

WEDDINGS OF INTEREST.

MR H. L. FIFE AND MISS TROTTER.

The wedding of Mr Herbert Legard Fife, J.P., Coxford House, formerly chief agent of the Ruby Estates and Secretary of the Ruby Hunt, to Miss Ada Dwyden Trotter, only daughter of the late Captain W. K. Trotter (Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Mrs Trotter, Langton Orange, was solemnized on Tuesday, June 2nd at St. Mary's Church, Whimbleton, Surrey.

MR. TARN BAYLES AND MISS B. LANGSTAFF.

Many friends witnessed at Barnard Castle Wesleyan Church on Saturday the marriage of Mr Tarn Bayles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Isaac Bayles, Osmodont Farm, Lartington, to Miss Beatrice Langstaff, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Langstaff, Junr., Stradlau West Farm, Skipton.

MR J. HODGSON AND MISS O. M. KIRTLEY.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Cuthbert's Church, Cothelstone, last Saturday, when Miss Olive Mary Kirtley, second daughter of the late Mr William Kirtley and Mrs Kirtley, Laurel Cottage, Cothelstone, was united to Mr John Hodgson, of Butterknowle.

Every part of the British coast is to be linked by wireless and telephone in an attempt to reduce shipwreck disasters to a minimum.

CARNIVAL AT BOWES.

HOSPITAL EFFORT SPOILED BY RAIN.

In each of the last six successive years the village of Bowes has raised £100 for hospital funds, and the local Hospital Committee are anxious to maintain that excellent record.

The whole of the activities on Saturday had perforce to be performed in-doors, and the schoolroom was so full that the children were so much cramped in their manoeuvres as to rob their movements of their effectiveness.

The street procession, of course, could not be held, so the children paraded in fancy dress in the schoolroom. It was a pity that the cramped space did not allow the people to appreciate the full effect of the costumes worn and the characters represented by the children.

The secretarial duties were well carried out by Mrs Smithyman, who had the able assistance of Miss Pent. Mr John Thompson was the enthusiastic chairman of an energetic committee, and Mr Wedgewood and Mr Smithyman also played an active part in the organisation.

It is hoped to hold the sports, etc., on Friday evening. The pigeon shoot will take place later.

A dance held in the Schoolroom on Saturday evening was well attended, the M.C.'s being Messrs A. Donald, and N. Scrafton. Babine's Orchestra from Bowbank supplied the music.

A further effort will be made to make up for what was lost by Saturday's "flood."

BOWLS.

Table with columns for teams (Central, "C" v. Barnard Castle), players, and scores. Includes names like S. Penrith, A. Handson, E. Sanders, G. Theakston, F. Chapman, W. Douthwaite, etc.

SWALEDALE SHEEP BREEDERS.

THE PRESIDENT'S GENEROSITY.

At the annual meeting of the Swaledale Sheep Breeders' Association held at Kirkby Stephen on Monday week and briefly reported in last week's paper, the re-election of Mr T. G. Dugdale, Gibnobby Hall, as president of the Association was moved by Mr James Peacock, Spanham, who said Mr Dugdale took a great interest in the Association and helped it splendidly financially.

There was a motion on the agenda as follows: "That in each of the three districts, the order of sales at the annual ram shows and sales shall be balloted for before the respective catalogues are printed, and that no entry shall be entitled to inclusion in the ballot unless received by the date specified in the schedule or otherwise advertised as being the last date for receipt of entries."

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The Chairman said it would certainly be much better from the buyers' point of view. Mr James Peacock asked for the views of the Barnard Castle district secretary on the proposal.

Mr J. W. Dent said that, as a rule, the ram inspections were in progress up to the last minute, so to speak, before the ram sales. As it was, there was barely time to get the catalogues printed. Every entry had to be checked and frequently exhibitors omitted the registered numbers, leaving these to be filled in by the district secretary.

After considerable discussion a motion by Mr Thomas Cleasby, Grange Hall, that the matter be left to each district as hitherto was carried.

It was agreed that £20 for prize money be granted to each district ram sale. These will be as follows: A, district, 9th October; B, 15th October; C, 7th October.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Our Columns are open for the expression of opinion, but we do not necessarily adopt the views of our correspondents. All communications must bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith. Letters should be as short as possible and to the point.

COW-KEEPING CONDITIONS IN BARNARD CASTLE RURAL AREA.

Sir.—The Medical Officer's statement on the above matter in your last week's issue makes interesting reading, and no one will attempt to criticise the remarks of Dr. Hawthorne, whose fair judgment and discretion have never been questioned.

A gradually improving milk supply is an admirable aim, and it is right that butter-makers should be the same regulation lines as milk vendors. There is, however, another side, and most people will agree that the wholesale price of butter which fell last week in Barnard Castle market to 10d. per pound does not encourage much further expenditure of either time or capital.

What is true of butter production is equally correct with regard to milk, and it is a significant fact that any milk contracts there are in the district go every time to the lowest tender without any other consideration. So long as schools, poor-law institutions or any body in charge of public health adopt this short-sighted attitude, it is of little use agitating for a higher and more expensive milk supply.

Contrary to general opinion, farmers are not "stickers-in-the mud." They are a far-sighted and national people, responding readily to encouragement like any other human beings, and if the general public but show in a practical way a desire for a higher milk standard, the farmers can be depended upon to meet the demand.

"AGRICOLLO."

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.

BARNARD CASTLE QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Barnard Castle Primitive Methodist Circuit was held last Thursday evening and attended by a representative gathering. The usual business was transacted, the reports of members and finances being regarded as satisfactory. Resolutions were passed expressing sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Saunders, Toft Hill; Mrs. B. Boldron; and Mr John Hammett, Bishop Auckland. Notice was given to the successors to the Rev. W. R. Hetherington in 1932. Mr W. Coates moved and Mr. Tarn seconded, that the following letter sent to the Right Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P.: "That this meeting desires to convey to His Majesty's Foreign Secretary, Right Honourable Arthur Henderson, M.P., its high appreciation of his consistent endeavour to introduce a new spirit into international relationships."

OBITUARY.

MR. H. ETHERINGTON.

The death occurred just before midnight on Sunday at his residence, Abbey Terrace, Stafforth, after a brief illness, at the age of 64 years, of Mr Henry Etherington. Decore was a carpet weaver, succeeding his father as manager of the factory in Bridgegate which industry flourished many years ago. Since the closing of the weaving factory Mr Etherington had lived in comparative retirement. A keen angler, he was frequently on the river side plying the rod and line. He has had many large catches of salmon, the last season caught many trout. There were few better swimmers in the district than he. The interment takes place in Stafforth Cemetery to-day (Wednesday). Decore leaves a widow and two sons.

MRS. J. H. GASKILL, BOWES.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., the funeral took place at Bowes, of Mrs Gaskill, the wife of Mr Joseph H. Gaskill, of Annum's Farm, whose death was reported in last week's issue. A large number of relatives and friends were present. Mrs Gaskill was a native of Bowes, being the younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Metcalfe, Spital. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. F. Summersgill, Vicar of Bowes, who gave a very appropriate address. Mrs Stevens Walker officiated at the organ. The chief mourners were Mr J. H. Gaskill (husband), Mr Harold Gaskill (son), Mr and Mrs K. Robson (daughter and son-in-law), Miss Ada Gaskill (daughter), Mr and Mrs T. Metcalfe (brother and sister-in-law), Mr J. Gaskill and son (brother-in-law and nephew), Mr John Gaskill (cousin), Mr and Mrs Bousfield (nephew and niece), Mrs Bainton (niece), Mrs High (niece), Mr E. King (nephew), Mrs Hodgson (cousin), Mrs Hodgson Eldon (cousin), Mr T. Thompson, Barnard Castle (cousin), Mrs Brunskill (cousin), Mr H. B. Dent and Miss Dent (niece and nephew), Mr W. Robson, Briscoe. The bearers were Messrs T. W. Guy, J. T. Hardy, R. Allcock, Hillery, N. Lowe and J. Porter.

MRS BURN, BARNARD CASTLE.

Mrs Burn, who passed away at her residence, Galgate, Barnard Castle, on Thursday at the age of 61, was the wife of Mr D. B. Burn, fruiterer, with whom and other members of the family, widespread sympathy has been expressed. This sympathy was amply shown at the interment on Sunday in the District Cemetery, Barnard Castle, when the Rev. Robert Trotter, Wesleyan minister, officiated at first conducting a short service at the graveside. The family mourners were Mr D. B. Burn (husband), Miss A. Snowden (daughter), Miss Lena and Edna Snowden, Mrs R. Wilson (sister), Mrs J. Caygill and Jack (niece and nephew), Mr and Mrs B. Bains (niece and nephew), Mr J. Wilson (Evenwood), Mrs Wilson (Chilton), Mr A. Sayer (Ingleton), Mr W. H. Baker and Mr J. Shepherd (Darlington). Among the beautiful wreaths were those from Mr and Mrs J. O. Hirst, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Cardiff, Mr and Mrs A. B. Hirst and Mrs G. Barker, and Miss Nicholson.

£58,705 is to be spent during the present financial year on the upkeep of the ruins in the British Isles.

Wednesday, BARNARD RESIGNATION CLAIMS OF The half-yearly meeting of the Barnard Castle Primitive Methodist Circuit was held last Thursday evening and attended by a representative gathering. The usual business was transacted, the reports of members and finances being regarded as satisfactory. Resolutions were passed expressing sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Saunders, Toft Hill; Mrs. B. Boldron; and Mr John Hammett, Bishop Auckland. Notice was given to the successors to the Rev. W. R. Hetherington in 1932. Mr W. Coates moved and Mr. Tarn seconded, that the following letter sent to the Right Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P.: "That this meeting desires to convey to His Majesty's Foreign Secretary, Right Honourable Arthur Henderson, M.P., its high appreciation of his consistent endeavour to introduce a new spirit into international relationships." The quarterly meeting of the Barnard Castle Primitive Methodist Circuit was held last Thursday evening and attended by a representative gathering. The usual business was transacted, the reports of members and finances being regarded as satisfactory. Resolutions were passed expressing sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Saunders, Toft Hill; Mrs. B. Boldron; and Mr John Hammett, Bishop Auckland. Notice was given to the successors to the Rev. W. R. Hetherington in 1932. Mr W. Coates moved and Mr. Tarn seconded, that the following letter sent to the Right Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P.: "That this meeting desires to convey to His Majesty's Foreign Secretary, Right Honourable Arthur Henderson, M.P., its high appreciation of his consistent endeavour to introduce a new spirit into international relationships." The quarterly meeting of the Barnard Castle Primitive Methodist Circuit was held last Thursday evening and attended by a representative gathering. The usual business was transacted, the reports of members and finances being regarded as satisfactory. Resolutions were passed expressing sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Saunders, Toft Hill; Mrs. B. Boldron; and Mr John Hammett, Bishop Auckland. Notice was given to the successors to the Rev. W. R. Hetherington in 1932. Mr W. Coates moved and Mr. Tarn seconded, that the following letter sent to the Right Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P.: "That this meeting desires to convey to His Majesty's Foreign Secretary, Right Honourable Arthur Henderson, M.P., its high appreciation of his consistent endeavour to introduce a new spirit into international relationships."