Local Government Electors of Barnard Castle.

GUARDIANS' ELECTION, 1919.
GOOD, KIND FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS,—I thank you most ...ly. OLIVE NIXON.
...l 8, 1919.

Urban District Council Election.

...LOW me to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to all those who ...ir vote and interest supported my ...ature in the above election.—Yours ...ely, W. COATES.

Electors of the Parish of Barnard Castle.

...DIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I take the ...arliest opportunity to thank all who gave ...ir voluntary and generous support at ...cent election of Guardians. It was my ...to help you if you wanted me. Having ...lected, I thank you for your confidence, ...do my best to serve your interests in ...possible way.—I am, Ladies and Gentle... ...ours faithfully, H. DAWSON.
...Bank, April 8th, 1919.

...rtforth Rural District Council Election.

...HE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS.
...DIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Permit me ...o thank all those friends who so kindly ...ted me by their vote and influence on ...ay last, and were the means of my being ...d as one of the Representatives on the ... Council. I sincerely trust that by a ... attention to duty I may merit the ...ence which has been placed in me.—... faithfully,
WILLIAM SUTTON RICHMOND.
...dings, Startforth, April 8th, 1919.

To the Electors of the Urban Area.

...G to thank the Electors for again return... me as one of their Representatives, and ...eir continued confidence and support.—...ain, yours obediently, W. HODGSON.

...o the Electors of the Urban District.

...DIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I wish to ... thank most sincerely all who have voted ...worked for me during the election.—... faithfully, WALKER WAINE.
... Bank, Barnard Castle.

Guardians' Election.

TO THE ELECTORS.
...DIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I thank you ...for electing me to this responsible office, ...will do my best to deserve your confidence. ...urs sincerely, M. J. DIXON.

To the Electors of Barnard Castle.

...DIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg very ...sincerely to thank all who gave me their ...ort at the recent Guardians' Election. I ...very proud and grateful to have been ...d at the top of the poll; and trust that ...nduct on the Board will be such as to ...y the confidence you have placed in me. ...m, Ladies and Gentlemen, your obedient ...nt, HENRY BIRCHAM.

...arnard Castle Urban Council Elections.

...R. WOODHAMS desires to thank all his ... supporters who successfully returned ...o the Council on Monday, 7th inst.

To the Electors.

...DIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to ... thank you for returning me as one of ... Representatives on the District Council. ...urs faithfully, C. T. SINGER.

Election of Guardians.

...O THE PAROCHIAL ELECTORS OF BARNARD CASTLE.
...DIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I wish to express my grateful thanks for the ...ort accorded to me, and I trust to prove ...lf worthy of your confidence.—Yours ...fully, MRS. (TOM) BORROWDALE.
... Newgate, Barnard Castle.

Election of Guardians.

...DIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I wish all ... friends and supporters to accept my ...re thanks for re-electing me on the Board ...ardians. It will be my earnest endeavour ...rit the confidence placed in me.—Yours ...fully, J. G. HALL.

Startforth Rural District Council.

... ELECTORS OF THE COTHERSTONE TOWNSHIP.
...DIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to thank ...all my supporters for the confidence they ... again placed in me by electing me at the ... of the poll. By strict attention to my ...es I hope to maintain the confidence they ... placed in me.—I remain, your obedient ...nt, THOMAS BAYLES.

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SALE THIS DAY.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH, 1919.

USUAL WEEKLY SALE of DAIRY COWS and HEIFERS, STORE CATTLE, BREEDING SHEEP and LAMBS.

A Prize of £1 will be given for the Best Cow in each Class.
Judging at 10 a.m. Sale at 10-30 a.m.
Sale of Stores at 11-30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH,
SECOND SPRING PRIZE SHOW and SALE OF YOUNG BULLS.

Class 1—Bulls over 18 months old. First, 20s; Second, 10s:
10 ENTRIES.
Class 2—Bulls under 18 months old, with all calf teeth. First, £2; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s:
30 ENTRIES.
Class 3—Bulls under 12 months old. First, £2; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s:
59 ENTRIES.
Judging 9 a.m. Sale 10 o'clock prompt.

MONDAY, APRIL 14TH.
SALE OF FAT CATTLE AND SHEEP.
Grading at 9-30 a.m. prompt.
Will Vendors of Fat Stock kindly have same at Mart not later than 9 a.m.?
All Stock to be Entered One Week previously.

W. P. WALLIS, F.A.I., Secretary.
Auction Mart, Barnard Castle.

Central Sale Rooms.

JOHN PARKINSON & SONS,

INSTRUCTED by the Executors of the late Miss Kirkpatrick, of the Abbey Terrace, and others, will remove to the above Rooms, and Sell by Auction, on THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH, 1919, a large quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, including:—

Iron Frame Piano, in Walnut Case;
Piano, Iron Frame, Walnut Case, by Thos. Vincent, London;
Piano, in Walnut Case, by Justin Browne;

2 mahogany centre tables, mahogany couch, in hair; 2 easy and 4 small chairs; mahogany turn-over table, piano stool, 2 mahogany saddlebag chairs, folding chair, whatnots, mahogany inlaid folding table, mahogany sideboard, gilded mirror, 3 marble pedestals and bust, inlaid mahogany folding table, grandfather clock, by Porthouse; 2 old oak gate-leg tables, inlaid mahogany table, whatnots, 2 coal boxes, 9-piece leather suite, in walnut frames; 4 small chairs, in leather; large black and gold mirror, bath chair, walnut carrying chair, base rocker, child's table chair, 3ft 6in walnut pedestal writing table, armchair, in tapestry; tapestry and Kidder carpets, quantity linoleum, floor oilcloth, mahogany snap table, brass kerb and brasses, brass rail kerb, steel kerbs and fenders, fireirons, Singer treadle machine, oak roll-top desk.

3 Antique Oak High-back Chairs,

4ft 6in sideboard, mirror back; telescope dining table oak hall chair 4 old prints, 4 large steel engravings, FINE OIL PAINTING, Stokes cash till, oak knife box, mahogany tray and stand, mahogany easel, all-brass bedstead, wire mattress, hair mattress, "Nesta" hair and spring mattress, 2 single bedsteads and mattresses, mahogany bedstead and spring mattress, mahogany commode, painted chest of drawers, 2 mahogany chests of drawers, 3 iron bedsteads and mattresses, painted press bedstead, solid oak chiffonier bedstead, dressing chest, 3 mahogany swing mirrors, painted box and drawers, oak chest of drawers, painted dressing tables, bedroom chairs, painted commode, 2 travelling trunks, cornice poles, towel rails, painted dresser and rack, oak corner cupboard, kitchen press, painted secretaire, kitchen couch, house steps, kitchen armchair, deal tables, kitchen chairs, fenders, snap tables, hearthrugs and mats, crockery, glass, GENT'S RALEIGH CYCLE, 2 gent.'s cycles, wringing machine, 5 perambulators, push chair, poss tub, wash tub, and many sundries.

Sale at 9-30 a.m and 1 p.m.

MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE.

F. J. SMITH

WILL hold a SPRING SALE of CATTLE, Etc., on THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH, 1919 (Middleton Fair Day). Further Entries should be sent to the Auctioneer, which will be duly published.

Auctioneer's Office: Middleton-in-Teesdale.
Telephone, 4

FURNITURE SALE.
COLLINGWOOD HOUSE, ROMALDKIRK.

WM TARN,

FAVOURED with instructions by Mr Kenneth Hutchinson, who is leaving the above house, will Sell by Auction the following FURNITURE, on SATURDAY, 12TH APRIL:—Carved oak hall stand, half-chest of good oak drawers, 2 kitchen chairs, kitchen table, long-settle, good wringing machine, 2 poss tubs and staffs, portable boiler, old Dutch tankard, hip bath, American rocking chair, 2 wicker armchairs, gipsy table, Japanese screen, handsome brass kerb and irons, black and brass kerb, black kerk, kitchen fender and irons, scullery table, other tables, 2 white tables, a quantity of antique china ornaments, 3 sets of chamber ware, 2 looking glasses (one mahogany), quantity of pictures, small clock, painted washstand and dressing table, sitting-room carpet, 2 bedroom carpets, stair carpet and rods, black and brass coal cauldron and tongs, brass stair rods, curtains, poles and rings, cornice pole for bay window, trestle table, single iron bedstead and mattresses & pillows, 3 cases of stuffed birds, lady's base rocker, large new prodded rug, camp bedstead, vacuum carpet sweeper, hot water cans, wash tins and pails, etc.; water barrels, mincing machine, blinds and curtains, etc.; flat irons, 2 cane-seated bedroom chairs, towel rail, wire flower stand, wheelbarrow, ladder, flour bin, and other lots too numerous to mention.

Sale at 2 o'clock prompt.
Collingwood House is Half-a-mile from Romaldkirk Station, by the Tees Bridge side.
Hunderthwaite, Romaldkirk.

BROOMIELAW FARM, STREATLAM, BARNARD CASTLE.

GEO. TARN BAINBRIDGE & SON,

HONOURED with instructions from the Executors of the late Mr A. Burdon, will Sell by Auction, on FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH, 1919, the whole of the Valuable Farming STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, Etc., viz.:—15 Grand Horses, 74 Head of Cattle, 297 Sheep, Grand Gilt Pig, 40 Head of Poultry, Implements and Gears.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock.

MARDEN, BARNARD CASTLE.

GEO. TARN BAINBRIDGE & SON,

HONOURED with instructions from Mrs Laws, who is declining farming, will Sell by Auction, on THURSDAY, APRIL 10th, 1919, her Farming STOCK, Implements, etc., as follows:—

21 HEAD OF CATTLE.

11 PEDIGREE SHORTHORN CATTLE, including roan cow, Kathleen, calved May 15th, 1914, with roan heifer calf; red cow, roan heifer, calved October 13th, 1917; roan heifer, calved September 13th, 1917; red heifer, calved 4th October, 1917; roan bull, calved June 26th, 1917; roan heifer, Nelly, calved December 28th, 1917; roan heifer, calved November 5th, 1918, Butterfly; red heifer, calved November 15th, 1918, Butterfly; roan heifer, calved October 8th, 1918; 4 GRAND HIGHLAND HEIFERS, very forward; black polled cow, newly calven; roan cow, due about time of sale; white bullock, 2 years; black polled heifer, 1½ year; red heifer, 12 months; red and white bullock, 10 months.

Strong BROWN MARE, 16 h.h., a capital worker. Strong Gilt PIG.

IMPLEMENTS.—Horse rake, Blackstone; hay shrewer, swath turner, Blackstone; cake crusher, single-horse grass cutter, Wood; small grist mill, Pallister; large corn bin, hay sledge, turnip pulper, Stamford; hay chopper, etc.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock.

Pedigrees of the shorthorn cattle will be given at the sale. The cattle are well bred, good colours and fit. The implements are up-to-date and in good order.

Marden is situate within 1 mile of Barnard Castle station.

Office: Stanhope Road, Darlington.

To Close a Trust.
21 & 23, MARKET PLACE, Barnard Castle.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD BUSINESS PREMISES FOR SALE.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

At the Witham Hall, Barnard Castle, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH, 1919, 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 be then read.

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ALL those TWO VALUABLE FREEHOLD SHOPS, with the DWELLING-HOUSE, being Nos. 21 and 23, Market Place, Barnard Castle, containing 2 Front Shops, with Excellent Show Windows, Dining-room, Tea-room, 2 Kitchens, Scullery, and Pantry. On First Floor, Drawing-room, 3 Bedrooms, and Boxroom. On Second Floor, 5 Bedrooms, Bathroom and W.C. In the Basement, Large Cellar. At the rear, Wash-house and Bakehouse, with 2 Ovens. There is a Large Yard and usual Conveniences.

The above Property occupies a grand business position. It is situate in the Market Place, and in the centre of the Town. At the rear there is a Cart Road to the premises from Queen Street.

The Property can be viewed at reasonable times.

For further particulars apply to the AUCTIONEERS, Darlington; or to
MESSRS W. J. & H. C. WATSON,
Solicitors, Barnard Castle.

ROMALDKIRK.

FURNITURE AT SCHOOL COTTAGES.

WM. TARN,

INSTRUCTED by Mr Warwick, will Sell by Auction, on SATURDAY, the 19th APRIL, 1919, the following FURNITURE, comprising: Tall chest mahogany drawers, brass mounts; tall chest oak drawers, brass mounts; half-chest mahogany-painted drawers, oak-grained press, oak-grained press bedstead, oak kitchen table, square snap table, snap table, 2 rail-backed armchairs, 10 rail-backed kitchen chairs, kitchen seat, in leather; 2 stools, tidy, coal box, fender, fireirons, fire shovel, hearthrugs, etc.; wooden kitchen seat, various lamps, flour pots and plants, etc.; trays, zinc bath and pails, good treadle sewing machine, very old brass-faced grandfather clock, pantry table, 4 cream pots, show jars, dishes, jugs, teapots, whitening brush, Quaker Oats cooker, bread tins, steam pan, frying pan, skellets, water-can, smoothing irons, brushes, crucet, quantity of ornaments and glass, old willow pattern dinner service, part tea service, some old china, old copper candlesticks, 4 steel candlesticks, brass stair rods and carpet, maple-painted bedstead and mattress, iron bedstead, folding chair, oak-grained wash-stand and dressing table, 2 sets of chamber ware, 2 small mirrors, brace of stuffed grouse, old spoon box, rubber wringing machine, poss staff, 2 water barrels, axe and saw, hedge clippers, part tools, etc.

Sale at 2 o'clock prompt.
Hunderthwaite, Romaldkirk.

WEST LING, near BOWES.

THOMAS ADDISON,

HAVING received instructions from Mr A. Coulthard, who is leaving the above Farm, will Sell by Auction, on TUESDAY, APRIL 15th, 1919, the following STOCK, Buildings, Eatage, Etc.:—

4 CATTLE—Blue-grey cow, geld; 2 bullock stirks, red heifer stirk.

19 Black-faced Wether Hoggs.

Large hay-shed, with 8 wood pillars, with boarded roof, 9 by 4 yards; cart shed, 4 by 4 yards, mostly corrugated iron; corrugated iron pig sty, large wooden house, on wheels; single-horse grass cutter, by Wood; old horse rake, etc.

15 Acres of Meadow Eatage, till May 13th, 1919. Sale at 2 p.m.

Intending purchasers please note: Mr Coulthard will take down the buildings if required.

Friday, May 9th.

SALE of Valuable Farm STOCK at Leakworth, near Middleton-in-Teesdale, for Mr John Watson.

Auctioneer's Address: Bowes, Darlington.

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CORN PRODUCTION ACT, 1917.

AGRICULTURAL WAGES BOARD
(England and Wales).

Proposal to Vary the Minimum Rates of Wages at Present in Force for Male Workers of 18 Years of Age and Over, throughout England and Wales.

THE Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales) hereby give Notice, as required by the above Act and the Regulations made thereunder, that they propose to vary the minimum and overtime rates and the definition of overtime employment at present in force under the respective Orders of the Wages Board for male workers of 18 years of age and over of all classes throughout England and Wales so as to provide as follows, that is to say:—

1. As respects male workers of 18 years of age and over (other than the special classes of male workers such as Horsemen, Cowmen, Shepherds and other classes for whom special rates have been fixed in various areas):

(a) A reduction of the hours (excluding Sunday work) for which the minimum rate shall be payable, and over and above which the weekday overtime rate shall be payable, to 54 in "Summer" and 48 in "Winter" where such hours are at present in excess of those hours or in excess of 52 hours all the year round;

(b) An addition to the weekly wages at present payable in respect of 52 hours a week all the year round, of the following amounts, that is to say:
For workers of 18 and under 19 years of age, 3/- a week.
For workers of 19 and under 20 years of age, 4/- a week.
For workers of 20 and under 21 years of age, 5/- a week.
For workers of 21 years of age and over, 6/6 a week.

(c) An adjustment of the overtime rates to a basis of time and a quarter on weekdays and time and a half on Sundays calculated on the revised minimum rates arrived at under the provisions of paragraph (b) above, and in relation to the "Summer" hours;

2. As respects the special classes (above referred to) of male workers of 18 years of age and over, for whom special rates have been fixed in various areas:

(a) An addition to the revised rates for ordinary workers of the respective ages arrived at under the provisions of paragraph 1 (b) above, of the respective sums which represent the differences at present existing between the rates for ordinary labourers and for the special classes of workers in the various areas; and a reduction of the hours to which the revised rates shall apply in those areas where the number of hours for the special classes has been fixed, in the same proportion as the reduction of hours for ordinary labourers in those areas.

(b) The application to the special classes of workers of the overtime rates arrived at under the provisions of paragraph 1 (c) above, in lieu of the overtime rates at present applicable.

3. Provided that the rates arrived at under the above provisions shall be adjusted to multiples of sixpence in the case of the weekly wages and to multiples of a halfpenny in the case of the overtime rates per hour.

4. The Board further give notice of their intention duly to propose to vary as from the first Monday in October, 1919, the minimum rates then in force for ordinary male workers of 18 years of age and over, by a reduction of the hours for which the weekly wages arrived at under the provisions of paragraph 1 (b) above shall be payable, to 50 in "Summer" and 48 in "Winter," and by an adjustment of the overtime rates then in force to a basis of time and a quarter on weekdays and time and a half on Sundays, calculated in relation to 50 hours a week.

The Agricultural Wages Board, as required by the above Act and the Regulations made thereunder, will consider any objections to the above Proposal to Vary which may be lodged with them within one month from the date of this Notice. All objections should be in writing, and should be addressed to the Secretary, the Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales), 80, Pall Mall, London, S.W. 1. The objections should state precisely and so far as possible with reasons, what is objected to.

Dated this first day of April, 1919.
Signed by Order of the Wages Board,
F. POPPLEWELL,
Secretary.

Agricultural Wages Board
(England and Wales),
80, Pall Mall, London, S.W. 1.

NOTE.—A Schedule of the new minimum and overtime rates actually proposed for each county in accordance with the terms of the above Notice may be obtained on application to the Agricultural Wages Board.

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Gas Company Meeting.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury."

SIR,—Kindly permit me to correct an error which has crept into your report of this meeting. I did not say we "were losing 25 per cent. of the make": but, as stated in the directors' report, that there was a loss of "25 per cent." on gas sales since 1913—owing to the rationing.—Yours faithfully, R. WOOD.

Gas Office, Flatts-lane, 5th April, 1919.

[Part of the conversation on wastage was as follows:—Mr Dawson: Are we losing 25 per cent. of the gas now? The shareholders are entitled to know.—The Chairman: I think Mr Wood has worked it out.—The Secretary: I believe it is about 9 per cent. It is more than it ought to be, and it is largely owing to the loss of the lid covers.—Mr Woodhams: And the faulty mains.—Mr Nicholson: And if it had not been for the leakage we could have paid a dividend.—The Chairman: I should not say that at all.—The Secretary: It is an important thing waiting to be done.—The Chairman: Shall we send you the information?—Mr Dawson: Thank you. I shall be very pleased to have it.—ED. T.M.]

To-day, Mrs Sarah Gargett, of Gateside, Newbiggen, celebrates her 90th birthday.

Local Bigamy Charge: Barnard Castle Woman in the Case.

At a special sitting of the Barnard Castle Police Court, on Thursday morning, before Mr J. G. Hall (presiding), and Mr C. J. Smith, a Lancashire miner, understood to be earning £1 a day, named Albert Edwin Windsor, was brought up in custody charged with having bigamously married Beatrice Peadon, at Barnard Castle, on December 19th, 1917, his legal wife, to whom he was married on December 30th, 1911, being now alive, and whose permanent residence is at 9, Vine-street, Bolton.—Supt. Riddell informed the magistrates that Mary Windsor, the lawful wife, was the informant, and he proposed to call evidence of prisoner's arrest, and ask the Bench to remand the accused till Wednesday next. He had a witness to bring from Bolton, and also the wife of defendant, who was temporarily living at Middlesbrough.—P.C. Henderson: Yesterday I received prisoner into my custody from the Bolton Borough Police, and brought him to the lock-up here. I charged him, but he made no reply.—Mr Hicks (Dawson and Hicks): I have no objection to the remand, but I would ask for bail for the defendant.—Supt. Riddell: I have an objection to bail at this particular stage, for the reasons I have just mentioned to you. A large expense has been incurred in bringing this man from Bolton, and a further cost will be occasioned in fetching a witness from the same place, and also the informant, and in consequence I must object to bail being granted.—The Chairman: The application for bail is refused, and defendant is remanded till Wednesday.—The Clerk (Mr H. C. Watson): I suppose on Wednesday you will consider the question of bail.—Supt. Riddell: I expect we shall get the case disposed of on Wednesday, in having prisoner committed to the assizes. Meanwhile will you remand him to Durham, or has he to be kept at Barnard Castle? He prefers being kept here.—The Chairman: He is remanded to the cells here.—The person with whom defendant went through a form of marriage at Barnard Castle is now residing in this town.

Cotherstone Women's Institute.

The monthly meeting of the Cotherstone Women's Institute was held in the Temperance Hall on March 27th, in the afternoon. It was a very successful gathering, the outstanding attraction being an address by Mrs Birkett on "child welfare." It was most interesting, instructive and practical, and everyone present wished that others besides the members of the Cotherstone Women's Institute might be privileged to hear it. It was proposed that Mrs Birkett should give it again, so that this might be possible.—Mr Hingley gave an interesting reading by Crockett, which was much enjoyed.—The sales stall did well, having more varied articles on offer. Some good fresh eggs were soon bought up. The exhibition was "table centres," and a good many shown. Only three entered for the linen darning competition, so each had a better chance of winning the prize. Mrs Chipchase and Mrs Birkett were the hostesses and everyone enjoyed their beautiful tea.

Local Soldiering Episode.

At a special court, on Thursday morning, before Mr J. G. Hall (presiding), and Mr C. J. Smith, a young man in the uniform of the 1st Reserve London Regiment, named Thomas W. Walton, who for some time has been residing with his relatives at the Harmire, Barnard Castle, near the station, was brought up in custody charged with being an absentee since the 4th of April last year. The case is peculiar, and will in due course be decided by defendant's commanding officer. The young fellow said he was discharged from hospital during the latter part of March, 1918, and sent on leave. Subsequently, on two occasions, he had his leave extended, and had never once been out of uniform, for the simple reason, as he stated, that he had no civilian attire. On the 26th ultimo he was asked to rejoin the depot, and accordingly applied for a railway warrant, but there had been no reply to repeated applications. He was still awaiting the railway warrant, and was living with his relatives as above.—Supt. Riddell said that on Wednesday morning he got a letter from the Infantry Record Office, notifying that the defendant was an absentee. He asked that prisoner be remanded for an escort.—P.C. Sunter said at half-past eleven the previous morning he proceeded to Harmire, where he took the accused into custody, and brought him to the police station. In answer to the charge of deserting Walton said nothing.—Mr Smith: You cannot blame the man for keeping away, but I take it we have no option in the matter.—The Clerk: It is not for us to inquire into. We shall have to remand him for an escort, and the question of his absence or desertion will be decided when he is brought before his commanding officer.—Prisoner was accordingly remanded for a military escort.

Local Election Results.

URBAN.—Singer, 451; Woodhams, 328; Hodgson, 327; Waine, 292; Liddle, 284; not elected: Coates, 261; Arrowsmith, 257; Thompson, 241; Burn, 207; Jenkinson, 200.

GUARDIANS.—Bircham, 474; Miss Nixon, 462; Mrs Borrowdale, 449; Mrs Dawson, 323; Hall, 301; Dixon, 291; Smith, 273; not elected: Guy, 247; Lamb, 128; Johnson, 126.

BARNARD CASTLE RURAL.—Cockfield—Dickenson, 274; Widdas, 232; Davis, 215; Rand, 205; Brown, 182; Simpson, 164; not elected: Cowley, 139; Dunning, 110; Kirby, 98; Gargett, 94; Clark, 81; Linsley, 81; Howe, 72. Eggleston—Walker, 46; Brown, 43; Parmley, 43; not elected: Allison, 36; Thompson, 33. Forest and Frith—Weedy, 50; Smith, 41; Staley, 41; not elected: Gill, 15. Middleton—Thompson, 237; Tallentire, 185; Raine, 155; Morton, 143; Dent, 114; not elected: Thompson, J., 110; Robinson, 82. Staindrop—Lowson, 149; Wright, 145; Jackson, 137; Tarn, 117; not elected: Thompson, 96; Buttle, 57; Woof, 56; Arnison, 55; Race, 51; Hartley, 44. Woodland—Tarn, 93; Johnson, 84; Morton, 84; not elected: Brammah, 71; Blackett, 40.

STARTFORTH RURAL.—Cotherstone—Bayles, 117; Dent, 110; Birkett, 90; not elected: Iceton, 68. Startforth—Allison, 77; Richmond, 50; not elected: Hunt, 40.

There is to be a polling station at Winston.

Capt. Boazman is expected home on leave.

The Vicar of Startforth is at Exmoor.

Captain Rogerson says it is difficult to get a house in Durham county.

Miss Kate A. Emerson, Matron of Red Barns Military Hospital, Redcar, has been awarded the Royal Red Cross, for services rendered since January, 1915.

Mr Tom Foster, dairyman, Marshall-street, Barnard Castle, sold a non-pedigree dairy cow to Mr George Harrison, of Gainford Hall, which from February 6th, 1918, to 12th March, 1919, gave 11,378½ lbs. of milk, which is equal to 1,137 gallons.

The Lord Bishop of Durham has preferred the Rev. F. E. Bowman, of Bishop Auckland (St. Andrew's), to the benefice of Wingate. Mr Bowman is the youngest son of the late Rev. W. Bowman, who was for many years Principal of Gainford School, and has held previous appointments at St. Stephen's, South Shields; St. Hilda's, Hartlepool; and is at present in charge of the district Church of St. Philip, Auckland Park.

BARNARD CASTLE COUNTY COURT.

Judge McCarthy on Jurisdiction in Equity.

His Honour Judge J. W. McCarthy sat at four o'clock on Monday evening, when two cases occupied His Honour's attention for twenty minutes. Mr W. J. Watson, registrar, was present, and the solicitors in court were Mr J. W. B. Heslop, Mr J. I. Dawson and Mr T. B. Heslop.

Foreclosure Order Granted.

Mr J. W. B. Heslop made application under the War Emergency County Court Powers Act for leave to sell or foreclose in a case affecting Dr. Smeddle, who was the owner of certain property at Cockfield, Mr Heslop himself being a second mortgagee, and there being three others similarly interested. The owner apparently treated everything with unconcern, and never troubled to reply.—His Honour: He has nothing to do with the army, has he?—Mr Heslop said there was no provision of that kind which applied in this case. A notice had been served upon Dr. Smeddle, but as he was not present he must prove the service.—Miss Dent, a clerk in Mr Heslop's office, proved sending the notice by registered letter on the 20th of November last, and they got an acknowledgment from the owner himself.—The Judge said he remembered a case in that court in which Dr. Smeddle was respondent, and His Honour said he was astonished that no one put in an appearance.—Mr Heslop said he was familiar with the Order of 1918, and he knew nothing in that order which would prevent the application being granted.—His Honour: Then I direct the order to proceed.

An Administration Suit: the Late Colour-Sergeant Burtonwood.

Mr J. W. B. Heslop appeared for the surviving members of the first marriage, and Mr J. I. Dawson represented Mrs Bayles, widow, Cotherstone, who had married since the death of the well-known soldier.—Mr Heslop said this was a case for the administration of the estate of Isaac Burtonwood, who was a colour-sergeant in the Durham Light Infantry, and who died intestate on the 24th of January, 1916, letters of administration being granted in March the same year. Notwithstanding repeated applications to the defendant, who was the administratrix, they could not induce her to render an account, and Mr Heslop was acting for three or more beneficiaries.—Mr Dawson: As a matter of fact my client has not been sufficiently advised on her position. I have gone very carefully into the case, and I am glad to say there is sufficient estate to pay the five children. The money, with the exception of £3, so far as they are concerned, is intact. The widow very properly claims that she paid into the estate something like £100, and thus far sets up a claim of settlement in equity. The real property was sold for £560 a year ago, and there was a mortgage of £250 upon the house, which left a margin of £310 clear. She is only entitled to an income of one-third of the real estate, and in equity to a settlement, out of the deceased's money, part of which was applied to the purchase of the house, and part went into a war loan.—The Judge advised the advocates to effect a settlement, and suggested an adjournment till the next court to enable them to come to a decision. There were obviously two or three questions for settlement, and if the matter was not decided then he must ask in due course that the pleadings be put in. Meanwhile all questions were in reserve. He was glad to see those equity cases coming to that court, because he had an impression it was not used as much as it ought to be for the purposes of economy. That court could be very useful in saving expense, and the costs of London agents.—The Bar at once agreed.—His Honour: We have the right to adjudicate up to £500, and we have a right beyond that if it appears in the course of the proceedings that the estate is over £500. You can then apply to the Court of Chancery to let it stand over and be taken in the County Court. I have heard it rumoured that the jurisdiction of the County Court in equity is likely to be extended to £2,500.—Case adjourned accordingly, Mr Dawson intimating that he thought His Honour would not be troubled further.

BARNARD CASTLE MEET.

WHITSUNTIDE GATHERING TO BE REVIVED.

There was a large gathering of cyclists in Newcastle last Wednesday night, when it was unanimously decided to revive the Whitsuntide Meet at Barnard Castle this year. Mr D. Macpherson, honorary organizing secretary, gave a report, in which he stated that the last North Eastern Cyclists' Meet was in May, 1915. Since then, through the demands of the war, there had not been any official Barney Meet. There had been 39 annual gatherings, 29 of which had taken place at Barnard Castle.—Mr C. Hedley, Chairman of the Barnard Castle Urban Council, assured cyclists that the towns-people would make the Victory Meet a thorough success.—Mr John Elliott, Brunswick Club, was elected president; Mr Robert Brewis (Grainger), captain; Messrs W. Brown and G. Mitchell, vice-captains; Mr J. H. Wood, treasurer; and Mr D. Macpherson, secretary (18th year).

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Deaths.

WILSON.—At the Raby Hotel, Barnard Castle, on the 2nd inst., Thomas Wilson, aged 82 years.—Was interred at Barnard Castle, on Saturday, April 5th.

In Memoriam.

EVANS.—In loving memory of Herbert Evans, 6th D.L.I., who was killed in France, April 14th, 1918, aged 32 years.

No mother's care did him attend,
Nor o'er him did a father bend;
No sister by to shed a tear,
No brother by his words to hear.
Sick, dying in a foreign land,
No father by to take his hand,
No mother near to close his eyes,
Far from his native land he lies.

—Ever remembered by father, mother, brothers and sisters, nephews and uncles.

FOOTT.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband, Albert Foott, of Barnard Castle, who died of wounds the 2nd of April, 1918.—Remembered and sorely missed by his wife and littles ones.

GRAHAM.—In proud and loving memory of my dear brother, Austin Graham, Lieut.-Colonel 4th Yorks Regt., killed in France and buried at Haverskirque, April 11th, 1918.—Kal.

"There is music in the midst of desolation,
And a glory that shines upon our tears."

THEAKSTON.—In loving memory of Sergt. Theakston (better known as Key), who was killed April 10th, 1918.—Ever remembered by his loving mother, father, sisters and brothers.

Cherished memories of one so dear
Are oft recalled by a silent tear.

WILKINSON.—In ever loving memory of Thomas Peter, the dearly beloved husband of Minnie Wilkinson (late of 21, Coronation-street, Barnard Castle), and affectionate son of Mr and Mrs Peter Wilkinson, Snaisgill, Middleton-in-Teesdale, who passed away April 5th, 1918.

Peacefully sleeping, resting at last,
Earth's weary trials and troubles are past;
In silence he suffered, in patience he bore,
Till God called him home, to suffer no more

—To memory dear, and never forgotten by his loving wife, father, mother, sisters and brothers.

Return Thanks.

BROWN.—The family of the late Mr and Mrs Thomas Brown, 57, Baliol-street, wish to thank all friends for kindness and sympathy shown to them in their recent bereavement.

WILSON.—Mr and Mrs R. Wilson, Raby Hotel, Barnard Castle, desire to return thanks for kind inquiries and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement.