimum ...tes and overtime rates shall during the first ...o months of his employment in agriculture ... 20 per cent. less than the rates which but ...r this provision would be applicable to him ...der the provisions of the preceding clauses ... this Notice.

5. For the purpose of the above rates the ...llowing employment is defined as overtime ...ployment, that is to say:

(a) In respect of any workman of 16 years of age and over employed as a Horseman or Cattleman, or employed wholly or mainly in tending sheep or in attending to other stock (other than whole-time shepherds), all employment in excess of the hours of employment customary in the area in the case of a workman so employed.

(b) In respect of other workmen—
(1) All employment in excess of 54 hours in any week (excluding Sunday) in summer.
(2) All employment in excess of 48 hours in any week (excluding Sunday) in winter.
(3) All employment on a Sunday.

6. For the purpose of the above rates and definition of overtime employment, employment in summer shall be deemed to be employment during the period commencing on the first Monday in March and terminating on the last Sunday in October; and employment in winter shall be deemed to be employment during the rest of the year.

7. The above rates shall apply (according to the terms above set forth) to all male workmen who are wholly or partly employed in agriculture within the meaning of Section 17 (1) of the Corn Production Act, 1917, in the above-mentioned area during such time as they are so employed.

8. For the purpose of the above rates the hours of work shall not include meal times, but shall include any time during which by reason of weather conditions an employer has prevented from working a workman who was present at the place of employment and ready to work.

9. The above rates shall come into operation on the 9th day of September, 1918.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 1918.
Signed by Order of the Wages Board,
R. E. STANLEY,
Assistant Secretary.
Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales), 80, Pall Mall, London, S.W. 1.

Application for Permit of Exemption under the proviso to Section 5 (3) of the Act may be made by employer or worker, and should be addressed to the Secretary, the Northumberland and Durham District Wages Committee, Consett Chambers, 116, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, from whom forms of application for Permits can be obtained.

Complaints under Section 6 of the Act should also be addressed to the Secretary, the Northumberland and Durham District Wage Committee, as above.

Complaints under Section 7 of the Act should be addressed to the Secretary, the Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales), 80, Pall Mall, London, S.W. 1.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH.

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Sale of Lambs at 11 a.m.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH.

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100	Do.	do.	—Mrs Thompson
200	Do.	do.	—W. E. Coates
27	Do.	do.	—John Brown
85	Do.	do.	—G. E. Thompson
70	Do.	do.	—H. Walker
24	Do.	do.	—W. Langstaff
9	Do.	do.	—J. W. Morton
80	Do.	do.	—W. Swinbank
15	Scotch Wether LAMBS		—G. E. Thompson
20	Do.	do.	—Thompson Bros.

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LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

THE engagement is announced of Eustace Baillie Reynolds, of the Middlesex Regiment, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Baillie Reynolds, now at St. George's Hotel, S.W., and Emma Margaret, elder daughter of the late J. Hanby Holmes and of Mrs Holmes, of Barnard Castle.

MRS H. C. WATSON has received the following subscriptions for the Durham Light Infantry Prisoners of War Fund, for August:—Monthly subscriptions, £6 7s 6d; proceeds of whist drive and dance, War Emergency Committee, £40 2s 6d; Barnard Castle Bowling Green Tournament, £6 3s 6d; collected by Mrs Watson's children, 5s; new monthly subscribers, Mr R. T. Richardson, £2 10s; Mr Hunter (10s monthly), £2 10s; Misses Tilburn, 2s; Mrs Cogden, 1s; 5th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, £25: total, £83 1s 6d.

PRIVATE R. A SPENCER, Army Service Corps, Streatlam, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry. He has seen four years' continuous service in France, having volunteered for Kitchener's army in September, 1914, and was drafted to France the following December. His younger brother William is a prisoner of war in Germany.

MR W. TAYLOR, a Barnard Castle young man, represented the Newcastle Blacksmiths' Union at the recent Derby Trade Union Conference, and was one of the speakers.

MR AND MRS LOWES, Montalbo-terrace, have received a communication from the Director of the International Prisoners' Association at Geneva, with regard to their only son, Lieut. E. I. Lowes, who is reported to be dead. The deceased officer has been missing since the 28th of May. He was in the City and Midland Bank at Kendal prior to enlistment.

MRS STODDART, Galgate, has received notice that Private Thomas Stoddart, of the Welsh Regiment, has been admitted into hospital wounded.

THE purchaser of the farm at Hunderthwaite, lot three in sequence, in the estate sale of Mrs Hugginson, of Romaldkirk, was Mr George C. Pattison, of Durham City, and not Mr Duncan, of Sunderland, as stated in our last issue by inadvertence.

SERGT. P. FINN, M.M., Barnard Castle, has secured the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

THE local Food Control Offices have issued special notices concerning the distribution of the new ration books, and our readers should carefully note the official advertisements which appear in our issue of to-day.

HIS Honour Judge J. W. McCarthy, of the Dewsbury Circuit, has been appointed by the Lord Chancellor judge of the York Circuit, in succession to Judge Templer, deceased.

LIEUT. A. VICTOR CLOSE, Tank Corps, younger son of the Rev. and Mrs A. W. M. Close, of Hutton Magna Vicarage, is reported severely wounded, and is in hospital in France. At the beginning of the war he joined the University and Public Schools Brigade, which was attached to the Royal Fusiliers, and spent a winter in the trenches as a private. Since obtaining a commission he has served continuously in the Tank Corps. He was educated at Rossall and Cambridge. His elder brother, Lieut. Robert W. M. Close, has been missing since May 28th.

LANCE-CORPORAL E. A. BOUSFIELD, M.M., eldest son of Mr and Mrs Bousfield, Wooley Hills, has been wounded a third time, and has been admitted into Kitchener's Military Hospital, Brighton, with a bullet in the right foot. He had only been back in France a few weeks, after being on leave to be married. He has also seen service in Italy.

GENERAL sympathy is being extended in Oswaldtwistle to Mr and Mrs Joseph Warwick (late of Barnard Castle), park keeper, in the heavy bereavement they sustained last week in the death of their only son, Able Seaman Thomas Warwick, R.N., who was killed on Sunday, which by a sad coincidence was his 19th birthday. Though not killed in battle he none the less fell in the service of his country. Whilst engaged with others in coaling an Atlantic liner in the Mersey, Warwick was accidentally caught in the machinery and very shockingly crushed, sustaining injuries which caused almost immediate death. About thirty officers and men in naval uniform attended the funeral on Friday.

"OUR DAY" AT BOWES.

A most successful fete, promoted by an energetic committee, was held at Bowes on Thursday last, in aid of the British Red Cross Society and Bowes Women's Working Party. Mrs Dugdale, of Gilmonby Hall, presided at the opening, in the Wesleyan school-room, and introduced Mrs Bell-Irving, of Rokeby Park, who kindly opened the proceedings with a sale of baskets, made by blind soldiers, and fruit, vegetables and provisions, and a jumble stall. The following ladies presided over the stalls:—Basket stall—Mesdames Lowes and Brown, of North Side; fruit, vegetable and provision stall—Misses M. Alderson, A. Walton and Mrs Lant; jumble stall—Mrs Pickerskill and Miss Meynell. A tea, which was voluntarily provided, was presided over by Mesdames Parker and Preston, ably assisted by Mesdames J. Bayles, J. Cooper, T. Metcalfe, W. Richardson, W. Hillery, C. W. Richardson, Gargett, Arash, Wearmouth and Miss Mason. Sports for children and adults and side-shows were held in a field kindly lent by Mr S. Parker, when a lengthy programme was carried out, and keen competition was shown. Mr E. C. Hitchcox, acting as secretary, and Messrs J. Thompson, T. Scrafton and W. Donald formed a committee for the sports. The proceedings terminated with a social and dance in the school, the music being supplied by Messrs Newbolt's String Band. Mr and Mrs Jas. Richardson ably carried out the duties of secretary and treasurer. Altogether the sum of £80 6s was raised. The committee take this opportunity of thanking all who so kindly helped in any way to make the day so successful.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The Middleton Wesleyans were again favoured on Thursday last by a visit of the Rev. J. T. Wardle Stafford, D.D, Newcastle, who preached in the afternoon and lectured in the evening, his subject being "Signs of the Times." Mr G. V. Tarn, Hayberries, presided, and there was a large company present.

Mr W. Coatsworth, Hudeshope, presided over a meeting on Saturday night week, at the Town Hall, Middleton, in connection with the British Farmers' Red Cross Sale. It was decided to hold a sale on Saturday next, at the Cleveland Arms yard, and there is also to be a flag day, and a dance in the Assembly Hall in the evening. Collectors were appointed to canvass the district. A sub-committee meeting was held on Saturday night last, to receive reports from the canvassers, which were most gratifying, and there is every prospect of the effort being a great success.

Mr Stanley Wilson, M.P., and party, who have been shooting over Holwick moors from August 26th to September 6th, have made fairly good bags.

A well-attended meeting of local farmers was held in the Town Hall, Middleton, on Saturday night last, to make arrangements for the second annual tup show and sale by auction to be held early in October. Mr W. Coatsworth, Hudeshope, presided over the meeting. A discussion arose in regard to the advisability of having a flock-book for dales'-bred sheep, several farmers urging the desirability of the matter being taken in hand.

The following Middleton girls have been successful in passing the Senior Cambridge at the Local Examination held at Bishop Auckland, in July:—Lavinia Bainbridge, Irene Pettler, Doris Brignall, and Olga Bainbridge (matriculation pass).

The annual meeting of the Middleton Junior Football Club was held on Saturday night. There was a good attendence of members. It was decided to arrange for matches for every Saturday during the coming season. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr G. A. Thompson; captain, Mr J. H. Rudd; vice-captian, Mr Clarence Lowe; honorary joint secretaries, Messrs J. H. Shaw and G. Forster, with a strong committee.

The Middleton Baptists celebrated their harvest festival during last week-end, Rev. T. Sumner preaching special sermons on Sunday morning and evening. He also gave an address at the afternoon service. On Monday evening a public meeting was held, presided over by Mr Robert Allinson, Bowes, when an appropriate address was given by Rev. G. Chun, Primitive Methodist minister. Solos were rendered by Miss Benson and Miss Allinson, of Bowes, and a recitation was given by Mrs J. Watson. There was a display of fruit, vegetables, etcetera, which were disposed of at the close of the service.

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VEGETABLE SHOW AT EGGLESTONE.

SILVER CUP FOR COTTAGE GARDENERS.

The fourth annual show of the Hill Top Flower and Vegetable Society was held in a field adjoining the Moor Cock Inn, Egglestone, on Saturday, and was quite a success. The schedule had been greatly enlarged from last year, and through the kindness of the late Mr Tucker, who paid the prize money, various children's sports were held. The vegetable classes contained some really good exhibits, and Mr A. Watson, of Cotherstone, staged a very fine collection, which, through a misunderstanding, was debarred on account of containing too many specimens. A silver cup, presented by the joint presidents—the Rev. E. O. Butler and the late Mr A. T. C. Tucker—aroused keen competition amongst the cottage gardeners and allotment holders for its possession. The principal prize winners in the open vegetable classes were:—R Raine, S Hodgson, E Ingham, W H Lodge, A Watson, J Lodge, T Metcalfe, and R Kidd. Premier cards in the district vegetable classes were gained by T Stoddart, J Kidd, J Lodge, F W Greswell, T Raine, E Iceton, C Thompson, and J Watson. Other awards included cottager's window plant—1st and 2nd, Mrs W T Bainbridge. White bread—Mrs Marshall; 2nd, Mrs Lodge. Brown bread—Miss A Morton; 2, Miss Amy Morton. Fretwork—2, Mr J. Bainbridge. Quilts—Mrs Neasham; 2, Mrs E B Mackay. Writing for children—Standard 5, 6, 7—J Metcalfe; 2, H Forster. Standard 1—Mabel Iceton; 2, R Kidd. Standard 3—J Tallentire; 2, M Walker. Standard 2—Alf Kidd; 2, W Foster. Class 1—M Addison; 2, H Todd. Essay on gardening—John Metcalfe; 2, Herbert Forster. The judges were Messrs I. Wilson, Cotherstone, and T. Todd, Middleton, for vegetables; and Mrs M. Raine, Egglestone, and Mrs G. Harrison, Ravenstonedale, industrial section.

AWARDING THE SILVER CUP.

Mr Todd, who had made the inspection of the gardens, gave a brief speech, congratulating the allotment holders and gardeners on the way they had accomplished their task. He said the allotments at Egglestone on the whole, he must admit, were better than they had at Middleton, and were very creditable. All gardeners must have a beginning, and he hoped they would profit by the mistakes they had made this year. He counselled them not to overcrowd their plots, and they should pay particular attention to thinning vegetables. It had been a pleasure for him to come and inspect their gardens, and arriving at his decision he had done his best, and hoped they would be amply satisfied. What he had to say was that they could not all win, but those who were last this time should try to be first next year.—Mr Ingham then announced the result as follows:—1st, Mr J. Lodge, 159 points; 2nd, Mr M. Morton, 137 points; and 3rd, Mr R. Bainbridge, 128 points.—Mr Ingham then moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Todd for his kindness in coming to Egglestone to judge the gardens. It was a very difficult task, but he believed he had performed his duties well.—Mr W. T. Bainbridge seconded, and the motion was heartily endorsed. —Mr Ingham then referred to the sad death of Mr Tucker, and said they had lost a good friend of the show—he was joint president of the society—and said it seemed quite a coincident that he should be buried on the day of the exhibition.

Death of Mr Tucker, of Egglestone.

Quite a gloom was cast over Egglestone and district last week by the death of Mr A. T. C. Tucker, of Egglesburn House. Mr Tucker had been in delicate health for many years, but it was only a few days before his death that it became serious. On Monday week his condition was critical, and an operation was thought the only chance. He was taken to Newcastle Infirmary, but succumbed before the operation was performed. Deceased, who was 38 years of age, was buried in Egglestone churchyard on Saturday, amidst every token of respect, the Rev E. O Butler (Vicar), officiating. The late gentleman was a member of the Tucker Brewery Company, and was of a cheery and generous disposition, always ready and willing to help in any good cause. Last year when the villagers entertained sixty wounded soldiers he took a very active part. He was interested in horticulture, and was a joint president of the Hill Top Vegetable Show, whose financial help and kindly advice the society can ill afford to lose. He was a staunch Churchman, and allowed money to be no barrier in adding glory to God's house. He was a manager of the Church of England day school, and for the reading-room he has done much. To the sick and needy of the village he also extended the helping hand. The beauty of Mr Tucker's good work was that he liked to do it in secret. Deceased leaves a widow but no children. On Sunday morning the Vicar, in the course of his sermon, paid a high tribute to the good work done by Mr Tucker in the parish.

Funeral of Mr I. Thompson, Staindrop.

The funeral of the late Mr Isaac Thompson took place at Staindrop on Saturday afternoon amidst many manifestation of respect and esteem. Deceased was a son of the late Mr John Thompson, of Barnard Castle, and was interested in the renowned Dunn House Quarries. He was at one time a prominent cricketer, being an exceptionally good left-hand bowler, and having acted as professional for Appleby and Edinburgh University teams. After coming to reside at Staindrop he identified himself with the Raby Castle Cricket Club and also played for Barnard Castle. Formerly he was an active worker in the Congregational Church, but eventually became a member of the Primitive Methodist Church, where he interested himself in the Sunday school and the Christian Endeavour Society, and at the time of his death was acting president. The burial service was conducted by the Revs G. B. Richardson and J. M. Craddock, and a large number of people from the village and surrounding district attended the obsequies. Deceased, who was 48 years of age, leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

France's Flag Day at Barnard Castle.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury."

DEAR SIR,—Please allow me through your valuable paper to thank all who assisted in any way to make this effort such a great success. The total collections on Wednesday amounted to £42 8s 7d, and the following donations were also received:—Captain E Berry, £1; Lord Glamis, £1; Miss Stobart, £1 1s; Mrs Stanton, 10s; Lord Barnard, £1; Mr W H Ralston, £1 1s; Mr R T Richardson, £5; the late Mr J Smith and Mrs Smith, Grove Park, £2; Mrs Cookson, 5s; Mr R Pease, £5; Mr F York, £2; Mrs Bell-Irving, £1; Rev A W Sowart, 2s 6d; Mr J Graham, 2s 6d; total, £63 10s 7d. Further donations will be thankfully received by me, and the fund will close on Saturday first.—Again thanking all for such splendid support, I am, yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER HEDLEY,
Chairman U.D. Council and War Emergency Committee
Barnard Castle, 9th September, 1918.

A Local Wedding.

On Monday, September 2nd, a very pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's Parish Church, Barnard Castle, Signaller J. Armstrong, late 17th Durham Light Infantry, second son of Mr and the late Mrs Armstrong, Malton, being married to Mary Elizabeth Todd, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Todd, central cafe, Barnard Castle. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of cream shadow lace with a tunic of cream satin, and wore a veil and wreath of orange blossom, and carried a sheath of white carnations and heather. She wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, the bride's gift to the bridegroom being a wristlet watch. The bridesmaids, Miss Eveline Todd, sister of the bride, and Miss Hilda Middleton, wore dresses of Champagne crepe-de-chine, with coatees of Georgette and silver lace, and carried bouquets of roses. Each was adorned with a gold bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom. The best man was Second-Lieutenant G. Jemmison, a friend of the bridegroom. The boy scouts and wolf cubs formed a guard of honour at the entrance of the Church, the bride being the Wolf Cub Mistress. Afterwards a reception was held at the home of the bride, and later in the day the happy pair left for Southport, where the honeymoon is being spent. In the evening a dance was held in the Masonic Hall. Mr and Mrs Armstrong were the recipients of many costly presents. The Rev. W. B. Blackett was the officiating clergyman.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Roll of Honour.

COLLINSON.—On September 2nd, 1918, at the Infirmary, Salisbury, from wounds received in France, Corporal Stephen Collinson, of the Hussars third son of Robert and Elizabeth Collinson, of Underhurth, Forest-in-Teesdale, aged 37 years. "His end was peace."

Death.

WATSON.—Died suddenly on Sunday, September 8th, 1918, at Newsham, Mary Ann Watson, widow of the late Jonathan Watson, aged 73 years. Interred at Barningham, To-morrow (Thursday), at 3 o'clock. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation.

In Memoriam.

KIPLING.—In loving memory of William Kipling, of Clove Lodge, Baldersdale, who died September 5th, 1917.—Ever remembered by his loving wife, son and daughter-in-law and sister.