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STARTFORTH R.D.C. NOMINATIONS.

Barforth and Ovington.

John Herbert, Barforth Hall, farmer. Proposed T. Cowling, seconded Walker Blackett.

William James Brenkley, Ovington, tractor driver. Proposed J. Waistell, seconded W. Elders.

Barningham.

Frederick Richard Powlett Milbank, Bart., Barningham Park. Proposed William Todd, seconded Newby Jackson.

Boldron and Eggleston Abbey.

M. S. Welsh, electrical engineer. Proposed H. Lowes, seconded G. H. Dowson.

Bowes and Gilmonby.

William John Pickersgill, farmer, Unicorn Farm, Bowes. Proposed Thomas William Guy, seconded Thos. W. Longstaff.

John Winter Alderson, West End, Bowes, railway signalman. Proposed John W. Allen, seconded W. Kipling.

Robert Lionel Close, Hazel Gill, Bowes, farmer. Proposed J. T. Guy, seconded J. W. Coates.

Thomas James Cooper, Lady Myers Farm, Bowes, farmer. Proposed M. Hastings, seconded E. Hutchinson.

George William Foster, West Stoney Keld, farmer. Proposed William Abel Hillery, seconded T. W. Scrafton.

Brignal and Rokeby.

Ernest Reginald Green, Dent House, Brignall, farmer. Proposed Richard Jackson, seconded Charles Iceton.

Cotherstone.

Charles C. Chipchase, Lathbury, Cotherstone, chartered accountant. Proposed C. Chipchase, jun., seconded T. E. Kipling.

Norman Field, Lartington Hall, farmer. Proposed George Wearmouth, seconded John Tunstall.

Reuben Sayer, Croft House, farmer. Proposed J. W. Hodgson, seconded T. W. Bayles.

James Frederick Smith, Balder Croft, solicitor. Proposed J. G. Hodgson, seconded John T. Kidd.

Arthur Watson, Main Street, Cotherstone, a retired labourer. Proposed William Hodgson, seconded Winifred Durkin.

Hunderthwaite.

Joseph Stanley Coulthard, Gill House, Hury, farmer. Proposed J. E. Young, seconded S. H. Wallace.

Thomas Tallentire Hauxwell, Low Birk Hat, farmer. Proposed John Sayer.

Luther Thwaites, Hury, farmer. Proposed A. Maughan, seconded Robert Kidd.

James Edward Young, Moor View, gentleman. Proposed H. Hunter.

Hutton Magna.

Robert Marriner, Hutton Fields East, farmer. Proposed J. G. Ormston, seconded W. Fenwick.

Lartington.

Olive Julia Field, Lartington Hall, married woman. Proposed R. C. Grellett, seconded Thos. Jackson.

Reuben Sayer, Croft House, Cotherstone, farmer. Proposed Olive Hall, seconded R. Robinson.

Lunedale.

John Brown, bailiff. Proposed Walter Dowson, seconded Robert William Raine.

Mickleton (2 Seats).

Joseph Robert Addison, Hayberries, farmer. Proposed A. A. Dent, seconded W. N. Thompson.

William Dent, High Green, retired farmer. Proposed William Langstaff, seconded W. Dent.

James Kelsall, Rose and Crown, licensed victualler. Proposed John William Atkinson, seconded Jos. W. Langstaff.

John George Whitfield, Station Terrace, tractor driver. Proposed Jos. W. Peacock, seconded John Bousfield.

Startforth (2 Seats).

Percy Barkes, West House, Startforth, retired mining engineer. Proposed John Ralph Peacock, seconded J. Aslabie.

Thomas Pennock, Meadow Croft, insurance agent. Proposed J. H. Simpson, seconded Edwin Raine.

Wycliffe and Thorpe.

Wilfred Atkinson, Wycliffe Grange, farmer. Proposed J. G. Harris.

STAINDROP PRESENTATION.

A very interesting presentation took place in the School, Staindrop, on Monday night, when Miss E. J. Nixon, secretary of the local Comforts Fund, received a beautifully inscribed inkstand in appreciation of her work over the war years to the men and women of the parish serving in the Forces.

Mr B. Tarn presided on behalf of the Comforts Committee, and in a few introductory remarks paid tribute first to the people of Staindrop for their backing of the Committee's every effort, next to the Committee for the numerous efforts successfully carried out and work done, and finally to Miss Nixon for acting as secretary of the organisation. The despatch of parcels to prisoners of war, etc.

Mr B. Clapton, who made the presentation, said that all in the Forces appreciated the work done on their behalf. It had been simply grand, and to those who had been prisoners of war the parcels and letters had meant much. The presentation was just a little gesture of appreciation. He then made the presentation.

Miss Nixon said she was not insensible of the honour bestowed on her, but she felt she was getting more than her share of the appreciation. She said that the Staindrop Comforts Committee was the most marvellous committee she had ever served on, and she had been very proud to have been its secretary. She paid a special tribute to the Chairman, the treasurer, and all the committee and the village community for backing up their every single effort. To the returned Service personnel she said: "You were very worthy of the little we did. You fought for us very much harder than we did for you." She had, she said, nearly 500 letters from the boys and girls of the Services thanking them for their parcels and cheer. Those letters were her reward.

Mr J. W. Broumley said that the presentation being made was a gesture that they appreciated from their returning Service boys and girls.

Slashed Tyres.

The Barnard Castle Bankers' Ball was somewhat marred last Friday night when it was discovered that several cars parked outside the hotel had had their tyres slashed and a get-you-home service had to be operated by those whose cars had escaped the slashing.

STARTFORTH R.D.C.

BRIEFS.

Lartington.

Field, Olive Julia.—Lartington Hall. Popular Commandant of the Auxiliary Hospital at that place.

Bowes.

Close, R. L.—Has an extensive sheep farm. Parish Councillor a number of years. Keen showman. Connected with Bowes Village Hall scheme. Married, has three boys.

Alderson, J. W.—J.P. Has been Chairman of Startforth R.D.C. for the last 12 months. School manager, member of Parish Council, connected with Village Hall scheme. Church steward. Native of the parish. Married, has one child.

Cooper, T. J.—Great Methodist. A quiet, industrious farmer.

Foster, G. W.—Sheep farmer. Married, two daughters. Church supporter. Connected with Village Hall scheme.

Lunedale.

Brown, John.—Bailiff to the Strathmore Estates, Teesdale. Chairman of the Lunedale Parish Council. A Special Constable. Actively associated with Hospital Committee, Local Welcome Home Fund Committee, Blarton and Deni's Charity. Is a School Manager and has had long service to Laithkirk Parish Church.

Barforth and Ovington.

Herbert, John.—Member of the North Riding War Agricultural Executive Committee since its formation. 24 years' service Startforth R.D.C. Direcor Barnard Castle Auction Mart. Producer sheep grader, Barnard Castle Auction Mart. Member of N.F.U. (Barnard Castle Branch).

Baldersdale.

Thwaites, Luther.—Just elected to the Baldersdale and Hunderthwaite Parish Council. A farmer. Keeps a T.T. herd. Ardent Methodist worker.

Young, J. E.—Lives at Hunderthwaite. Agitated for bus service for Baldersdale.

Hauxwell, T. T.—A farmer and Methodist.

Boldron and Eggleston Abbey.

Welsh, M. S.—Chairman of the Parish Meeting 17 years. A former member of Startforth R.D.C. for 13 years. Was Chairman of Plans Committee ten years. Retired to take up a position under the Council. By trade an electrical engineer. An ardent worker for anything in the parish.

Brignal and Rokeby.

Green, E. R.—A self-made successful farmer. Comes of a former Middleton family. Wants to see the implementation of local bus services. Strongly interested in housing. A retiring member seeking re-election.

Cotherstone.

Field, Norman.—Farmer, Lartington Hall. A Justice of the Peace. President of the Northern Dairy Shorthorn Society. Has just contested and won by a good majority his seat on the County Council. Actively associated with Barnard Castle and Mickleton Young Farmers' Clubs. Chairman of the Barnard Castle branch of the Swaledale Sheepbreeders' Association. Joint Master of the Lartington Harriers.

Chipchase, Charles.—Just defeated in the Parish Council elections. A retiring member of Startforth R.D.C., of which he has been a member since 1931. A chartered accountant. Actively associated with Cotherstone Dramatic Society.

Smith, James Frederick.—Just elected to the Parish Council, topping the poll with 52 votes. Retired solicitor. Church worker. Came from South Shields, served on Council work there.

Sayer, Reuben.—A noted cattle breeder and agriculturist. A widower.

Mickleton.

Whitfield, Jack.—Topped the voting at the Parish Council Election. Married with one child.

Addison, J. R.—Auctioneer and farmer. Prominent in Home Guard affairs during the war years.

Kelsall, J.—Licensee of the Rose and Crown Hotel, Mickleton. Formerly a schoolmaster. Previously served six years on Startforth R.D.C. Also served on Carlisle City Council and Stockton-on-Tees Council. Came to Mickleton in 1928. Churchman. A strong character.

Startforth.

Barkes, P.—Retired to Startforth in November last into West House—the house for which the Council has made an application for compulsory purchase.

Barningham.

Milbank, Sir Frederick.—23 years of service to the Startforth R.D.C., being elected in 1923. Chairman of that body 1943-44 and 1944-45. Served in 1914-18 war and three sons in this war. His eldest son was awarded the M.C. Connected with Church, farmer and breeder of Aberdeen-Angus cattle. Eldest son just leaving for Canada as Controller to Field Marshal Alexander.

BARNARD CASTLE BRIDE.

The wedding took place quietly owing to the illness of the bride's mother, at Barnard Castle on Saturday, of Mr Michael Hervey Block, son of Mrs K. Block and the late Mr B. Block, of Denis Mansions, Westcliff-on-Sea, and Miss Joy Harris, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Harris, Holmlea, Birch Road, Barnard Castle. Both are well-known members of the Darlington Repertory Co. The bride is popular in Barnard Castle as a former amateur actress. The bride wore a dusky pink costume with maroon hat and accessories. The bridesmaid, Miss Dorothy Strutt, was dressed in blue with nigger brown accessories. Spl. Tel. George Harris, R.N., brother of the bride, was best man. The reception was held at the bride's home.

Mickleton Whist.

A charity whist drive organised by P.C. Baker was held in the Church Institute, Mickleton, on Friday, the 15th inst., when a fairly good company was present. P.C. Kilvington, of Cotherstone, was M.C., and Mrs Dent, of Low Green, Mickleton, kindly presented the prizes to the winners: Championship, Mrs T. Bayles, Cotherstone, with a score of 179. Ladies—1, Mrs Christianson, Middleton-in-Teesdale; 2, Mrs Moverley, Middleton-in-Teesdale; 3, Mrs J. Wearmouth, Middleton-in-Teesdale; 4, Mrs Bradwell, Darlington; lady sitting most number of times at one table, Mrs T. Dent, High Green, Mickleton. Gents—1, Joseph Gibson, West Pasture; 2, Robert Peacock, Mickleton; 3, Fred Crowther, Mickleton; 4, J. M. Atkinson, Mickleton Mill; gent sitting most number of times at one table, Bert Boyce, Cotherstone. Lucky number prizewinners: Mrs Hill, Cotherstone; Mrs Booth, Middleton-in-Teesdale; Robert Peacock, Mickleton. In a competition for a bottle of whisky, two ladies tied with numbers 899 and 901, so the bottle was shared between them: Miss Elsie Collinson, Mickleton, and Miss Mary Towers, Cotherstone. The correct number was 900. About £13 will go to charity.

BARNARD CASTLE U.D.C. NOMINATIONS.

TWELVE SEATS.

Hannah Barker (Labour), married woman.
Harold Edward Birkbeck, headmaster.
William Brook (Labour), iron moulder.
George A. Carter, mineral water manufacturer.
Victor Carter, bank accountant.
John Walsh Collier, bank manager.
Hilda Dowse, service and welfare officer.
John Evans, labourer.
Annie May Gowling (Labour), spinster.
Fred Huck, Assurance representative.
Alex. Munro Harvey, lecturer.
Harry Kealey (Labour), chief linesman.
Lily Kealey (Labour), married woman.
John Ed. Picken, relief signalman.
Emma Winifred Ransom, housewife.
Wilfred O. Ransom.
Edmund Crosby Robinson, assistant schoolmaster.
Elizabeth Annie Robinson (Labour), married woman.
Charles T. Singer, gentleman.
Ernest Watson, cycle dealer.
Roy Watson, depot manager.

Dowse, Hilda.—Labour and Welfare Officer to the Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd., Barnard Castle, about one year. Particularly interested in the town services, clinics, hospitals, etc. An ardent worker and a good choice for the women.

Rutter, Alice Mary.—For many years a councillor for Startforth on Startforth R.D.C. First attempt for election to Urban Authority.

Watson, Roy.—Known best for his cricket enthusiasm. Been captain and treasurer for the Town Club for many years.

Picken, J. E.—Native of Stockton-on-Tees. Has resided at Barnard Castle since 1935. Active worker during the war in the St. John Ambulance Movement. A student under the National Council of Labour Colleges. Secretary of the local branch of the N.U.R. Fought the County Council election against C. T. Singer (a good, clean fight).

Singer, C. T.—25 years a member of the Urban Council. Member Durham County Council (Barnard Castle Ward). Was A.R.P. Controller in Barnard Castle rural and urban areas during the war years. Lived in Barnard Castle 31 years and is a staunch Methodist.

Birkbeck, H. E.—Popular headmaster of the Barnard Castle School. Came to Barnard Castle in 1935 from Edinburgh Academy. His first local candidature.

Evans, J.—Labourer. Runs a social centre.

Carter, G. A.—Property owner and business man, mineral water manufacturer. Has previously served on the Council. Elected President of the North Eastern Cyclists' Meet, 1946.

Carter, Victor.—Fifteen years' residence in Barnard Castle, and accountant at the National Provincial Bank. Recently appointed a Foundation Manager of the C. of E. Schools and a member of the Barnard Castle Boy Scouts' Committee. Served with A.R.P. Services and on the Savings Weeks' Investments Committee. Has served also with H.M. Forces.

Harvey, A. M.—Scotsman, born and educated Glasgow. Aged 36 years. 15 years' experience public life. Six years H.M. Forces (four years driver Sgt. R.A.M.C.; two years Sgt. Instructor Army Educational Corps in Barnard Castle Garrison). Hon. secretary local branch British Legion. On Executive of Barnard Castle Unionist Association and one of the representatives on North Eastern Area Council. On committee of North Eastern Cyclists' Meet (1946). Present employment: Lecturer, Central Advisory Council for Adult Education, H.M. Forces. Married.

Robinson, E. C.—Schoolmaster. Came to Barnard Castle during the 1914-18 war. Co-opted to the Urban Council. One time secretary of the British Legion and Teesdale Musical Tournament. Chairman of the Urban Council 1944-45.

Collier, J. W.—Resided in Barnard Castle 15 years. A Trustee of the Methodist Church. Former secretary Barnard Castle Golf Club and still a member. One time member of Operatic and Choral Societies. Present manager Barnard Castle branch of Yorkshire Penny Bank. Served in the Home Guard during the war. Last year treasurer of the "Salute the Soldier" Campaign.

Watson, Ernest.—Cycle and radio dealer. Been a member of the U.D.C. since 1937. Chairman one year. Staunch Methodist and eleven years Circuit Steward. Actively connected with the Girls' Training Corps, and Chairman of the Committee. Has associated himself with the various war-time Savings Campaigns, etc.

Huck, F.—Long associated with the Prudential Assurance Co., and best known locally in that capacity. A Methodist local preacher. Member of Barnard Castle Bowling Club.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS.

Staindrop.—John Joseph Arnison, Mrs M. Birtley, Mr F. Blythe, Mr J. W. Broumley, Mr J. Fletcher, Mr J. Francis, Mr Jack Hartley, Mr J. Hewitson, Mr A. Jackson, Mrs A. Leonard, Miss M. Leonard, Mr A. Nodding, Mr Tom Race, Mr Thomas Race, Mr Ben Tarn, Mr J. Soulsby.

The Late Mrs Simpson.

We record with deep regret the passing of Mrs Jane Eleanor Simpson, wife of Mr J. H. Simpson, Cherry Tree House, Westwick, eldest daughter of the late Mr George Wall, Raygill, Lartington. Mrs Simpson was closely associated with Trinity Methodist Church as a scholar and later as a Sunday school teacher. Mr and Mrs Simpson subsequently farmed at Thorngarth Hill, Baldersdale, for about 25 years, retiring some five years ago to Westwick. Of a kind and helpful disposition, she endeared herself to many friends, and the news of her passing has caused general sorrow in the district and a full measure of sympathy has been extended to her family, so sadly bereaved. The funeral took place on Saturday at Barnard Castle Cemetery, following a service in Trinity Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. J. D. Coutts and the Rev. John Dent, Darlington, a friend of the family.

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BARNARD CASTLE R.D.C. NOMINATIONS.

Bolam, Hilton and Morton Tinmouth.—Mary Jane Robinson (farmer), Thos. Wm. Towson (farmer).

Cleatlam, Streatlam and Stainton.—John Wm. Clarke Watson (farmer). (George W. Smith retired).

Cockfield (4 seats).—Barbara Anderson (married woman), John Bell (retired police sergeant), Wm. Edgar Corner (machinist), Percy Wm. Dickinson (ex-miner), Bernie Laing (labourer), Robt. Wm. Linsley (miner), Geo. Watson Linton (miner), Fred Nodding (general dealer), Alfred Edw. Sams (miner), Thos. Scott (labourer), Jos. Tuck (miner).

Eggleston.—Robert Sidney Thompson (farmer).

Evenwood and Barony (5 seats).—Charles Heslop (gentleman), Havelock Albert Holmes (miner), Wm. Longworth (poultry farmer), John Wm. Maddison (set maker), Thos. Maddison (grocer), Harry Raine (retired grocer), Thos. Ed. Thompson (insurance agents).

Evenwood.—Harry Anderson (bus proprietor), Fred Atkinson (sub-Postmaster), John Bell (checkweighman), Thos. Clarkson (miner), John George H. Denham Herbert Hope Hall (farmer), Gilbert Liddle (Co-op. manager), Ralph Place (colliery engineer), John G. Stammorpe (labourer), Chas. Teasdale Walton (miner).

Forest and Frith.—Albert James Nixon (office manager), Chas. Lancelot William Robson (farmer and hotel proprietor).

Gainford (2 seats).—John Alison (estate agent), Thos. Henry Hull (schoolmaster), Arthur Ed. Blackett, eswuire.

Hamsterley.—Frank Collingwood (farmer), Wm. Jewitt (retired farmer), Edwin Knaggs (farmer).

Headlam and Langton.—Hugh Robinson (farmer).

Ingleton.—James Crosby Bainbridge (farmer), Arthur Scurr (farmer).

Langleydale and Shotton.—No nominations.

Lynesack and Softley.—Butterknowle ward (2 seats)—Septimus Michael Hall (colliery engineman), Roy Kellett (sub-Postmaster). Wilfred Liddle (Co-op. manager). Copley Lane ward (2 seats)—Robert Appleby (dealer), John Ralph Hind (colliery owner), Winifred Helen Redmond (physician and surgeon), Charles Slack (retired colliery owner), Jos. Watson Tallentire (grocer).

Marwood.—Wm. Stoddart (farmer).

Middleton-in-Teesdale (3 seats).—Jos. W. Dent (farmer), Walter Morton (quarry blacksmith), Jas. Henry Shaw (grocer), Robert Joicey Smith (butcher), Robert Thompson (retired miner).

Ravensgill.—Jos. Edmund Collinson (farmer).

Raby, Keverstone & Wackerfield.—Wm. Frances Hodgson (farmer).

South Bedburn.—Geo. Wright Coatsworth (farmer), Jonathan Ed. Hodgkin (Company director).

Staindrop (2 seats).—John Jos. Arnison (retired mine overseer), John Wm. Broumley (retired schoolmaster), Jas. Hartley (garage proprietor), Alf. Jackson (fish and chip proprietor).

Westwick and Whorlton.—Geo. Amos Alcock (farmer).

Staindrop.

Jackson, A.—A native of the village. His father on the Parish Council 38 years. Connected with the Local Labour Party. In business in the village. Wants to see a children's playing field for Staindrop and a survey of all local fields paths. Wants a housing push.

Arnison, John J.—27 years on Parish Council. An ardent Methodist and Sunday school master. A retired mines overseer. Will act as his feelings dictate for the benefit of the village. Also seeking election to Parish Council.

Hartley, James.—Garage proprietor. Chairman of Parish Council, of which he has been a member 10 years. Former secretary of the local branch British Legion, and a trustee of the Scarth Memorial Hall. Married.

Broumley, J. W.—Been on District Council for last five years. Former schoolmaster in the village. Member of Church Council and a sidesman. Chairman of local Nursing Association and Comforts Fund. Secretary of the S.W. Durham Boy Scouts' Association. A Justice of the Peace. Done much work on the Housing Committee of the R.D.C. Wants to see a happy, prosperous village.

Middleton.

Dent, Jos. William.—A farmer. Chairman of the Swaledale Sheepbreeders' Association and a foundation member. He is Chairman of Middleton Agricultural Show. One of Middleton's retiring members.

Smith, Robert Joicey.—Chairman of the Rural District Council for the last 12 months. A long standing member of Middleton Parish Council until the recent parish elections, when he was defeated. Carries on a business in the village. A man of sound judgment. Vice-chairman Mechanics' Institute.

Shaw, James Henry.—Carries on a grocers business in the village. Just been elected to the Parish Council. A Methodist. On the committee of the local Welcome Home Fund.

Thompson, Robert.—A retired miner. Has just completed a period of service on the R.D.C. Was on the committee of the now defunct Teesdale Education Committee. Vice-chairman Old Age Pensioners' Association.

Morton, Walter.—Newly aspiring to become a rural councillor after having just been elected on to the Parish Council.

Eggleston.

Thompson, Robert Sydney.—Farms at Gate House. A local preacher. On Eggleston Show Committee. Is a retiring councillor seeking re-election.

LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS.

Baldersdale.

Elected: Messrs S. Coulthard, J. Youngs, R. Robinson, T. Walker, James Lind, L. Thwaites, John Sayer.

Winston.

Elected: Captain Curtis, Mr J. M. Dickinson, Mr T. J. Kirkup, Mr J. W. Simpson, Rev. J. A. Sissons, Mr S. H. Watson, Mr G. C. Williamson. Not elected: Capt. Scarth Beadon, Mr T. H. Smith, Mr J. Alderson.

Startforth Parish Council Result.

Elected: J. Etherington, H. Jackson, J. Simpson, J. Tiplady, E. Raine. The subject of lighting, telephone kiosks, and stamp machines were discussed at the meeting and will be pressed for by that body.

BOWES.

Bowes Grammar School Canteen.

The post of assistant helper to Bowes Grammar School Canteen has been allotted to Miss M. Robinson, who commences duties to-day (Wednesday).

Ministry of Information.

A lecture which had been arranged for a date some time back and which had to be postponed because of other events in the village took place on Friday evening in the school. It was pleasing to see a good attendance. These lectures always prove interesting and instructive, this one dealing with the following films: "Channel Island," "The Last Shot," "Britain Can Take It," "The Nose Has It," "Total War in Britain." The children, of course, enjoyed Arthur Askey, who proved to one now and when to use a handkerchief. Mrs Preston, as secretary of the Women's Institute, had arrangements in hand.

Presentation to Member of the Bowes Village Players.

As a mark of their appreciation of the services to village drama in general and to the Bowes society in particular, Mrs Trippett was on Monday night the recipient of a bracelet subscribed for by the members of the Society. Coming to reside at Bowes in 1941, Mrs Trippett joined the local amateurs the following year, making her debut in "Tons of Money." What success the players have been able to achieve has been attributable to her inspired acting. By her charm and radiant personality, she has made a host of friends who will cherish fragrant memories of her sojourn at Bowes. In making the presentation, Mr W. Hillary said that on the departure of Mrs Trippett the Society would lose one of its most active and versatile members and expressed the hope that on some future occasion she would re-visit the district and meet the Players once more. Several members spoke in support and Mr Hillary then handed the present to Mrs Trippett. In thanking the members for their token of regard and for their kindness which had been manifest during her stay at Bowes, Mrs Trippett said that her association with the village amateurs were of the happiest and she would take with her pleasant memories of the days which she had spent amongst them.

BOWES CHURCH EFFORT.

Through the suggestion and arrangements kindly carried out by Miss M. Alderson, of The Villa, a concert took place last Saturday evening in the School in aid of the Bishop of Ripon's Challenge Fund. The concert was given by Mr Walter Meynell's Party, which consisted of Mr and Mrs W. Meynell, Master Eric Meynell, and Mr G. Young, of Darlington. Mrs Meynell, of course, is the well-known Madam Minnie Smith. The Vicar, the Rev. E. O. Butler, chairman, in introducing the party, spoke first of Madam M. Smith, who, he said, "was a star in herself" and whom we all welcomed. In referring to Mr Meynell, the Vicar remarked it must be like old times for Mr Meynell to be back in the school he attended as a boy, and he felt all present were delighted to see him again. (Applause.)

It was indeed a real treat to sit and listen to such a select and well chosen programme. Encore after encore was given to songs, pianoforte duets, and also to a pianoforte solo given by the youngest member of the party, Master E. Meynell, who enthralled the audience. Eric, along with his father, acted as pianist throughout the programme. Dame M. Smith, of whom the Vicar referred to in his introduction as a "star," needs no further comment here. One only wonders why this party has not performed in Bowes earlier. Mr Meynell highly amused the audience with his various monologues, and Mr E. Young gave very fine renderings of Schubert's Serenade and other songs. It is also very gratifying to note that Master E. Meynell is following in his father's footsteps not only as a musician but also as a singer.

During the interval the Vicar explained exactly but briefly what the effort was in aid of and what was meant by the Bishop of Ripon's Challenge Fund. Each diocese has its challenge fund. The Ripon diocese alone requires £275,000, and each parish is allotted its quota of this amount. During the past few years there has been a great shortage of men taking holy orders, and now that there are young men coming forward, some of whom are not able to pay their way through college, have been guaranteed by the Church that this obstacle will be surmounted through the fund. This is only part of the great scheme in hand.

At the close of the concert the Chairman thanked the party and said it had indeed been a feast of music and song, and he thought that Mr Meynell ought to return to Bowes again. The concert concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. The party were entertained to supper by Church Council members and friends. The stage setting, which indeed had every appearance of spring with its daffodils and willows, had been carefully planned by Mrs Butler, Mrs Thompson and Miss Gargett. Miss Gargett was in charge of the seating arrangements and Miss Leighton is to be thanked for her help in seeking up many chairs.

The following programme (with encores) was given: Piano duet, "Marche Militaire," Mr Meynell and Master Meynell; song, "When the Sergeant Major's on Parade," Mr Meynell; song, "Carnival," Madam M. Smith; recitation, "A Cure for Rheumatics" (encored), Mr Meynell; song, "Schubert's Serenade," Mr G. Young; piano solo, "Rustle of the Woods" (encored), Master Meynell; duet, "The Spider and the Fly" (encore, "A.B.C."), Mr W. Meynell and Madam M. Smith; song, "Bird Songs at Eventide" (encore, "A Brown Bird"), Madam M. Smith; song, "English Rose" (encore, "My Lovely Celia"), Mr G. Young; song, "Sophy's Sweetheart" (encored), Mr Meynell; song, "Bless this House" (encored), Master E. Meynell; piano duet, "Country Gardens" (Grainger), Mr Meynell and Master E. Meynell; song, "Holy City" (encore, "Coming Home"), Madam M. Smith; song, "Eleanore," Mr Young; duet, "O, Lovely Night," Madam M. Smith and Mr G. Young.

Lartington Whist Drive and Dance.

A very successful whist drive and dance was held in Lartington on Monday night for the children's annual outing. The amount raised was £14 10s. 6d. A basket made by Mrs Bainbridge was won by Mr Chilton and the cake made by Mrs Robinson was won by Mr Jackson. Mrs Field presented the prizes. Prizewinners were: Ladies—1, Mrs Cullen; 2, Mrs Anderson; 3, Mrs Douglass; 2, Mrs Douglass (as gent); 3, Mrs Walton. The travelling prize was won by Mrs Bainbridge.

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CLAIMS PAID in 1945 £11,524,619
ADDITION TO FUNDS in 1945 £7,985,706
TOTAL FUNDS £144,793,930

REVERSIONARY BONUSES declared for 1945 in both Branches (the bonus for 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, and 1944 also being continued in the form of reversionary bonuses):—
ORDINARY BRANCH—£1 per £100 sum assured on policies entitled to participate in full profits.
INDUSTRIAL BRANCH—Amounts appropriate to the classes and dates of the policies concerned. £11,318,836 has now been allocated in bonuses in the Industrial Branch up to date, £3,890,193 having been allocated on this occasion.

HOME SERVICE TO POLICYHOLDERS
This was maintained throughout 1945 in spite of the absence of a large number of the staff on National Service. The Company looks forward to an extension of Home Service now that many of these trained representatives are returning.

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President and Chairman: Sir George Tilley, F.C.I.I.

District Manager:
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