

THE URBAN COUNCIL.

HALF THE MEMBERS ABSENT.

A meeting of the Urban Council of Barnard Castle was held on Thursday evening, there being present the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham (Chairman), Messrs C. T. Singer, A. H. Nicholson, T. H. Hunter, W. B. Smith, and W. F. Smith, with the Clerk (Mr. J. Ingram Dawson), his assistant (Mr. A. H. Henderson), the Surveyor (Mr. H. E. Raine), and the Collector (Mr. F. Hunter).

Mr Deacon's Office.

It was reported that Mr Frank Deacon, builder, had not complied with the request of the Council to submit a plan of the building in Flatts Lane which he had altered without obtaining the Council's approval.

Mr W. B. Smith said he had seen Mr Deacon who said he was sorry he had been too busy, so the matter would have to go on to the next meeting.

Mr Singer said he was sorry Mr Deacon had not taken the right line in this matter. There was no explanation of the non-provision of the plan, and he thought the Council would have to go forward. Mr Deacon was a personal friend, but things must be done properly.

The Chairman expressed his surprise at Mr Deacon's attitude, but said there must be a plan submitted.

Mr W. B. Smith said in view of what Mr Deacon had told him he thought a little more time might be allowed. He moved that Mr Deacon be allowed until July 15th.

Mr Singer seconded, and the Council agreed, Mr Hunter saying that he hoped Mr Deacon would be warned of the consequences of non-compliance with the Council's decision.

Medical Officer's Salary.

The Finance Committee reported having considered the application of the Medical Officer for an increase in salary to cover the additional duties of Meat Inspector, placed upon him in default of the Council appointing any other officer. It was recommended that his salary be increased by £25 per annum, to take effect from April 1st last, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health.

The Chairman said this was really a case of a small honorarium for extra duties done, rather than an increase of salary. The Medical Officer had been good enough to take over the extra work, and it would have cost them a great deal more if they had had to appoint another official. The recommendation was adopted.

Health Matters.

The report of the Sanitary Committee presented by Mr W. F. Smith, stated that the Sanitary Inspector had reported that owners of property in Priory-yard were agreeable to demolishing the tenement dwellings at present under closing orders, and that a builder had been instructed to proceed with the work.

The Medical Officer reported two infectious cases, but said the epidemics of whooping cough and mumps were abating. There had been six deaths and four births during the month.

It was decided to apply to the County Council for license to carry on the sale of pigs in Galgate.

Thorngate House.

The Surveyor reported that no plan had been submitted for a portico at the front of Thorngate House, and it was decided to ask the owner, Mr Walton, to forward a plan before the next meeting of the Council. The Surveyor added that Mr Walton had infringed the Water Supply Regulations by carrying a supply to an ornamental fountain, the base of which was intended for gold fish. The Works Committee had resolved that he be requested to stop using the water immediately, and informed that he must make proper application to the Council for permission to use the water, stating the purpose for which it was required.

The Chairman said all the Council required was a proper application.

The Water Bridge.

On the recommendation of the Works Committee the Clerk is instructed to write to the Tees Valley Water Board calling attention to the danger caused to children through the open sides of their water bridge, and suggesting that suitable expanding metal should be fixed along each side of the bridge for their protection.

Westwick Road.

The Works Committee reported that the Minister of Health had given his sanction for the Council to use an unexpended balance of £380 on the widening and improvement of Westwick Road.

"Under Seal."

The Surveyor asked for a testimonial from the Council on his leaving Barnard Castle to take up his appointment under the Durham County Council. The Council agreed to give one and asked the Chairman and the Clerk to draft it. Mr Singer suggested that the testimonial should bear the Council's seal. The Clerk said it was not necessary, the document not being a legal one. It was decided, however, that the testimonial should be written "under seal."

This being the Surveyor's last attendance the Chairman referred to his impending departure and thanked him for what he had done for the town, paying a high tribute to his services during 25 years, and wishing him well in his new office.

Mr Raine acknowledged the Chairman's kind remarks.

Publicity Society.

Mr Singer, as Secretary of the Barnard Castle Publicity Society, said the organisation was planning a visit to the Leeds area in order that certain bodies there might be approached with a view to securing help in attracting more visitors to Barnard Castle. He asked whether the Clerk could help them in securing interviews with the officials of public bodies.

The Clerk regretted that already he had more work than he could comfortably get through, including that of the Surveyor's office until the new Surveyor was appointed.

Mr Singer said the deputation would probably cover 200 miles and if the Clerk would sign the letters of introduction he would write them. The committee of the Association thought the communications would carry more weight if officially signed.

The Chairman said he would sign the letters if desired.

Mr Singer thanked the Chairman.

Water Supply.

Mr W. F. Smith inquired as to the water supply.

The Surveyor said it was fairly satisfactory at present but care was needed in the use of water. There was 16 feet of water in the reservoir, which had fallen 2 feet in ten days. Even if the drought continued they might go a fortnight before taking measures to conserve the supply.

Other Matters.

It was agreed to have the usual street collection on Bank Holiday in aid of Newcastle Royal Infirmary and Darlington Hospital, and that Mr Peat be asked to again undertake the secretaryship.

A plan for improvements at the Congregational Church was approved.

The report of the quality of Barnard Castle gas showed it to be above the required standard in calorific value.

The Council decided to purchase from the Surveyor for £2 17s. 6d. articles, his personal property, which had been used by him in his work—the office press, plumber's brazier, spirit level, and heavy beater and shaft.

The Housing Committee is to decide at the next meeting the future use of the gymnasium at the Barracks.

The Council will not meet in August.

CRICKET FIXTURES.

Wednesday (to-day):
Barnard Castle 2nd v. Raby Castle 2nd.
Barnard Castle School (House Match),
Eggleston v. Rokeby.
Saturday:
Barnard Castle v. Appleby.
Raby Castle 2nd v. Darlington Harriers.
Eggleston v. Whessoe Foundry (Darlington).
Barnard Castle School v. Newcastle G.S.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

COTHERSTONE.

On Thursday evening, members and friends of the Cotherstone Women's Institute were favoured with a visit from Mr J. W. Broumley-Staindrop, who gave a most interesting paper on "The Nevilles and Raby Castle." It was shown that during 900 years the castle has belonged to only two families—the Nevilles and the Vaues. Miss Tiplady, Barnard Castle, gave some delightful songs, and the hostess, Mrs Chipchase of Lathbury, provided most dainty refreshments. The prize for the best cake, costing only 1s, given by Mrs Robson, was won by Miss Bessie Bell.

MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE

"Music for the so-called ordinary person" was the subject of a lecture given by Madame Douglas Gatty to the members of the Middleton Women's Institute at the monthly meeting on Tuesday. The lecture was illustrated by several songs beautifully rendered by Mrs Stephens. Community singing formed part of the programme, and a much-appreciated lesson on the singing of "Jerusalem" was given by request. During the course of her talk, Madame Douglas Gatty gave instruction upon what should be listened-for in music and how to listen. Both ladies were cordially thanked by the audience. Mrs Beadle, presiding, announced the close of the Cot Fudd at the end of June and congratulated the members upon raising the sum of £111 to date. The Cot, subscribed for by members of the Teesdale Group of Women's Institutes, will be dedicated shortly, and Mrs Beadle was unanimously chosen to represent Middleton Women's Institute at the ceremony. The surprise box containing four hand-painted tumblers presented by Dr Alfreda Millar, was won by Miss E. Bradwell. Mrs Johnson gained first place in the home-made toffee competition. The roll call was for the most interesting newspaper cutting, that of Mrs J. Watson being selected by Miss Ferguson, of Benton, who acted as judge and later delighted everyone with her singing, also responding to an encore. The tea hostesses were Mrs Johnson and Mrs Redfeare.

GAINFORD.

Mrs Rickinson presided over the monthly meeting of the Gainford Women's Institute held on Wednesday. Miss Edleston very kindly invited the members to visit her beautiful garden, where the first part of the evening was spent. Owing to the uncertain weather the remainder of the programme was carried out in the Montalbo Rooms. A special feature of the meeting was a demonstration on "The making of eiderdowns," by Mrs Furby, Bishop Auckland. This proved extremely popular and it is to be hoped classes will be held in the winter.

In connection with the Teesdale Group Cot Scheme, the dedication of the Cot will take place on July 10th. The President, Mrs Rickinson, was unanimously chosen to represent Gainford at this service. The attention of the members was drawn to a garden sale at The Hall, High Coniscliffe, on July 9th, arranged by Mrs Westall in aid of Darlington Hospital Linen League. A delightful little talk on the motto for the month was given by Mrs Peacock. There were 76 members present at the meeting. Miss Edleston was the hostess and at the conclusion of the business a whist drive was held, prizes being given by Mrs Rickinson and Mrs N. Calvert. The M.C. for the whist was Miss Robinson. The prize-winners were Mrs Miller and Miss Hilda Davis.

BOWLS.

Barnard Castle Bowling Club Competitions.
RINK COMPETITION.

Preliminary round—E. P. Turnbull, T. Pallace, R. Cameron (s), 22; J. Burnett, R. B. Morton, J. R. Brown (s), 18; J. Stubbs, J. Swan, C. H. Smythe (s), 16; A. Letts, R. Deacon, W. Emerson (s), 14.

Second round—W. Allison, J. Norton, R. Lamb (s), 20; R. Jordan, W. Trott, J. W. Bewick (s), 19.

GOLD MEDAL.

Preliminary round—W. H. Chester 21, R. B. Morton 6.

First round—J. Swan 21, W. Longworth 9; T. Gowland 21, W. H. Chester 13; W. Down 21, J. Norton 13.

Second round—T. Borrowdale 21, C. H. Smythe 13; H. Bainbridge 21, R. Lamb 16.

FOUR WOOD (F. WELFORD) HANDICAP.

Preliminary Round—W. Errington (2 start), 21, J. W. Bewick (owes 6) 1; T. Borrowdale (scr.) 21, R. Lamb (owes 6) 20.

The Leicester County Bowling Association are paying a visit to Barnard Castle this week. They arrive on Friday night, after playing Darlington, and on Saturday morning visit the Bowes Museum and in the afternoon at 2-30 play Barnard Castle. Afterwards the local club will entertain the visitors to tea. On Sunday they will make a tour of the Lakes, and on Monday leave for Tyneside, where they will play other matches, returning home on Thursday.

The death took place at Lynesack of Mr J. W. Bell, a well-known grocer. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. F. Owen, Vicar.

For doing damage estimated at 4s. to a flower rockery in the Shildon recreation ground two Eldon youths, John Foster and Thomas Wake, have been each fined 10s. by the Bishop Auckland magistrates.

Excitement was caused in Victoria-road, Darlington, on Monday, when a sheep breaking away from a flock which was being driven towards Bank Top Cattle Market, dashed into the grocery shop of Mr W. F. Hogg, rushed behind the counter, and then jumped through the plate glass window into the street. The window was smashed to pieces, but the sheep did not appear to have suffered any injury.

Darlington New Hippodrome.

An attractive variety bill is presented at the Darlington New Hippodrome. An unusual turn is Carlos Ames, described as "the wizard of the harp," who displays remarkable versatility, old time melodies, modern dance tunes, and classical excerpts being included in his repertoire. He had a great reception on Monday and was recalled several times.

FOOTBALL.

Middleton United, the undefeated champions of last season, have withdrawn from the Shildon and District League, and thrown in with the Auckland and District League.

MICKLETON.

Mickleton Women's Institute held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, when an interesting and instructive lecture on "Pastry," was given by Miss Forrest of Mickleton. From the jumble sale held in May, the satisfactory sum of £7 11s. 8d. was realized. The competition for the best lemon curd was won by Miss Heads. The meeting concluded with a sketch given by five of the members, games, and dancing.

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A representative gathering of Unionists attended the annual divisional meeting of the Barnard Castle Divisional Association held on Saturday at Wolsingham, and there was a large attendance from other parts of the constituency. Lord Barnard, in the chair, and among the guests were Mr and Mrs Clau Hall and Miss Pease, Mrs Colonel and Mrs C. M. Heslop, Mrs J. Davison, (Secretary and Agent), Mrs A. Smith (Women's Organiser), and M. A. Smith (treasurer).

The report of the Agent, Mr J. Davison, was read and a vote of thanks expressed last year's general election, that the result was won, despite the activities of the opposition, if there was a stout support. The situation, as stated, was now more hopeful than at the next election, and the help of the next election would be too many.

The report was adopted and a vote of thanks expressed of Mr J. Davison seconded by Mrs H. C. Watson present. Statement for the treasurer, Mr J. Davison, was read, and a vote of thanks expressed for the increased subscriptions, and a vote of thanks expressed for the work done by the Agent.

Lord Barnard moved and seconded a resolution that the date of the annual meeting be altered to the 10th of June or July to March.

Mr W. H. Fenwick (Stands) moved a resolution for the re-election of Lord Barnard as President, and a vote of thanks expressed for his services, and his having been elected by Miss Blackett (Barnard Castle) and a vote of thanks expressed for his services as President. Lord Barnard in acknowledgment of the election said he would endeavour to give as much satisfaction as possible to the organisation.

Mr E. B. Downie (Wolsingham) moved a resolution that H. C. Watson were re-elected as President on the proposal of Mrs H. C. Watson seconded by Miss Curley.

Lord Barnard in moving a resolution that Mr Pease be elected chairman, expressed the opinion that he did not find a more suitable position. He was a gentleman of business ability, and he had a certain amount of experience of business which would be of great help to him to give as much as necessary to the affairs of the constituency.

Mrs H. C. Watson seconded a resolution that the debt of gratitude to Lord Barnard for his services as President and chairman, be acknowledged, and that he be re-elected for his services throughout the county.

The proposal was agreed to.

Mr Pease immediately offered to resign, and in acknowledging the vote of thanks he said he did not think it necessary to express any expression of thanks from him, and he was not a politician, as they were at present. He thought he would not be able to take the position unless he were Conservative at heart. He had been a Member of Parliament for Darlington, and his own name was a true Conservative. He hoped they would all unite for the Conservative cause.

Mr Hunter moved a resolution that Mr Pease be elected as vice-chairman with the exception of Mr Pease, suggesting that Mr Pease should be elected as vice-chairman. Mrs Errington seconded the resolution, which was agreed to.

The other vice-chairman, Mrs Reginald Pease, was elected. Mrs Rippon, and Miss M. A. Smith were elected honorary treasurers. Since the accounts of the Association are now audited by chartered accountants, it was decided not to have honorary auditors as in the past. Mr Pease moved and Mr Pease and J. Appleby were elected auditors. Agreed to.