

BOWES BEATERS' SUPPER.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

The annual supper given by Mr T. Gilbert Dugdale, Gilmonby Hall, to local beaters, gamekeepers and their friends, was held at the Unicorn Hotel, Bowes, on Thursday evening.

Mr Guy, in proposing the health of the donor of the feast, said he was very pleased to think that Mr Dugdale was still residing among them, and he thought he would be expressing the wish of the whole company when he said they hoped he might be long spared to live at Gilmonby Hall, which he called his home.

The toast was accorded with musical honours.

Mr A. E. Peacock proposed the health of Mrs A. Dugdale, the family, and shooting friends, saying he was sorry the last season had been so bad, but he hoped there were better times in store.

Mr J. A. Gargett, in proposing "The Keepers," said they were a very loyal body of men, and he hoped the coming season would be a success both to them and the gentlemen shooting.

Mr R. Walker responded on behalf of the keepers, thanking the beaters for the kind way in which they had drunk their health, and said he thought, the disease being "through," he saw no reason, given a favourable breeding time, why they should not have a good year.

Mr R. Sutton responded on behalf of the shepherds in a few well-chosen remarks, and Mr W. Preston, replying for the beaters, quoted Mother Shipton, who said, "We were in for a good time this year."

Mr J. Bell gave "The host and hostess," saying the supper was served up in their usual good style. He was sorry to say that since the last supper Mr Pickersgill had lost his partner, but he was pleased to think that Mrs Walker, his daughter, was most ably fulfilling the position of hostess.

During the evening the following gentlemen entertained the company with songs: Messrs J. Bell, T. Layton, N. Scrafton, J. Scrafton, W. Hillery, J. A. Gargett, P. Walker, H. and M. Thompson, C. Addison, H. Preston, W. Tunstall, and N. Lowes. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" brought in a close most enjoyable evening.

SHEEP SCAB IN WEARDALE

THE DIPPING ORDER.

Following a decision of the Weardale farmers to appeal to the representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture against the imposition over such a wide area of the double-dipping order rendered necessary through an outbreak of sheep scab, it is stated that the Ministry's Northern Counties' representative, Mr Jackson Young, of Newcastle, had declined to meet a deputation from the Weardale branches of the N.F.U. to discuss the question of amending the Order.

Meanwhile the double-dipping of large flocks of sheep is being carried through under police supervision throughout almost the whole of Weardale, right to the borders of Cumberland and Northumberland, and also part of Teesdale.

The majority of the hundreds of farmers and flockmasters concerned wished to have the Order modified in its extent because of the expense and the losses which they anticipate in view of the nearness of the lambing season.

The secretaries of the Weardale branches of the N.F.U. have arranged for a mass meeting of farmers to be held at Stanhope Town Hall to-night (Wednesday), when it is anticipated that the Ministry of Agriculture's representative will deliver an address on sheep scab, which will be illustrated by lantern slides.

EARTHQUAKE IN NORTH.

VIBRATIONS OVER A WIDE AREA.

FELT IN BARNARD CASTLE.

Although the earth tremor felt over a wide area in the North of England about 8.30 on Saturday morning caused considerable alarm, little damage was done. Lancashire felt it worst. In some places alarmed women ran into the streets and in the colliery districts many residents feared that an explosion had taken place and hastened to make inquiries at the pits.

In the Craven district of West Yorkshire, through which runs the Craven Fault, one of the largest in England, the earth tremor was severe. At Grassington, only a short distance away from the line of the Fault, the whole of the village was shaken, and one house in Main Street had part of the ceiling shaken down.

There was a sound like blasting operations near at hand at Starbottle, and at Kettlewell, the staff of the Race Horses Hotel rushed out during the tremor expecting to find that a heavily laden vehicle had crashed into the building.

The tremor was felt severely at Settle, in the town itself there was very little perceptible movement, but higher in the hills the tremor was very noticeable. At the Roman Catholic Church some of the worshippers left, and only returned when they discovered everything was all right.

The shock was very pronounced in an area of about seven miles radius of Hawes. Most of the inhabitants were at their breakfasts when they suddenly heard a rumbling of the earth, and windows and roofs rattled and crockery danced on shelves and tables. Although some old walls and dry walling enclosing fields fell no serious damage was done.

In Lower Wensleydale and Coverdale most people likened the disturbance to that of blasting operations at the quarries. Many told of shaking breakfast crockery and of shaking beds. A child of the village of Carlton-in-Coverdale was flung from his bed, and a wall collapsed.

The trainers and jockeys riding the racehorses out at exercise on Middleham Moor felt nothing of the tremor. The shock, which was felt over a seven-mile radius of Upper Swaledale, did little damage there. The shock lasted several seconds, and was evidently worse in the gunnerside district, where wall fenceings on farms were demolished.

Several Barnard Castle people felt the tremor at the time stated, but many were unaware of the cause of the sensation until later in the day when they conferred with their neighbours, and were able to compare their experiences.

Father Rowland, of Stonyhurst College Observatory, told a reporter that the tremor was much more severe than the one recorded on May 3rd, 1931, and at Stonyhurst it was felt more severely than the North Sea earthquake of June 7th, 1931, which was felt particularly in Yorkshire, and which threw people out of their beds.

The instruments showed that the shock on Saturday lasted for about a minute, though the period of greatest intensity was only ten seconds.

Father Rowland was of the opinion that the trouble was due to the Pendleton "fault," which had caused similar disturbance in the past.

The Pendleton "fault" runs from north-west of Bolton through Pendleton to Poynton, in Cheshire. It consists of a large wedge of rock cutting in between the ordinary strata of the earth's surface.

Mr J. W. Shaw, the West Bromwich seismologist, said, "The rock on one side of the 'fault' slips downwards while the rock on the other side slips upwards. The two faces rub together as they slip and cause excessive vibration. This action has gone on until the rock on one side of the break is 1,050 yards lower than the rock on the other side."

The Scala, Barnard Castle.

Joe E. Brown, who comes to the Scala Theatre, Barnard Castle, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in his newest comedy, "Local Boy Makes Good," in many respects is a new Joe E. Brown. Funny as ever, yet in a different way, he crosses the screen as a timid, self-effacing, near-sighted victim of an inferiority complex, and labours under the suppressed desire to be a devil with the ladies and at the same time a power among the athletes of the local college.

BOWES PARISH COUNCIL.

RESOLUTIONS ON LOCAL AFFAIRS.

A meeting of the Bowes Parish Council was held on Monday evening, Mr R. L. Close presiding.

Amalgamation Opposed.

A resolution was passed to the effect that a strong protest be sent to the North Riding County Council against the suggested amalgamation of Bowes and Gilmonby townships by which the number of Rural District Councillors for the parish would be reduced from four to two, and that an opportunity be sought for bringing the matter before the conference with the Minister of Health at Northallerton on February 8th.

Cottage Property.

The Council passed a resolution that in their opinion the assessment of cottage property in Bowes was excessive and that an effort should be made before the District Rating and Valuation Committee with a view to obtaining a reduction.

Obstruction Alleged.

Complaint was made regarding an alleged obstruction of the stiles on two footpaths in the vicinity of Ox Pasture and Kilmord, and it was resolved that the owners be requested to remove them.

Charities Distributed.

It was reported that the proceeds of the John Bousfield Charity had been distributed, each of the four beneficiaries receiving £3 8s. 9d. The Kipling Myre Keld Charity had also been distributed, two beneficiaries receiving £1 each.

Lectures Needed.

The Council agreed that the Agricultural Lecturer for the North Riding should be asked to give a series of lectures on agricultural subjects at Bowes.

Transfer Opposed.

The Council passed a resolution that in their opinion the forthcoming application to the Greta Bridge magistrates for the transfer of a licence from the Royal Star Inn, Startforth, to the proposed new hotel at Spital, in the parish of Bowes, should be opposed as undesirable and unnecessary.

BILLIARDS.

TEES VALLEY BILLIARDS LEAGUE.

First Division.

Handicaps:—Romaldkirk, scratch; Bowes, 50 behind; Cotherton and Middleton, 75 behind; Eggleston, 125 behind; Middleton Tradesmen, 150 behind; Middleton "B," 200 behind; Barnard Castle Conservative Club and Copley, 225 behind; and Middleton "A," 325 behind.

Last Week's Games.

Eggleston, playing on their own table, lost to Middleton "B" by a narrow margin of 8.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Eggleston vs Middleton "B" (8-12), 99 W. Forster vs J. Richardson (150-125), 125 F. Kidd vs B. Payne (150-127), 127 J. Kidd vs H. Baum (150-150), 150 J. Walker vs A. Grieve (134-150).

Barnard Castle C.C. visited Middleton "A" and obtained a victory by 18.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Middleton "A" vs Bd. Castle C.C. (18-93), 93 G. Bell vs J. Hall (150-150), 150 J. Brown vs W. Parkinson (120-150), 150 J. Lowe vs L. Musgrave (55-150), 150 M. Dent vs F. Wellman (136-543).

Mickleton entertained the Middleton Tradesmen and beat them by 76.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Mickleton vs Middleton T. (76-83), 83 L. Anderson vs T. Colman (150-150), 150 A. Anderson vs G. Cooke (132-150), 150 T. W. Shearwood vs J. Pinkney (110-150), 150 C. Lawson vs E. Bellas (110-513).

Copley had an easy victory over the Cotherton team, played at Copley, by 176.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Copley vs Colterstone. 150 J. T. Wallace vs J. Richardson (68-150), 150 L. Walker vs Col. Grellett (72-150), 150 G. Kidd vs J. T. Raine (94-150), 150 W. Kipling vs H. Parkinson (40-600).

Romaldkirk beat Bowes on the latter's table.

Mr J. T. Wallace, a Copley player, who had the biggest break up to Thursday night, one of 63, will have to make another effort to beat J. Lowe's 73 against the Barnard Castle Conservative Club.

League Table to Date.

Table with 5 columns: Team, P., W., L., D., Pts. Mickleton (14, 11, 3, 0, 22), Middleton "B" (14, 11, 3, 0, 22), Copley (14, 9, 5, 0, 18), Romaldkirk (14, 9, 5, 0, 18), Cotherton (14, 8, 6, 0, 16), Bowes (14, 7, 6, 1, 15), Eggleston (14, 6, 7, 1, 13), Middleton T. (14, 4, 10, 0, 8), Bd. Castle C.C. (14, 3, 11, 0, 6), Middleton "A" (14, 1, 13, 0, 2).

This week's fixtures:—Barnard Castle C.C. (h) v. Romaldkirk, Bowes (h) v. Middleton "B," Cotherton (h) v. Mickleton, Copley (h) v. Middleton "A," Middleton Tradesmen (h) v. Eggleston.

FAILURE TO NOTIFY.

SHEEP SCAB IN HAMSTERLEY AREA.

A case of particular interest to local farmers was heard by the Bishop Auckland magistrates on Thursday, when John W. Clarke (60), farmer, Snape Gate, Hamsterley, was charged with having failed to report that he had on his farm sheep which were suffering from sheep scab or suspected of infection. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Supt. E. Healden, who prosecuted, said there had been outbreaks of sheep scab of a serious nature in the district, and he stressed the importance of farmers reporting the presence of scab to the authorities as soon as possible so that the necessary steps could be taken to combat the disease.

Sergeant Atkinson said he visited the defendant's farm on December 15th and found that of the 20 sheep on the farm 10 were seriously affected with scab. Clarke told him that he had dipped the sheep that morning when he heard that his neighbor's sheep were being examined. He also said that he had bought some of the sheep in April last and four of them were exhibited for sale at Hamsterley recently.

Mr Durant, a veterinary inspector under the Durham County Council, stated that he also examined the sheep, and was of the opinion that the sheep, which Clarke acquired in April, were scabby when he bought them. Clarke seemed to have been ignorant of the sheep scab and to have been treating the sheep for ordinary skin disease.

Clarke told the magistrates that he did not know what was the matter with the sheep. It was the first lot of sheep he had kept and he bought them in good faith, thinking they were all right.

Defendant was fined £2 including costs.

IMPORTANT NEW BOOKS.

By "ARTICUS."

"Rugger Stories."

No better book could be given as a present to a youngster interested in the game than this, which is edited, with a short introduction, by Howard Marshall, himself a rugger player of note whose articles appear in the Daily Telegraph. Its interest, however, is not confined to the youngsters, although a number of school stories are included, but extends to all those who get or try to get to Twickenham twice a year, or to Queen's Club once a year. The latter is chronicled with a long poem by J. C. Squire, running into some twenty-five pages. The contributors to the book are very varied and besides including the two already mentioned, there are Alec Waugh, P. G. Wodehouse, Hugh Walpole, Robert Lynd and John Buchan. (Putnam, 5s.)

"Banking and Currency."

A little text-book by W. J. Weston, who in addition to holding many degrees is the head of the school of Commerce at the Polytechnic, Regent Street. Primarily intended for those reading for intermediate and degree examinations in economics and commerce, it should be of service to many others who are anxious to have, with minimum effort, a clear idea of the nature of money. This edition has been revised and brought up-to-date and speaks as from the end of 1932. It shows clearly the financial developments since the departure of Great Britain from the Gold Standard, outlines the cause and effects of the fall in prices and the effect of the 1932 War Loans Conversion Scheme. (University Tutorial Press, 6s. 6d.)

"Mahatma Gandhi."

Of the making of books on Gandhi there has been no end, but this book, edited by C. F. Andrews, and now in its third edition, purports to be his own story and is based on a work called "The Story of My Experiences with Truth," which was first dictated by him in his own mother tongue to one of his fellow political prisoners during his imprisonment in the years 1922-24. The first part of the book carries us through his childhood days and early marriage, his sojourn in England and his return to India. This occupies about a third of the book, and then considerable space is naturally given to his South African experiences which occupies more than a third of the book, and is perhaps the most interesting part, as it shows the evolution of Mahatma as a propagandist agitator. This is revealing the usual order. The book must be considered exceptionally frank, but at the same time, it is bound to be tinged with the romantic air which such a man must give the story of his own work. (Allison and Unwin, 7s. 6d.)

Blake, Coleridge, Wordsworth, etc.

This is a little volume of selections from the remains of Henry Crabth Robinson, preserved in the Dr. Williams Library. The editor, Miss Edith Morley, has been engaged on the task of going through these remains since 1912. When she has completed her work, no doubt her book will take the place of Sadler's edition, which is long since out of print. There is a considerable amount of fresh, entertaining matter, and it is interesting to note that, as in the case of Peppys' diary, this matter has been available through transcription from an obsolete shorthand. The key to the cypher was discovered by Mr Herford. (Manchester University Press, 4s. 6d.)

EDUCAT

SHOULD TEACH

A meeting of the Education Committee, Barnard Castle, on Thursday evening, was held at the Unicorn Hotel, Bowes, on Thursday evening. Mr T. W. Guy presided, and opened the toast list with "The King," which was loyally honoured.

Reports of 10 December were received from Beckton (Middleton) and Barnard Castle (Barnard Castle) districts, 89.9; 89.4.

With regard to the matter of the parents of a child who had been expelled from school towards its next Court of Referees week.

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