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ZETLAND FOXHOUNDS.

TO CONTINUE ON A LIMITED SCALE.

TO KILL FOXES RATHER THAN PROVIDE SPORT.

The annual meeting of the Zetland Hunt was held on Friday at Darlington, when it was decided that the hunt should continue on a limited scale until January 31st, 1943, more with a view to keeping down foxes than to provide sport, and that an appeal should be made to the subscribers to provide the necessary funds. It was announced that considerable economies had been effected and that the joint masters had been offered a reduced payment.

The Marquis of Zetland presided over the gathering, which included Lord and Lady Barnard, Lord Gainsford, Sir James Baird, Sir Henry Havelock-Allan, Mr Claud E. Pease, Mrs Philip Pease, Mr W. F. Lax, Mr R. Thornton, Mr J. T. Bainbridge, and Mr R. Hodgson.

At the outset of the proceedings Lord Zetland reminded those present that at the last annual meeting it was decided to make a special effort to provide sufficient money to keep the hunt in existence. He said he had sent out a personal appeal to subscribers and possible subscribers. The response to the appeal had been extremely gratifying and he would like to take the opportunity of expressing his own thanks and those of the hunt committee to all who, in difficult circumstances, subscribed so generously last year. The result had been the receipt of more than £1,068, including a donation of £20 for the special purpose of reducing the bank overdraft. The expenditure had been cut down to a minimum and the Masters had agreed to accept a reduced fee. In accordance with the decision then arrived at notice had been given to terminate the tenancy of all the coverts and all other expenditure had been reduced to the lowest possible level with the result that during the financial year ending May 1st they had kept the hunt in existence and had reduced their adverse bank balance to £165—a considerable improvement on the state of affairs at the beginning of the year.

The noble Marquis then outlined the coming season's programme, saying that hunting would be permitted by the Government up to the end of January on a reduced scale. The committee's estimate of expenditure, apart from any sum which they might give to the Masters, showed that at the end of this year they would have an adverse balance of approximately £300, after meeting all unavoidable expenditure. The committee wished to offer the Masters a minimum of £300 as compared with the £500 provided for them last year to keep the hunt in existence, and they must depend once more on the generosity of the subscribers to enable them to do that. If they provided the Masters with £300 and carried on the hunt, they would, in the absence of subscriptions, end up with an adverse balance of round about £600, but he hoped it would be possible to raise a reasonable sum of money to keep the hunt going. The committee proposed to send out circulars to those who subscribed last year explaining the position to them and asking them to do what was possible in subscribing again.

Lord Barnard, Joint Master, said it was the intention of the hunt to "show the flag," that was to say, to hunt on a very limited scale and kill as many foxes as possible. In the present circumstances their intention was more in the nature of killing foxes than in providing sport as they had done in the past.

The accounts were adopted on the proposal of the Marquis of Zetland, seconded by Lord Gainsford.

Lord Zetland expressed thanks to the Joint Masters (Lord Barnard and Major H. A. Jaffray) and others for their efforts to keep the hunt in existence and expressed the hope that they would have the co-operation of the subscribers during the next few months.

TANKS FOR ATTACK.

THE BARNARD CASTLE RURAL AND URBAN EFFORT.

The final figures relating to the recent "tanks" saving campaign in the Barnard Castle Rural and Urban Districts show that £38,277 was collected in "small" savings.

Mr Fred Wilkinson, the hon. secretary, is staking a claim for the naming of at least one tank for this amount. There is no doubt that the target set was a high one, but an analysis of the figures brings out several facts that will justify a claim that a sufficient sum was not only raised, but surpassed. One fact alone is significant. The result shows that the average small saving per head of the population was higher than any other area in South-West Durham.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE TEESDALE MERCURY.]
Sir,—May I through the medium of your valuable paper thank the many hon. secretaries of savings groups who have so promptly sent me their half-yearly returns? I am much obliged to them. But some returns I am still awaiting. Will those hon. secretaries who have not yet sent in their returns please do so, as early as possible? It will save my writing to them.

Yours faithfully,
FRED WILKINSON, Secretary.
20, Montalbo Terrace, Barnard Castle.
October 13th, 1942.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL DEFEATS D.L.I.

The game played at Barnard Castle School last Wednesday between the School and a company of the D.L.I. resulted in a score of 16 points to 3 in the School's favour. Early in the game Brown broke away to score the School's first try, which was converted. There was no other score until after half-time, when the Army pressed home a try after a sustained attack on the School line. For the remainder of the game the School had most of the ball and attacked with more confidence, scoring three times and converting once. Scorers were: Brown, two tries; Stephenson, 1 try; Veitch, one try.

THE RED CROSS.

THE LOCAL PRISONERS OF WAR FUND.

The first week in December is to be recognised nationally as a Prisoners of War Week, and all monies raised during that week go to that fund. Local secretaries have all been advised of this and appealed to in order to augment their funds by holding concerts, whist drives, etc. In view of this Mrs H. B. Bayles has met the collectors of the penny-a-week fund to talk over and arrange a programme, and providing accommodation is granted, this is as follows:

- A Gift Shop.
- Flag Day.
- Whist Drive, to be arranged by Mrs T. B. Harker, and
- A wind-up Dance with the stripping of a gift tree.

For the gift shop, should anyone have any saleable article for which there is no further use, they are kindly asked to give it to their collector, or to Mrs Bayles, who will be grateful for such.

For the gift tree, individual or collective effort is needed, and the success of this depends upon co-operation and help. So much may be done towards this in the home with social evenings, etc.

It may not be generally known, but the additional cost of sending boxes to an increasing number of prisoners of war is putting such a strain on the fund that at the end of the year a deficit of £500,000 will be reported unless the December efforts, held all over the country, wipe it out.

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BARNARD CASTLE CATTLE, Wednesday.
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