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The Teesdale Mercury

BARNARD CASTLE, MAY 13th, 1931.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES.
To-day 9.42 p.m.
Next Wednesday 9.53 p.m.
(One hour after sunset.)
These are London times, and allowance may be made for northern latitudes.

The Railway Companies have intimated that they will issue tickets to members and exhibitors attending this year's "Great Yorkshire" Show at Huddersfield at reduced rates on the production of a voucher.

The Rev. C. Kendrick Hughes, of Toungou, Rangoon, who preached at Barnard Castle Church on Sunday evening, is the son of the late Rev. Peter Hughes, Rector of Winston, and first Rural Dean of Barnard Castle.

Lieut. Colonel W. T. Arnell, J.P., T.D., who died at Whitecliff, Sandown, Isle of Wight, on Sunday, May 5th, aged 79 years, was the father of Mrs. Coombs, wife of the headmaster of Barnard Castle School. The interment of the remains took place on Thursday.

Among the pupils of Madame Atty, Darlington, who took part in the annual concert last Wednesday evening were the Misses Lilla Harker, Marian Swinbank, and Phyllis Holdsworth, of Barnard Castle. A recital of seven songs was given by Mr. John Armstrong, the eminent tenor, Miss Minnie Smith (Mrs. Walter Meynell), Winston, gave a ballad from "The Flying Dutchman."

Mr. Thomas Burn, Newton Lodge, Mickleton, who was recently taken to Darlington Hospital, is, we are glad to learn, cheerful. In a letter to the Editor of the Teesdale Mercury, written by one of the nurses at his dictation, and received yesterday, Mr. Burn expresses his views on various local matters and shows that despite his illness he continues to take an intelligent interest in the affairs of Teesdale.

Staindrop Woman's Death.
At Staindrop on Monday afternoon the Deputy Coroner (Mr. E. B. Proud) inquired into the circumstances connected with the death of Mary Kent, a widow, aged 75 years, of West-End. It transpired that shortly after noon on April 8th Mrs. Kent went out to a butcher's cart, which was standing at the door, and just as she was leaving the cart the horse stepped back, and the rear of the cart knocked her down. Falling heavily, Mrs. Kent sustained a fractured thigh. She had been confined to bed since, and died on Friday night last. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

It is interesting to note in the first annual report of the Royal Life Saving Society in reference to the Northumberland and Durham branch, that special mention is made of the good swimming record of Barnard Castle School. Great credit is due to Mr. E. Clew, the swimming instructor, who has brought the boys on so well.

Snotterton Shorthorns.
Messrs J. and J. S. Harrison, Snotterton, were successful with their shorthorn cattle at the Penrith Show and Sale on Thursday. Royal Rosette secured fourth prize in the senior qualified dairy bull class, and sold for 65 guineas, the highest price of the sale. He is a dark roan of 13 months. In the junior dairy qualified bulls class, Carperby Butterman gained second prize and sold for 60 guineas, the highest price in his class.

Successful Scholars.
At the recent Scripture examination held in connection with the Darlington and District Congregational Churches, the following scholars of the Staindrop Congregational Sunday School, trained under the supervision of Miss Copeland, gained awards:
Lower Juniors: 1st class—Doreen Saltmarsh, 82 marks; Joyce Yeates, 78; Eric Yeates, 76. Upper Juniors: 1st class—Winnie Saltmarsh, 72; Evelyn Robson, 66; 2nd class, Doris Binks, 55. Lower Middle: 1st class—J. W. Wiles, 69; Elsie Race, 60; 2nd class, Leslie Bowton, 57. Upper Middle: 2nd class—Jas. T. L. Suddick, 52.

Gainford Cricket Club.
The annual meeting of the Gainford Cricket Club was held on Thursday evening, Mr. Edleston in the chair. Mr. Claud Pease was re-elected President, and the Rev. R. A. Bidwell, Mr. R. H. Edleston, Mr. H. L. Fife, Mr. C. Fitzherbert, Professor W. Hibbert, and Mr. E. D. Trotter, vice-presidents for the ensuing year. Miss Nesham was elected a vice-president. Mr. W. R. Iveson was appointed hon. treasurer, and Mr. R. L. Allan hon. secretary. The accounts showed a satisfactory balance, and a good programme has been arranged for the season.

BARNARD CASTLE BOY INJURED

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS ON THE ROAD.

Harry Barker, aged ten, son of Mr and Mrs. Fred Barker, the well-known occupiers of a fried fish shop on the Bank, Barnard Castle, and who have recently become tenants of the Black Bull Inn, Stainton, was found lying unconscious and terribly injured on the road near Shaw Bank, between Barnard Castle and Stainton, late on Monday evening. The boy with a bicycle lying near, was found by Mr. Lionel Simpson, and steps were at once taken to apprise the parents of his plight. Mr. Barker was at Stainton and Mrs. Barker was in the fried fish shop at Barnard Castle. Later in the night the boy was conveyed to Darlington Hospital, where his condition at once gave rise to grave anxiety.

Mr. Simpson was cycling from the direction of Staindrop and found the boy lying by the side of the road near the gateway leading to Shaw Bank rubbish tip. He had a gash on his forehead and both arms were injured. He had evidently been severely hit. Mr. Simpson rendered first aid and hailing a motor omnibus put the boy into it and conveyed him to the end of Green Lane, thence carrying him to Dr. Robinson's surgery at Sherwood, where the extent of the lad's injuries was ascertained and his wounds were dressed. He was then taken to Darlington. One arm is fractured in two places and the other is bruised and lacerated.

How the boy came to be injured is a mystery. It was nearly half-past nine when Mr. Simpson found him by the roadside. The assumption is that he was knocked down by a passing motorist, but who he was cannot yet be ascertained. It is hoped that whoever was responsible—and whoever it was could not but know that some had been knocked down—will come forward and assist the police in the elucidation of the mystery.

Yesterday morning Mr and Mrs. Barker were summoned to the hospital by telephone. The latest news of the injured boy is that his condition is unchanged.

THE VICTORIA HALL.

Houses increasing in size and appreciation have been the reward of the Ideal Repertoire Company which has occupied the boards at the Victoria Hall, Barnard Castle, during the past fortnight. The experience of this itinerant group of players shows that there is a welcome in the town for clean acting. The third week opens on Monday with an old favourite, "Maria Marten." This famous historical drama will be played in its entirety and with the correct costumes of the period. The well-known fight and subsequent murder in the Red Barn will be seen, and the hanging of William Corder will take place upon the stage in full view of the audience. On Wednesday and Thursday, a pretty domestic drama, "The Link that Binds," is the attraction when Wee Betty, the clever child-actress will assume the rôle of "Little Boris." "Jack the Ripper" is the subject of the Friday and Saturday performances.

BOWLS.

DARLINGTON LEAGUE FIXTURES.
Saturday, May 16th.—Barnard Castle v. Darlington. Railway Athletic, at Barnard Castle, at 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 21st.—North Lodge v. Barnard Castle, at North Lodge. Evening.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

A BARNARD CASTLE ANNIVERSARY.

Barnard Castle Wesleyan Church celebrated its Sunday School anniversary on Sunday, there being a full building at each of the three services. The special preacher was the Mayor of Darlington, Mr. J. D. Hinks, J.P., and he was accompanied at the afternoon service by the Mayoress, Mrs. Hinks. At the morning service there was a delay of about ten minutes in starting owing to the non-arrival of his Worship at the appointed time. He excused himself by explaining that just as he was about to leave home he discovered a puncture in his car tyre, and he had to stay until it had been repaired. He comforted himself by the reflection that things were not so serious as they were once when he went into Wesley-land on a similar errand. Although only two minutes behind time on that occasion, he said he saw on arrival the chapel steward standing at the chapel door with his watch in his hand. He afterwards found that the said chapel steward was a retired railway stationmaster with whom time and punctuality had always been of the greatest importance. Wearing the handsome pendant of his chain of office, the Mayor conducted the service with his customary earnestness and used the pendant as the basis of a neat little address to the scholars. He emphasized the value of Sunday School work by means of interesting reminiscences, and despite his late arrival completed the service in the ordinary time.

In the afternoon the Mayoress presided at a crowded gathering. The programme was given by the little ones of the Primary Department who had been trained by Miss Jenny Tiplady and her assistants, and was very pleasing. It was interesting to gather that the number of scholars in this department of the Sunday School is the largest since the effects of the war began to be apparent as regards population. The service of song, "Springtime and the Flowers," was splendidly given and reflected the highest credit upon those responsible. Miss A. Arrowsmith accompanied the singing on the piano.

The evening service consisted mainly of a service of song based on the hymn, "Tell me the stories of Jesus," this and other well-known hymns being used to intersperse the words of the scripture narrative of the life of the Saviour. The service was under the direction of Mr. G. Clarkson Harker and was a pleasing innovation which maintained the deep interest of the large congregation. The whole of the children and a good many of the teachers had parts in the service. Mr. Norman Robinson introduced the service, and Miss Grace Walton read the lesson, and the following recited portions of scripture: Margaret Metcalfe, Betty Harker, Peggy Robson, Andrew Makepeace, Richard Metcalfe, Tom Gregory, Gordon Kavanagh, Alan Wearmouth, William Makepeace, Harold Low, Winnie Chester, Elsie Sissons, Ena Metcalfe, Ena Little, John Buckle, Rose Pickard, Peggy Pickard, William Chapman, Doris Langstaff, Gladys Chapman and Cherry Harker. There were solos by Miss Dorothy Robson and Hilda Longley, and others who took part were the Misses Nellie Little, Elsie Sissons, Nancy Pratt, Cassy Harker, and Eveline Wren.

The organist at all the services was Mr. Walter Meynell.

THE WHITSUNTIDE MEET.

LATEST ARRANGEMENTS.

The Barnard Castle Committee of the N.E. Cyclists' Whitsuntide Meet met on Monday to complete the local arrangements, receiving with satisfaction the information that at the meeting at South Shields last week (reported on page 9 of this issue of the Teesdale Mercury) Mr. Arthur Norton had accepted the Presidency.

Mr. Merryweather, local joint secretary with Mr. J. W. Ascough, reported that the official badges had arrived and could be obtained from him at 5s. for the Vice-presidents and 1s. for ordinary members.

Mr. Boxall, who has written the Pageant to be given on Whit Monday and Tuesday afternoons, reported that the rehearsals were proceeding well. Mr. Harbit Heal, Romalddirk, having kindly consented to superintend them. He mentioned that Mr. Wilfred Smith had agreed to fill an unexpected vacancy in the character of Seneschal of the Castle, and that Mr. J. T. Wightman would be responsible for the orchestral interludes.

Tradesmen and residents of Barnard Castle are asked to decorate their premises at Whitsuntide by way of welcome to the visitors.

Tickets of admission to the Inner Bailey for the Pageant may now be obtained from the officials and from the Teesdale Mercury Office, price 6d. each.

The Vicar of Barnard Castle (Rev. H. W. H. Bircham), as Chairman of the Urban Council, has sent out invitations to the dinner at which he and Mrs. Bircham will entertain the officials of the Meet and members of the Urban Council on Whit-Tuesday evening.

This (Wednesday) afternoon a deputation from the Meet Executive at Newcastle will come to Barnard Castle and meet the local representatives at the King's Head for the purpose of completing the arrangements.

The London County Council estimates £12,466,840 will be spent on education in 1931-32.