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BARNARD CASTLE, JAN. 7th, 1920.

HUNTING IN TEESDALE. TERSDALE being, in past centuries, more or less one vast, unbounded forest, with a subsequent regal hunting seat, and the dense woods affording shelter for predatory wild animals, followers of the chase were probably as numerous as indeed they were dauntless. The reputed hunting seat of King James, at High Shipley, is now occupied by Mr Clarence Thompson, while Lord Fitzhugh was, according to unvarying tradition, the gallant knight of Cotherstone Castle. Both were historical hunters of Teesdale. The famous Marwood Chase is enshrined in local verse. The love of field sports seems to have passed by heredity to succeeding generations, and the names of many rude hunters-Nimrods on their own account—appear in ballad and story. In the advent of the Raby kennels, in more modern times, and the records of the First Duke of Cleveland's trusty Foxhounds, however, there is centred a halo of romance. Memorable pictures of of huntsmen and hounds are preserved in this town, and which are prized by art connoisseurs. His Grace was a keen sportsman, and dearly loved the chase, and he had a yeoman following of which he was justly proud. On the score of mere physical endurance the annals of stag-hunting in former times are little short of marvellous. Many long years since a large stag was turned out of Whinfield Park, Westmoreland, and was pursued by the hounds to Redkirks, near Annan, in Scotland, a distance by the road of about forty-six miles. It was conjectured that the circuitous and unique course they might be supposed to take would not be less than one hundred miles. The stag returned to the park, having leaped over the wall, but expired at once. One of the hounds followed to the boundary, but, according to the old chronicler, being unable from exhaustion to clear the fence, lay down

called hart-horn tree-with the following inscription :— 'Hercules kill'd Hart o' Greece :

and died immediately. To commemorate

the circumstance, continues the narrative,

the horns of the stag, which were the

And Hart o' Greece kill'd Hercules." The horns are said to have been removed afterwards to Julian's Bower, in the same county. The Raby Foxbounds were succeeded by Lord Zetland's Subscription Pack, which has also had a brilliant career. Mr Herbert Straker, having previously been secretary, succeeded the Lord of Aske Hall to the mastership nine years ago. He was, however, resigning the onerous post at the end of the season, but at a meeting of the members of the hunt on Monday, at Darlington, a happy solution of the situation was evolved, Lord Barnard and Mr Straker becoming joint masters. Some idea of the cost may be formed from the statement of Lord Zetland that hunt four days a week. Lord Barnard The members present were Mr Herbert Straker (the master). Major Whitaker. Lord Barnard, Lord Gainford, Sir W. H. Wilson-Todd, Sir Edmund Chaytor, Ald. W. E. Pease and Col. Murrough J Wilson, M.P. The following were added to the Hunt Committee: Lord Barnard. Sir Frederick Milbank, Captain Beadon, Mr H. I. Fife, Mr W. Lax and Mr P. Catrish. Then, Mr J. J. Mowbray, in the Bedale country, is also asking to be similarly relieved, and there are other resignations pending. They are, however, causing no uneasiness in hunting circles, though the position has greater difficulties than it possessed before the war. The lower part of Teesdale, to-day, is regularly hunted by the Lartington Hounds, and Mr Norman Field, the owner, welcomed a large number of footmen on New Year's day. when the meet was at the hall. The music" of the Woodland Beagles also has made the welkin ring during the holiday period, though a silent tear fell over the grave of old John Whitfield. the renowned huntsman of the aforetime Teesdale Harriers, who was laid to rest near his ancient home of Romaldkirk. on Saturday. Nevertheless the coming time seems well assured of the continued bugle swell of the champions of the chase in the valley of the Tees.

### LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The Vicar of Barnard Castle and Mr. Bircham very generously provided a really excellent dinner on New Year's Eve for the bellringers of St. Mary's Church.

So far as costume was concerned the masked ball was truly cosmopolitan in character. A faculty has been applied for to place memorial organ in Wycliffe Church to the nemory of the youths of the parish who fell

n the war. Lieut. Colonel Vaux. of Sunderland, has bought the officers' wooden mess tent at Deer bolt Camp, for the use Boy Scouts.

Miss Kate Scott, formerly in the post office at Barnard Castle, in the time of the mastership of Mr John Monkhouse, has been presented with £200 and a valuable trinket on the

Sir Frederick Milbank, acting on behalf of THE BIG PIGEON SHOOT AT the subscribers, has ordered the memorial cross perpetuating the heroism of the Barningham young men who sacrificed their lives n the war.

The local Primitive Methodist Church Choir engaged in carol and hymn singing on New Year's Eve, the church bells being merrily rung. The choir's effort, which was for Save the Children Fund ' (Central Europe), "Save the Children Fund" (Central Europe), and cup were given by Mr L. S. Thompson, realised £5 5s., which amount will be duly Red Bank, N.J., America, and a special given

The Bishop of Durhanf intends to hold

confirmation in the parish church shortly. Colonel H. R. Headlam, C.M.G., D.S.O. grandson of the late Archdeacon of Richmond, has been appointed General Staff Officer at Indian headquarters, Simla. He was wounded during the Great War, in which he became a Brigadier-General, and was seven times mentioned in despatches. He had previously been mentioned during fighting in South Africa and the Soudan. Colonel Headlam has commanded a Liue Battalion of the York and Lancasters and two Yorkshire Territorial Battalions.

The marriage of the youngest eister of Lady Glamis, of Streatlam Castle, is aunounced The wedding of Captain Oliver Lyttelton and Lady Moira Godolphin Osborne is to take place at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on January 30th.

The trading public will do well to remember. in these days of phonomenal rail way congestion. that if trucks can be released quickly it will do a great deal to avoid the pressure which is existing on all industry to day. It can easily be appreciated how if every truck is unloaded Dugdale, Lord Strathmore, Sir F. Milbauk. quickly and got away to its next job, that it is quivalent to putting many new trucks on rail, and if everyone will help in this it would be of the greatest assistance in the present

Barnard Castle United defeated a team chosen from the Tradesmen of the town on New Year's Day by 4 goals to 1, and on Saturday Darlington Rangers also suffered defeat by the same margin. Both games were of an enjoyable nature, and showed Barnard Castle on the upward grade.

On Monday night a social gathering in connection with the Girls' Guild took place in the Witham Hall. Lady Londonderry, as the first lady magistrate for Durham County, took her scat

at Quarter Sessions on Monday. Last night there were private bridge and dancing in the Masonic Hall.

In connection with the Bowes presentation largest ever seen in that part of the the average class attendance should read 50 country, were placed on a tree of and not 175 as stated last week.

enormous size in the park-afterwards On Monday evening a meeting was held at the Witham Hall of former members of the Teesdale Detachment of the V.T.C., which afterwards became a platoon of the 4th Volunteer Battalion D.L.I., in order to decide to what purpose the surplus funds of the detachment should be devoted. Mr L. H. Barnard, lately in command of the detachment was in the chair, and began by reminding those present of the origin of the fund, and of the purpose it had served. About sixteen pounds remained for disposal. Various worthy objects to which this balance might be devoted were discussed, and it was eventually decided that the money should be contributed to the Town War Memorial Fund when the same is inaugurated. The hope was generally expressed that such a fund would soon be started

menced at 7 in the evening by a dinner. cooked and served by Mrs Raine, of the Rose The remains of Private John Thomas Smith of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who resided with his mother in Galgate, and who died as the ultimate result of active service in the war, were interred with military honours when he was master it cost £4,000 to in St. Mary's Cemetery, on Sunday afternoon. ample justice to the good things provided, bunt four days a week. Lord Barnard Sergt. Travers commanded a firing party of and the bealth of the Chairman and the usual 88, Frances, widow of the late Mr W. Hook ... six demobilised soldiers, who fired three toasts had been given the party would their asks for a subscription of £2.500 volleys over the grave, Buglers Stout and Bell way to the reading room, where the remainder 29 years. The deceased's maiden name was guaranteed, to hunt three days a week.

Sounding the last post. Deceased's near of the evening was to be spent. The room was thompson, and she came to this town from the company of the evening was to be spent. The room was the company of the evening was to be spent. relatives were present, and over two hundred artistically decorated by the committee. The Brompton. A family of four mourn her loss, comrades and friends assembled. The Rev. S. G. Beal, as chairman of the committee, W. B. B'ackett, senior curate, officiated. Much in a neat speech, on behalf of the parish, sympathy is extended to the deceased's mother welcomed the "boys" who had suffered so eighteen years. Mrs Hooker travelled in the

The funeral took place on Saturday, at Romaldkirk, of Mr John Whitfield, the old and esteemed huntsman of the whilom Teesdale Harriers. For forty years and more the veteran sportman threw off the famous pack each succeeding season. The founders were Mr John Sherlock Helmer, of Wildon Grange (first master), Mr Robert Hugginson and 'Squire Dent, of Mickleton. Mr J. S. Helmer, of Barnard Castle, and Mr Kenneth Hutchin son and other followers, attended the The Rector of Romaldkirk obsequies. conducted the burial service.

## GAS OR ELECTRICITY?

Last night, "Electricity versus Gas for Barnard Castle" was discussed at the local Debating Society. The cause of the more nodern illuminant was advocated by Mr C. T. Singer, while Mr R. Wood staunchly supported the claims of coal gas. -Mr Singer said his object was not to propound a scheme for an electric installation for Barnard Castle, but to try and stimulate public interest in the matter, for sooner or later the question would come forward in a more tangible form. His remarks were not to be regarded as an attack on the local gas company, knowing well the difficulties they had to face. His experience was that electricity was more economical, cleaner and healthier than gas, though, energy for energy, gas was cheaper than electricity, and to this fact alone gas owed its economi advantage when the latter existed. Having referred to the Government Bill, he thought Teesdale might be treated as a district for a local electric supply generated at High Force.

—Mr Wood, defending gas, said the gas industry provided light, heat and power, which the public needed. Light for light gas could hold its own as being nearest sunlight, and best for the eyes. The best lighted streets in London used gas, while the very inaction of electricity was a drawback. The modern gas ire produced efficient heat for cooking, while for power purposes the internal combustion gas engine gave gas a wide field of usefulness. and was even the most economical means of producing its rival electricity.—Discussion followed.—Mr W. Emerson, the president, presided, and, in wishing them happy years with £200 and a valuable trinket on the occasion of her retiring as manageress of the Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-the-Sea.

HOLWICK. The Holwick and district gamekeepers held their 24th annual pigeon shoot on New Year's Day, in two fields adjoining the Strathmore Arms, kindly lent by Mr Jacob Raine, and the weather being fine there was an excellent light, and good sport was enjoyed. Twenty-eight gamekeepers competed. The first prize by Messrs Gilbertson and Page, Hertford, were won by Mr Ernest Brumby, gamekeeper to Mr J. J. Bell Irving. Second and third were divided by Messre E. L. Johnson. Spital, and J. T. Dowson. Harwood; 1th, 5th, 6th, and 7th were divided by Messrs J. Mcqueen J. Usher, C. T. Raine and F. Alderson: 8th, 9th. 10th, 11th and 12th were divided by Messrs J. Nattrass, jun., R. Watkin, Geo. Dent, R. Hutchinson and T. W. Pearson: 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th were divided by Messrs Jno. Nattrass, seu.. C. Dowson, W. Dickinson, Ed. Collinson and R. Bousfield; 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd were divided by Messrs M. McIntosh, J. Collinson. Joe. Nattrass, Forster, J. Raine and T. Wilson; 24th. 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th were divided by Messrs T. Hunter, R. Richardson, Bainbridge, C. Metcalfe and J. Metcalfe. The open sweep was won by Mr James Heselbic, and the second by Mr James Usher. The referees were Messrs Bob Stoddart and Macuaughton. The names of subscribers are appended: - Major J. A. Morrison, Mr A. S. Wilson, M.P., General Sir Joseph Laycock, Mr Fox, Lord Rochdale. Lord Barnard. Mr Field, Mr J. J. Bell-Irving, Messrs Turner Bros., Mr W. Burditt Coutts, Mr Gilbert Mr A. S. Smith, Hon. Sir Guy Wilson, Messrs Purdy and Sons, the celebrated gun and cartridge manufacturers, Audley House, South Audley Street, London; and Mr Frank Piummer, game dealer, Huli ; Captain Lucas. Darlington; Messrs Harrison and Hassey, gun and cartridge makers, London; Mr Porritt, Mr E. Le G. Starkie, Moor House shooting party, Mesars J. G. Reynoldson, C. R. Bullard, R. P. Hett, Colonel M. J. Wilson, M.P., Dr. J. C. Nelligan, Messrs A. Steele, J. S. Helmer, R.W.R., R. J. Smith, A. Lacelles, Major W. B. Hunton, Messrs F. J. Smith J. Walton, G. Dalston-Ewebank, A Friend, Dr. Bainbridge, Messrs R. Nicholson, J. Allinson, J. Bradley, J. Walton, H. C. Watson, R. Todd, T. W. Pearson, J. G. Jackson, J. G. Scholich, E. Gladstone. A. Cairn, W. Thompson, P.J.S., R. Lowe; also specials by the following:--Messra Gilbertson and Page, Hertford; E. J. Churchill, S. Agar Street, Loudon: R. Black lock, jeweller, Sunderland; G. W. Bell, W. G. Richardson, Barnard Castle; Spratt's Dog Biscuit Company, Fenchurch Street, London: R. Gowland and J. T. Young, jeweller, Barnard

#### RETURNED SOLDIERS' MEET AT ROMALDKIRK. DINNER AT THE ROSE AND CROWN

On New Year's night a splendid reception was held to welcome home the returned

soldiers of the village. The proceedings com-

Castle. Shooting over, an adjournment was

made to the hotel where luncheon was

was spent, songs being sung by Messes Joe Barker, Mark Anderson, Wm. Hutchinson, the

famous Swaledale singer, Bert Robinson and

L. W. Hebdon. The music was supplied by Messrs Mark Anderson. Beadle Brothers. Bert

Robinson, O. Dent. N. Nixon and Bainbridge.

provided, and altogether an enjoyable evening

and Crown Hotel, and her band of willing helpers. The soldiers were then welcomed by the Rev. S. G. Beal, Mr John Walton, Mrs Addison and Mrs Gowland. After doing much for the benefit of others. He said that them they would not have been in such a happy position that night. He wished them success in their future life, and, above everything, no more war.—Mr Roy Walton said he felt proud and honoured to think that on such a memorable occasion he should be occupying the position of spokesman on behalf of the returned soldiers. He said it was unnecessary for him to tell them how pleased they were that the war was over, and they were able to return amongst them again Mr Walton next thanked the ladies of the village for the great assistance they had given them by sending shirts, socks, gloves, etc., and remarked that receiving parcels of that description put new energy into them, because t made them feel and realise that although miles and miles away they were still being remembered by the people at home. He spoke very feelingly on behalf of the lads who had fallen, and the deep debt of gratitude which they owed to those men who had suffered so much and given their lives in order that England, and the people of Romaldkirk might still live to enjoy liberty and freedom. The speaker uttered very strongly on behalf of the parents and wives of those fallen, of their great loss, and the brave spirit with which they had borne it. He asked them as Britishers and patriots to do their best to try to cheer and assist them, if only in some small way, so that they may realise that the great sacrifices that they had made were being appreciated, and not entirely forgotten by the people of Romaldkirk. In conclusion he cordially thanked them for the splendid reception which had been given for their benefit.—After a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and games, during which songs were rendered by the Misses Beal. Thompson and Raine, and Messrs Simpson Gent and Thyme. The proceedings ended about 5 a.m. by the old dauce "Roger de Coverley," led by the genial Rector and Miss Beal, and the singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a most delightful evening.

## LARTINGTON HOUNDS.

The Lartington hounds will meet on Friday January 9th, at Corn Park; Monday, 12th, at Barningham Park (by invitation); Thursday. 15th, at The Rigg, Lartington; Monday, 19th, at Gallow Hill; Thursday, 22nd, at Pecknall. Each day at 11 a.m.

### NOTES FROM THE HIGHER DALES.

BY OUR COMRESPONDENT. The annual balance-sheet just issued by the directors of the Middleton-in-Teesdale Co-operative Society shows a successful year's trading, the saids for the year reaching over £68.000. and being an increase on the year of over £13.000. A dividend of 1s. 10d. in the pound is declared in the general department, Is, on flour and meal, Is, on butchering, and 1s. for horse shoeing and implement repairing. The share capital stands at over £37,000.

A sub-committee meeting in connection with the Black faced Dales bred Sheep Society was held at the Raby Hotel, Barnard Castle, on Wednesday last, presided over by Mr W. Dent. Lartington. Letters were read from the secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society, granting four classes for black-faced dales-bred sheep at the Royal Show, viz., three classes for rams and one for a pen of three gimmer hogs. Rules were drafted by the committee for the flockbook, which is about to be founded. It was also suggested that large breeders be eligible to register up to 50 breeding ewes, and that an entrance fee of £2 2s. be charged, together with an annual subscription of £1 1s. Small breeders, with stock not exceeding 100 ewes, to be allowed to register 25, with an entrance fee of £1 ls., and a subscription of 10s. 6d. The secretaries, Messrs J. W. Dent and T. Addison, were instructed to call a meeting to be held shortly at Kirkby Stephen, to encourage breeders to join the society in the establishment and publication of a flock book.

The monthly meeting of the Middleton Women's Institute, held on Tuesday night week, took the form of a social evening. Mrs Beadle presided over a large gathering of members and friends. After reading the correspondence on behalf of the secretary, who was unable to attend, a musical programme was given as follows: Pianoforte solo-Miss Douglass: songs by Miss Hall, Miss Chun. Mrs Moore and Miss Wheeler: musical monologue -Miss Colling; recitation-Miss Harrison; and sketch, "A contrast," by Miss M. and L. Dent. This was followed by a hat-trimming competition, which was won by Miss Colling for neatness, and Mrs Beadle for speed. Several members were representations of book titles, a prize being given to the one who guessed the most titles, and was won by Miss Olga Bainbridge. Those receiving the most votes for the neatest representation were Mrs Walton and Miss Hall. After refreshments were served by Mrs Colling, Mrs Pettler and Miss Brown, a spelling bee was held, which was in the bands of Miss Dent and Miss Hall, when a large number took part in the competition, who fell out one by one until only two were left, and finally Miss Elsie Hornby carried off the honours. Mrs Pettler being second.

The Middleton Primitives held their annual "At Homes" during last week, which were very successful, commencing on New Year's night, when the entertainment was given by the choir and young people of the church, under the leadership of Mr F. Lowe. It took the form of an operetta, cutitled "Red Riding Hood." The Rev. G. Chun presided, and the school-room was packed to its utmost capacity. On Friday night a varied programme of vocal and instrumental music was given by Mr Joseph Raine and party, when again there was a large company present. On Saturday night the operetta. "Red Riding Hood." was repeated, which once more brought forth the hearty applause of the company. Refreshments, which were given, were handed round each evening. On Sunday special sermons were preached in the afternoon by Mr Joshua Watson, and in the evening by the Rev. J. Lancaster, Colchester.

DEATH OF MRS W. HOOKER.

On Wednesday last, at her residence in who was stationmaster at Barnard Castle for who had suffered so eighteen years. Mrs Hooker travelled in the first passenger train from this town to if it had not been for the great work done by Darlington. The interment took place on Saturday at Startforth.

#### NEW LOCAL BANKING FACILITIES.

From an announcement in our advertisement olumns our readers will notice that a Branch of Lloyds' Bank, Limited (with which the West Yorkshire Bank has recently been amalgamated), is now open at Barnard Castle 21 and 23. Market Place) under the management of Mr A. Galbraith. This important institution has over 1,400 offices in England and Wales and agents and correspondents throughout the British Empire and all parts of the world. According to the latest figures the subscribed capital is £58,866,600 the eposits £309,328,800 and the reserve fund £9.471.250.

# BIRTUS, MARRIACES, AND DEATUS.

Marriages.

LAYFIELD: CHAPMAN —At St. Mary's Church, Barnard
Castle, by the Rev. H. Bircham, on January 1st, 1920, John
Layfield, to Harriet J. Chapman, both of Barnard Castle

(by licence).

LEE: TALLENTIRE.—By special licence, at the Primitive Methodist Church, Barvard Castle, on December 30th, 1919, the Rev. P. McPhail officiating. William, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs Wm. Lee, of Newbiggin-in-Teesdale, to Elizabeth (Lizzae), eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Taltentire, Spital Grange, Bowes

MARTIN: DALTON.—On December 31st, 1919, at 8t. John's Church, Orewe, Fred. youngest son of the late Jeffrey H. and Margaret Martin, to Maud, only daughter of Mrs and the late J. Dalton, of isl, Waltham Street, Crewe.

Deaths. GOOD.—December 31st. at 4, Whitwell Road, Southsea, Eleanor Emerson Good, widow of the Rev. Edward Good, Vicar of Forest and Firth, 1874—1889.

HOGG.—At Sunnybrow, Barnard Castle, on January 4th, Jane, widow of the late Robert Hogg, of Murton, in her 75th year. Interment at tiainford to-day (Wedneeday), at 1.45 p.m., cortage leaving residence at 12 noon. No flowers

by request.

HOOK BR.—At Baliol-street, Barnard Castle, on the 31st

December, 1919, in her 83th year, Frances, widow of the late

William Hooker, formerly stationmaster at Barnard Castle. SEDGEWICK.—At Stockdale House, Middleton-in-Teosdale, on January 3rd, 1930, Margaret Ann, dearly beloved wife of Charles Sedgewick, aged 55 years. Was interrod at Middleton-in-Tersdale, Tuesday, January 6th.

BallTH.—On January 2nd. at Commercial Yard. Galgate, Rarnard Castle, John Thomas Smith, aged 23 years, late of King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Return Thanks.

HOOKER.—The family of the late Mrs Hooker wish to return thanks for kind enquiries during her illness, and sympathy expressed in their bereavement.

SMITH.—Mrs Smith and family, Commercial Yard, Barnard Castle, desire to thank all for sympathy and help shown them in their recent ead bereavement.

WHITFIG. (1)—Mrs Whittletd and family, of Romaldkirk, with to thank all kind friends for sympathy in their and bereavement.