Births, Marriages and Deaths.

ENGAGEMENT.

GANDY : WALKER.—The engagement is announced between Tpr. W. Gandy (4th Queen's Own Hussars, G.M.F.), elder son of Mr and Mrs Gandy, 274, St. Paul's Road, Islington, London, and Joyce, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. W. Walker, Bridge End, Startforth, Barnard Castle.

BIRTHS.

CATCHPOLE.—At "Rosemount," Barnard Castle, on December 15th, to Mr and Mrs Charles Catchpole, Mickleton, a Daughter. Both well.

EAGLE.—On December 17th, 1945, to Mr and Mrs Horace Eagle, at 50, William Street, Kettering, Northants, a Daughter, Christine.

DEATHS

STUPPLE.—21st December, Elizabeth Josephine, dear sister of Mrs Davison, 23, Vane Road, Barnard Castle. Interment Startforth, Wednesday, 1-30 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM.

WILSON.—In loving memory of my dear Son, Edward, died January 11th, 1945.—Always remembered by his loving Mother.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

GARGETT.—Mr and Mrs Gargett and family, Rigg Farm, Lartington, wish to thank all relations and friends for kind expressions of sympathy on their sad bereavement; also for floral tributes.

SITUATIONS VACANT AND WANTED.

A COOK GENERAL required; live in or out; Startforth.—Apply Mrs Dowse, Glaxo Laboratories Ltd., Barnard Castle.

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE.

Public Assistance Institution, Barnard Castle.
Appointment of Cleaners.

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The posts are subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937; to the successful candidates satisfactorily passing a medical examination and to the regulation for the time being of the County Council relative to the payment of wages in cases of sickness.

Forms of application for the appointments can be obtained from the undersigned, and these, duly completed, must be received by not later than first post on Monday, 31st December, 1945.

This advertisement applies to any woman over the age of 18 years and is published by permission of the Ministry of Labour and National Service under the Employment of Women (Control of Engagement) Order, 1943.

R. B. HINDMARSH,
County Public Assistance Officer.
Public Assistance Department,
Crossgate Moor,
DURHAM.
17th December, 1945.

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Dinner and Dance 9/-; Dance only 4/-.
Late Bus leaves the Hotel at Midnight.
Come and dance to Eddie Carrick's Dance Band.

Claiming Date.
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WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE,
WITHAM HALL,
THURSDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1946

A MISCELLANEOUS ENTERTAINMENT
in aid of Darlington Memorial Hospital, in the
TEMPERANCE HALL, COTHERSTONE,
on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1945.
A DANCE to follow.

MICKLETON YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB.

THE ANNUAL WHIST DRIVE, SOCIAL AND DANCE
will be held in the
INSTITUTE, MICKLETON,
on FRIDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1946.
Whist to commence at 7 p.m. prompt.
Light Refreshments after Whist Drive.
9d. each.
Social and Dance 9-30 p.m. till 1 a.m.
Admission 1/6 each or 2/6 combined.
Music by Mrs Preston's Band.
Proceeds for Club Funds.

LUNEDALE CARLBECK SCHOOL.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1945,
WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE
in aid of School Funds.
Whist commencing 7 p.m.
Dancing 10 p.m. till 2 a.m.
Refreshments at Reasonable Charges.

BARNARD CASTLE DIVISION LABOUR PARTY.

TEESDALE WARD COMMITTEE.

DEAR COMRADE,—The next Meeting of the Teesdale Committee (Ward) will be held in the CO-OP. GUILD ROOM, BARNARD CASTLE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1946, at 2 p.m. (please not alteration of date).

The County Council Nominees are being invited to be present and will address the meeting.

Yours sincerely,
GEO. ANDERSON (Secretary)
JACK WORTHY (Agent).

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
in the
TEMPERANCE HALL, COTHERSTONE.
From 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.
Baldersdale Band in attendance.
Come and Dance the Old Year out and the New Year in.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1945,
A DANCE
will be held in
LANGLEYDALE SCHOOL
from 8 p.m. till 1 a.m.
Proceeds in aid of Red Cross.

Claiming Date.
MICKLETON HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

A WHIST DRIVE
will be held in the
INSTITUTE, MICKLETON,
On WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 1946.
Championship—£1 Voucher.
J. R. PEACOCK, Hon. Sec.

BOURNE METHODIST CHURCH,
MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE.

VICTORY AT HOMES.
DECEMBER 31st, 1945.—NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCIAL at 7 p.m.
JANUARY 1st, 1946.—CONCERT by Newbiggin County School Children at 7-15 p.m.
Further particulars see bills.

ROKEBY AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

A GRAND DANCE
(Old and New)
in the
MORRITT ARMS HOTEL
on TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1946,
8 p.m. till 1 a.m.
Tickets 4/-.
Eddie Carrick's Broadcasting Band.

GRAND DANCE
at MORRITT ARMS HOTEL,
NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31st,
in aid of Darlington Memorial Hospital.
Admission 3/6. Evening Dress optional.
Dancing 8 p.m. till 1 a.m.
Modernaires Dance Band.
Maude's Bus will leave Scala Cinema at 7-30 and return after Dance.

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WHIST DRIVE,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th.
Good Prizes. Cards 1/6.

GRAND DANCE,
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29th.
9 p.m. till 11-45 p.m. Admission 1/6.
NEW YEAR'S EVE:
76th GREAT ANNUAL BALL.
Dancing 9 p.m.—2 a.m. Admission 2/-.
Music by W. Dowson's Orchestra.
J. J. BATESON, Hon. Sec.

BOWES PARISH CHURCH SOCIAL,
JANUARY 1st, 1946,
at the GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
CONCERT, given by the Children, 7 p.m.
DANCE, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Refreshments
Admission: Concert, 1/3 and 1/-; Dance, 1/3.

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GRAND SOCIAL
on JANUARY 5th in the
TEMPERANCE HALL
at 7 p.m., to welcome the Rev. W. E. Castell.
Admission 1/- No Children Admitted.

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The Annual
BOXING NIGHT CONCERT
will be held in the
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to commence 7 p.m.,
Consisting of Solos, Recitations, Humorous Duets, Trios, and Singing by the Children.
A Play by the Primary Children, entitled:
"THE OLD WOMAN IN THE SHOE,"
and a Play by the Juniors:—
"THE CHRISTMAS TOYS PARTY."
Humorous Character Action Song entitled:
"PAINLESS EXTRACTIONS."
A One Act Play, "O.H.M.S.," by Members of the W.I. Drama Section. Produced by Mrs Dawson.
Chairman: REV. A. WATSON.
Admission by Programme, 1/- each.
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TEMPERANCE HALL, COTHERSTONE,
on THURSDAY, JANUARY 17th, 1946,
at 7-30 p.m.
(Producer: F. H. Pennock, M.R.S.T., L.G.S.M., A.L.C.M. (Eloc.)
Caste in Order of Appearance:
Prices of Admission:
Reserved, 2/6; Unreserved 2/-.
Seats may be booked at the Temperance Hall on any of the following nights: Monday, January 14th; Tuesday, January 15th, Wednesday, January 16th, between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.
N. MERRYWEATHER, Secretary.

MIDDLETON HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

CHRISTMAS DANCES.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22nd,
CHRISTMAS EVE,
BOXING NIGHT,
in the
ASSEMBLY HALL.

MICKLETON YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB.

A FILM SHOW
will be given by the Ministry of Information at the
ROSE & CROWN, MICKLETON,
on THURSDAY, December 20th, at 7 p.m.
All Members and Friends cordially invited.

BARNARD CASTLE A.F.C.

GRAND CARNIVAL DANCE
at the
MORRITT ARMS HOTEL, GRETA BRIDGE,
on BOXING NIGHT.
Dancing 9 p.m.—1 a.m. Admission 3/6.
Maude's Bus will leave the Scala, Barnard Castle, 8-30 p.m., returning 1-15 a.m.

HALL STREET
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE—11 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. S. LEON COOK.
Subject: "The Christmas Tragedy."
Offering will be taken for St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind.
WATCHNIGHT SERVICE,
December 31st, 11-30 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. S. LEON COOK.
Subject: "New Life—Not New Resolves."
Hall Street Congregational Church is an appointed meeting place of God and His children. YOU are invited to start 1946 in God's Presence, and to continue through the year in God's Strength and Guidance.
A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

NEWSHAM, RICHMOND, YORKS.

A DANCE
in aid of Darlington Memorial Hospital, at the
MORRITT ARMS HOTEL,
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1946.
Tickets 3/-. Forces 2/-.
8-30 p.m.—1 a.m.

Claiming Dates.
NEWBIGGIN HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

DANCES
to be held on
JANUARY 11th, 19th, and 26th,
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PERSONAL.

MISS MARY SAYER, of Hill House, Middleton-in-Teesdale, wishes to thank all friends and relations for Cards, Presents and Good Wishes on her 21st Birthday.

CHURCH NOTICES.

HALL STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Barnard Castle.—Sunday, December 30th:
10-30 a.m., Rev. S. Leon Cook.
6-30 p.m., Mr R. Graham, Middleton.

NEWGATE METHODIST CHURCH, Barnard Castle.—Sunday, December 30th:
10-30 a.m., Mr T. Cowling, Winston.
6-30 p.m., Mr G. W. Smith, Newsham.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, Barnard Castle.—Sunday, December 30th:
10-30 a.m., Rev. J. D. Coutts.
6-30 p.m., Rev. A. B. Bateman.

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BOWES PARISH HALL FUND.

Important Notice—Change of Date.
ROMALDKIRK PLAYERS
to visit BOWES,
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1946.
Particulars Next Week.

MICKLETON BRING AND BUY SALE,
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1946,
at 2-30 p.m. in the
CHURCH INSTITUTE, MICKLETON.
Tea 6d.

Claiming Date.
WHIST DRIVE
in the
CHURCH INSTITUTE, MICKLETON,
JANUARY 11th,
at 7 p.m. prompt.
Admission 1/6. Good Prizes.

A MISCELLANEOUS CONCERT
to be held in the
TEMPERANCE HALL, COTHERSTONE,
on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1945,
at 7-15 p.m.
Admission 1/- to all Seats.
DANCE
to follow. 9-30 till 12-30. 1/6.
Music by Mrs Preston's Band.
Light Refreshments.

SALES BY AUCTION.

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Acting Secretary.
Auction Mart, Barnard Castle.

MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE.

To be Sold by Public Auction on SATURDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1945, at the CLEVELAND ARMS HOTEL, MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE, at 3 p.m. (subject to the Special Conditions to be then produced).
G. E. THOMPSON, Auctioneer.

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In aid of the Darlington Memorial Hospital.

The fortnightly whist drive held in the Temperance Hall, Cotherstone, was well attended on Wednesday evening, the winners being Mrs Merryweather and Mr G. Severs. The next one will be held on Wednesday (Boxing Night), December 26th, at 7-30 p.m. These whist drives are run in aid of the Nursing Association and Darlington Memorial Hospital.

THE EDITOR AND STAFF
wish all readers
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
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COL. VANE'S MAIDEN SPEECH.

LINKS WITH TEESDALE.

Lieut.-Col. William Morgan Fletcher Vane, M.P. for Westmorland, who has announced his intention of dropping his military title and asks to be addressed as "plain miser," is the son of Lady Katharine Vane, of Staindrop House, Staindrop, and formerly of Haughton Hall, Darlington, and the late Col. the Hon. W. L. Vane, uncle of the present Lord Barnard.

Mr Vane actually has closer associations with Durham than with Westmorland. His regiment is the Durham Light Infantry. As a Territorial he was mobilised on the outbreak of war, and served in France before Dunkirk. Then he was for nearly four years in the Middle East.

His home, at Hutton-in-the-Forest, near Penrith, where he has an agricultural estate, is not far from County Durham, and his links with the county are strengthened by the fact that he was prospective Conservative candidate for Spennymoor from 1937 to 1944. His father, who was a Deputy Lieutenant of Durham County, was three times Conservative candidate for Barnard Castle, being defeated first by Sir Joseph Whitwell Pease and then by Mr Arthur Henderson.

Mr Vane, whose victory in Westmorland was one of the greatest in the Conservative cause—he polled more than his Labour, Liberal and Independent opponents combined, is a 36-year-old bachelor. His sister, who helped him in his election campaign, is an official of a housing estate at Newcastle.

He has announced that if M.P.s' salaries are increased the additional sum will go to some charity organisation which can put it to good use in his constituency. At the same time he agrees that an increase of M.P.s' pay is necessary, but considers that the interests of other people, particularly old-age pensioners, should be dealt with first.

Mr Vane tells the story of his own experience at being "demobbed." He was called to the dispersal centre near York, and on going there one afternoon, found that he was the only "customer." The whole staff was placed at his disposal and seemed to be delighted that they had one man to find them something to do.

Recently Col. Vane made his first speech in Parliament in support of the Motion proposed by Sir Arthur Salter (Oxford University), expressing the deep concern of the House concerning conditions in Europe.

A Speech of Realism.

This is what he said:—

On rising to address this House for the first time, I, like so many others before me, ask for the indulgence which the House grants to new Members. My excuse for intervening in this debate is that I wish to speak briefly on one practical aspect of this problem—the administrative aspect. The importance of this struck me very forcibly when, the other day, I had the privilege of visiting Germany as one of the party of Hon. Members who toured the British zone. Although I am speaking only for myself, I feel that there is little or nothing in what I am going to say which would not be supported by the other hon. Members who accompanied me, and I know they will support me without any reservation when I say first how grateful we are to all those who made our tour such a success, showing us the things we wanted to see, and, generally making our short stay so interesting that we all wished, I think, that it could have been longer and that it could have included a visit to Berlin.

A visit to Germany at this time was of special interest to me, because I had known Germany at another time of change—the spring of 1933—when the Nazis came to power. I had then a special opportunity of seeing how easily the bewildered German people were brought under the control of a group or party who knew their own minds, knew how to give orders, and knew how to see those orders carried out. I believe that they would have achieved nearly the same success if they had not also committed themselves to the acts of brutality, which stain their name. At that time, I was a student at a German university. I quickly realised there was nothing to be done by staying in residence any longer, so I left the country sooner than I intended. Perhaps I can claim extra indulgence in that, if not a refugee, I am at least a near refugee. No harm was likely to come to me, but were my books likely to be put on the bonfires that were lit in the streets at that time. My professor was a honest scholar, and as devout a reader of the "Manchester Guardian" as any hon. Member here: but it was clear that even the university world had taken such a shock from the coming into force of the Nazis that there was no purpose in a foreign student prolonging his stay.

I think that the lesson we should learn to-day is first to make up our own minds about what we want to do with Germany, then know how to give the Germans orders, and then know how to see these orders carried out.

It was against that background that I went to Germany, in particular to see the part played by the British Military Government, and by the junior military officers of the staff captain level of whose initiative, at times like this, so much depends. Tribute has been paid to-day to the early achievement of the British Military Government in the setting up of an administration which has begun to win the confidence of the German people. I was struck when being taken round an ersatz rubber factory near Hamburg, where one would expect to see sullen faces, to find men and women on the machines only too ready to talk and explain what they were doing. I think that is a great credit to the British Military Government that they have started to dispel this fear. Without dispelling it, there would be little hope of making any immediate progress. To-day we have already heard how, after dealing with this first problem, we have to face a bigger problem of planning more permanent administration. We have the problems referred to in the motion of the Order Paper, and in addition, the intention of all refugees, or so I believe, to find their way to the British zone if they possibly

Unfortunately, as I said, we were not in Berlin, which is the best centre for looking at this problem of refugees. As I do not want to be dramatic, I will not say more, except that all I heard led to grave misgivings on my part as to whether agreement on administration between the Allies was all it should be. It is a rarity for them to agree on any policy of concerted action covering all four zones of occupation. In these circumstances, as always happens, there is little direction given from above to juniors, and even more initiative and responsibility rest on them than would otherwise be the case. I do not think we should under-estimate this responsibility, which is far greater than the responsibility which rests in the officers of the many voluntary and relief organisations who are also working in Germany.

I now come to my main contention. If the administrative measures which we propose are to have any real success, it is necessary to recruit into this service the very best men we can find.

I have never heard anything which leads me to believe that the big posts are not being filled with excellent men for the job, but I am far less certain about the lower grades. Until the other day, the terms of service were something like two or three years, and then, I think, they could take on for one year at a time beyond that. I think that it will be agreed that these are not the terms or conditions which should ever be offered in a service of this importance. I was glad to hear on Wednesday that these conditions have now been improved, and that officers can take on for a period of seven years. I hope that, as a result of that, a great many officers in the army who have already some slight experience of administrative problems facing us in Germany, will be attracted to transfer to Government military service. I doubt whether even this seven year term is really long enough. People do not enter the Colonial Service for seven years, but to make it a life career. Since I am convinced that the problems of Germany are not going to be solved in seven years, I feel we should offer to this service conditions comparable with those in the colonial service. This is a task which demands quality, and numbers will never be a substitute for quality. We have not the man power, nor do we want, to undertake the German's work for them.

Although I do not wish in any way to belittle the importance of mobilising opinion and indignation here to-day, I feel it would be of great added value if we could have an assurance from the Government that they are taking practical steps in the routine work and day to day administrative difficulties in Germany. God knows, these are going to be difficult enough, even if things do not work out as badly as some of us may fear. Therefore, I beg the Government to make this service a real corps d'elite. If they succeed in doing that, and stop taking two bites at a cherry, it is really not a very difficult problem, and they will not only be giving this service its due, but making a real contribution towards solving this grim problem which faces us in Germany to-day.

Miss Rathbone (Combined English Universities): "It is my pleasant duty to congratulate the two previous speakers on their maiden speeches. The hon. and gallant Member for Westmorland (Lieut.-Colonel Vane) spoke with a realism based on very recent and evidently highly observant observations on the conditions in Germany. It is, I think, because idealism is in some quarters rather at a discount that this House respects and listens to, as do the public, those who show idealism, especially among the young. We shall gladly listen to both these speakers in any future debates."

LOSS TO RICHMOND.

MR E. BUSH LEAVING THE TOWN.

Richmond is to lose one of its best known public workers in Mr E. Bush, of the staff of the Grammar School, who is going to Northallerton Grammar School. He has done so much in the town and without ostentation that it is difficult to know where to start. Apart from his school duties he has taken a very great interest in the old boys of the school and their Association and during the war years acted as secretary and kept a record of the movements of the old boys, whether in the Services or otherwise.

By a prodigious effort he kept the annual reunion of the old boys going each July, although much of the ceremonial had to be curtailed. He has been an officer in the School Cadet Corps and during the war took an active part in the Civil Defence Services of the borough. Another movement in which he has been an ardent worker is the local Scout Troop, and he has held an official position in the North Riding Association. The Youth Club will miss his services, for he has been Chairman of the local committee, and here again he had the welfare of youth at heart.

At the Parish Church he has been one of its prominent workers and in the past few years he was a member of the Parochial Church Council and Mayor's Warden, and has helped in the Editorship of the Church Magazine.

Until the closing of the Services Canteen in the Parish Room he gave valuable service in an official capacity. No one has shown a greater interest in Richmond's Old Theatre than Mr Bush, and he played an important part in its restoration which led to the revival and staging of plays there at intervals in the past few years. Mr Bush, himself a talented historian, derived much pleasure from that work. He used to be interested in the Y.M.C.A. movement when it was in being. A most unassuming and modest man, Mr Bush will have the best wishes of the community for his future welfare.

Mrs Bush has given much service in the borough and is a member of the Musical Society.