

THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS ENTERTAINED

To mark the completion of his year of office Mr F. J. Nevison, Chairman of the Barnard Castle Urban Council, entertained on Tuesday evening at the King's Head Hotel the members and officials to dinner, presiding over a gathering of twenty.

An excellent repast was placed before the guests by Mr F. Dawson, host of the King's Head. The menu cards and toast lists were unique, having all been done by hand by Mr Nevison's daughter, Miss Elsie Nevison, who had embellished the front of each with a caricature of the owner in a characteristic pose.

The toast list, of course, opened with "The King," which was loyally honoured. Mr C. T. Singer proposed "Town and Trade of Barnard Castle," observing at the outset of his remarks that the two were inseparable, for Barnard Castle was dependant on its trade as much as any other town. Its trade was its life blood—the wherewithal of its existence.

Mr W. B. Smith submitted "The Press," in words that we should blush to print. Mr T. K. Bell proposed "The Chairman." He said they had been closely associated all their lives in holiday camps and the like, and they had ended by being on the Council together. Mr Nevison had been a most efficient Chairman and had carried out his duties in a most excellent manner.

The Chairman, acknowledging the toast, said he was very pleased to see his friends present at that informal gathering of members and officials of the Council, and he gave them his sincere thanks for the loyal support they had given him during his year of office.

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Carter referred in turn to Dr. Welford, Medical Officer; Mr White, the Surveyor; Mr Hunter, the collector; Mr Henderson, the accountant; Mr Lonsdale, the treasurer; and Mr Y. J. Pirie, the county area surveyor. Dr. Welford first replied, saying it was a source of gratification to any official to know that his record was appreciated.

Mr Ingram Dawson, who was well received, said he was very glad to be present, although he confessed he was there against the expressed orders of his medical adviser, but he was not going to miss a chance which might be the last before the Urban Council was relegated to the limbo of forgotten things.

He congratulated the councillors upon the position they occupied, a position that had raised the town from being one of the worst in the North of England to one of the best. He considered that a councillor was co-equal to a minister of religion, for he had long thought that the church had lost sight of one of its chief duties.

The company accorded the toast musical honours. The Chairman, acknowledging the toast, said he was very pleased to see his friends present at that informal gathering of members and officials of the Council, and he gave them his sincere thanks for the loyal support they had given him during his year of office.

Mr J. H. Brown, replying, confessed that he had not been keen to be a councillor at first—in fact he had been nominated and withdrawn three times—but he was pleased to be on the Council, and it was his greatest wish to do as all the councillors had done. They did not want to make Barnard Castle a modern Blackpool.

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Letters of regret for absence were read from the Rev. H. Bircham and Mr E. R. Hanby-Holmes, the latter having had to go to Derby for the funeral of his uncle, Dr. A. H. Sevier.

BARNARD CASTLE RATES.

UNAVOIDABLE INCREASES.

Barnard Castle Urban Council met on Thursday evening for the purpose of fixing the rate for the coming year, and after a lengthy deliberation came to the conclusion that it could not carry on with a rate at less than 6s. 5d. for the first half-year with 3d. extra for water.

Mr F. Nevison, Chairman, who presided, said, when the Council emerged from the committee stage to open meeting, that he regretted to have some bad news for the ratepayers. The rate for the half-year had been increased from 5s. to 6s. 5d. Of the

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Against this amount of £22,814 were the following estimated receipts:

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DE-URBANIZATION PLAN.

BARNARD CASTLE URBAN COUNCIL'S DECISION TO OPPOSE.

A special meeting of the Urban Council of Barnard Castle was held on Friday afternoon to consider the position with regard to the County Council scheme for the amalgamation of rural districts which would include the de-urbanization of the town.

The Chairman said the meeting had been called for the purpose of letting the Council have an outline of the talk that representa-

increase, amounting to 1s. 5d., is, in addition to matters over which the Council has control, because 6d. was the result of an extra call by the County Council which was occasioned by reduced Exchequer grants.

We give below the cost of the various items under the Council's control, showing the officials' estimates and the committee estimates, and the figures finally arrived at by the Council:

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The amount required to cover existing liabilities was reduced from £20,000 and the sum required for a balance at the forward was also reduced from £20,000. There was a balance at the bank of £1,000.

It will be seen that no action was with regard to the proposed sewerage, nor for the suggested £2,000 for water.

Mr Carter moved that the rate be increased 6s. 1d., suggesting that it be too much, although he was quite clear as to where the estimate was to be further cut.

WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH EGGS AND CHEESE?

These can be served in many ways, or for lunch. Make into a fritter and cut into straws, or into a moderate amount of macaroni.

Put the macaroni in a moderate amount of water and boil in the oven. Grate a little of stale cheese, and add pepper and salt to it.

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Soup will keep fresh longer if carbonate of soda is added before putting away.

Loose and net curtains should be washed in salt water. If they are in several lots of water they will wash quite well.

Wipe steel fenders and motor with kerosene and polish more easily.

Varnished walls should be washed with a little water containing a little of an old chambray leather.

Tarnished silver can be rubbed with a cloth containing carbonate of soda.

When stewing fruit remove the taste when cooking in earthenware vessels that has plenty of water, needs very little water, plenty of sugar is wanted, are delicious cooked in.

KEEP LAYING LINOLEUM. Linoleum lasts longer and is a good layer of floor before it is laid. It is especially good under linoleum or a carpet. A few sheets may take its place, at the back of the floor-covering.

CLEAN LIGHT SUEDS. Clean the gloves on the hands over with a mixture of soda, then brush off the soda. They should look as good as new.

WEEK IRONING.

What a tiresome job it is! What a forward between ironing days! A lot of ironing is saved by using a gas-heated iron. It is never allowed to get so hot as to scorch the iron is not hot enough. It is possessed by this type of iron is clean to use, and it saves over the work with.

FOR COOKING.

Boiling eggs require boiling to ensure eggs that are not three minutes. A crack and thoroughly by water. If you crack eggs, add a dessertspoonful of water. The white will not run. Plunging them into cold water after cooking. It can be removed easily. Add a little strong vinegar to them from breakfast. Their white appears.

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STRAWBERRIES.

Put three ounces of strawberries into a bowl. Make into a fritter and cut into straws, or into a moderate amount of macaroni.

MACARONI CHEESE.

Put the macaroni in a moderate amount of water and boil in the oven. Grate a little of stale cheese, and add pepper and salt to it.

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