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CORRECTION.

report of Barnard Castle ourt in our last issue, we en asked to state that the Cpl. Chapman charged with s 37 and not 47 as reported.

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Initiating Conservative General Election Campaign

Staindrop Young Conservative Association organised an open-air meeting on the Green on Tuesday evening. Mr John B. Reid, Chairman of the Association, introduced the guest speaker, Coun. J. M. Reay-Smith, Chairman of the Bishop Auckland Divisional Association.

Mr Reay-Smith referred to the suggestion made by anti-Socialists that it would be a good thing if the Socialist government won the next election by a small majority, because they were responsible for clearing up the mess they had made in the country.

That suggestion, he said, was both foolish and dangerous. It was foolish because it assumed that Cabinet Ministers, who during the last four years had shown themselves to be absolutely incapable of good government, should suddenly become capable of putting right the wrongs they had committed.

"At this moment the country cannot pay its creditors, and is facing bankruptcy," said Mr Reay-Smith. "What is needed is a new government to put it on the right road to recovery."

Larger Doses.

The suggestion was dangerous, he went on, because even the Socialists realised that if they did win the next election they could not continue in the way they had done for the past four years. Although they still believed blindly in Socialism, their confidence in the present type of Socialism had been shaken.

"Their solution to our problems, if they were returned again, would simply larger doses of the same medicine," he said. "Milk and water Socialism having failed, their solution would be full-blooded Socialism—the real thing."

The Socialists knew that Democratic Socialism had failed wherever it had been tried, and however attractive it may be in theory, it only succeeded where there was dictatorship. At the next election, therefore, the people had to choose between a Conservative democracy on the one hand, or a Socialist slave state on the other.

Alluding to the food situation, Mr Reay-Smith said Mr Strachey had been a bad housekeeper. Instead of allowing experienced merchants to purchase what food we needed from abroad, he had done the buying himself, and had made some incredibly bad bargains. If he had been a private trader he would have been bankrupt years ago.

Feeding Stuffs Policy.

"He had attempted to cover up his mistakes by increasing the food subsidies," said the speaker. "The Conservatives will not abolish these subsidies—not straight away, because that would cause hardship. But they will reduce them gradually over the years, and encourage the production of home-grown food wherever possible.

"Instead of exporting feeding-stuffs and then importing pigs and poultry at inflated prices, we shall keep the feeding stuffs in this country and rear our own pigs and poultry on our own farms."

Having presented facts and figures to disprove the lie that the present social services were provided by the present Government, Mr Reay-Smith said: "We do not want to abolish these social services. We still maintain them and improve them wherever possible. We will do this by cutting out costly government expenditure; but putting a halt to any further nationalisation; by streamlining and decentralising the present nationalised industries, and by abolishing bulk buying."

The people of this country don't want Communism. Socialism has failed them, but there is left the Conservatives to show the right way for Britain. The way to bring back Britain to its former prosperity and greatness is to secure a new Conservative government led by Mr Churchill.

The Conservatives would maintain the social services and reduce the cost of living by abolishing wasteful expenditure such as the Government's luxury hotel in Park Lane, continued Mr Reay-Smith.

The next election will be a hard fight, and all electors should realise what a second Socialist government would do to them. The way to secure the democratic freedom which has been our heritage is to see that the Socialists do not win the next election.

Mr A. Hill, the Divisional Agent, proposing a vote of thanks, promised that the Conservatives would hold open-air meetings at virtually every street corner in the Division.

Mr A. Edwards is the energetic [illegible] of the Staindrop Young [illegible]. Members of the [illegible] sold party literature in the village during the evening.

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ASCOT OF THE NORTH

by "Sportsman"

BEST racing since Ascot takes place this week at York, when some of the finest thoroughbreds in training will vie for the honours over ancient Knavesmire. Main attraction, from a speculative viewpoint, the Ebor Handicap, has met with a good acceptance and a satisfactory field will face the starter. Of the twenty-odd probables, I have most liking for Sir Eric Ohlson's **BONNET O' BLUE,** trained by Sam Hall at Brecongill, Middleham.

I took particular stock of this likeable mare at Redcar ten days ago, when she ran an excellent public trial over two miles to score by the comfortable margin of six lengths. To my mind, the official verdict gives no impression of the ease with which she accomplished her task, and I think she will take an immensity of beating this afternoon. Not an easy subject to prepare, Sam Hall turned her out in a beautiful condition, and I am told she is fitter now than at any time this season. Stable companion Miraculous Atom would prefer softer going, and may not be started, but glowing accounts have reached me of last year's victor, Donino, who is strongly fancied by connections despite his rise in the weights, and of the lightyl raced Red Fingers. The latter has been soundly supported by one of the shrewdest schools in the game, and might well provide a typical Beasley coup. Some sort of a claim can be advanced for each and all of the entries, but I shall entrust my small stake to Doug Smith's mount, **BONNET O' BLUE,** a genuine Yorkshire stayer who has survived a searching preparation with the Ebor the objective. I hope to see her prevail from Red Fingers, rating Donino the best outsider.

Thursday's Gimcrack Stakes is generally regarded as a gift for the unbeaten **PALESTINE,** whose four successes to date stamp him a colt of the highest calibre. His opponents may include the almost white Donore, facile winner of the Juvenile Trial at Thirsk, and Janus II., who hails from France with a big reputation. If **PALESTINE** is to suffer eclipse, the Frenchman might provide the sensation, but I am content to rely on the British form-book in standing the first named.

THE MINOR ATTRACTIONS.

WEDNESDAY. York.

CROWN FLATTS has proved both a costly and a disappointing animal this term, yet I believe there is a race to be got out of him. I understand that the Malton colt contests the Falmouth Handicap in preference to an earlier engagement, and I shall give him one more chance. The distance of one mile one furlong should be within his compass, a remark which applies to **Shall Cross,** the danger. The Wykeham Handicap is a tricky affair to weigh up, and in suggesting a trifle each-way on **Bobrae,** I may be near the mark. There are others with better credentials, including **Perigame,** but in the capable hands of Ginger Dyson, I shall expect a good run from **BOBRAE,** who could hardly receive more lenient treatment.

THURSDAY. York.

Originally entered for the Ebor, in which event he ran third in 1948, **CULRAIN** goes for the Lonsdale Welter over his favourite distance of one mile and a half. With Douglas Smith as partner, I shall expect the combination to prove successful. This is not an easy race to win, and both **Spahee** and **Young Judge** are fancied, but **CULRAIN** must be my choice. Present intentions are that **BRITISH LION** takes his place in the small field for the Nunthorpe Sweepstakes, but should he be pulled out for a second attempt in the Harewood Handicap, I shall look no further. I doubt his reappearance however, and in his absence I shall pin my faith to Matt Peacock's **GOLDEN TRIUMPH.** This smart sprinter is now at the top of his form, and it will take a good one to lower his colours. Dropped in the scale, I notice **Spanish Gold,** who could, if he would. One of these days Alec Boyd's charge will score at a useful price, and on this occasion he is undoubtedly well handicapped. I rate him the menace to **GOLDEN TRIUMPH.**

FRIDAY. York.

Proceedings open with a warm "Seller," in which almost anything can happen. This is the type of event for which **ROYAL MAJORITY** is waiting, and although there is little to recommend him on past performances, I have a hunch that the son of Gold Bridge will pay for following. **Hello Spring** is another whose turn is overdue, and the pair can dispute the finish. My preference is for **ROYAL MAJORITY.** Whatever his fortunes in the early stages of the meeting, Pat Beasley should lead in a winner on the concluding day. His vastly improved four-year-old **STEROPE** is under orders for the Rose of York Sweepstakes, and I can see nothing in the opposition capable of stopping him. He should give the necessary five pounds to **Periscope III.** without being troubled. Capt. C. F. Elsey rarely leaves Knavesmire emptyhanded, and has bright hopes of taking the Lowther Stakes through the medium of **CATCHIT.** This is a youngster above the average for whom a rosy future is forecast, and I take him to score with **Monarchia** in close attendance.

SATURDAY. Ripon.

Course winner **KEEPATWOATWO** has choice of engagements during the week, but probably waits for the Curfew Handicap. His recent efforts show him to be fighting fit and he may add this stake to his Thirsk profits. Only in his absence would I turn to the selected of E. Davey's pair, **Dentur** or **Pearly Way,** useful animals in this company. Newmarket trained **NICODEM** figures in the entries for the Wakeman Plate, a gesture which commands respect. Challengers from headquarters are always dangerous at the Yorkshire venue, and

Local Sport

FOOTBALL

Auckland and District League. Division I.

LEWOOLIN UNITED v. MIDDLETON WANDERERS.

Middleton Wanderers opened the season with an away fixture at Lewoolin (West Auckland). The Wanderers' team revealed several changes from last season.

Lewoolin opened the scoring in the first few minutes before the Wanderers' defence had settled down. Middleton got going after this, and after twenty minutes they equalised, Moore scoring a good goal. The visitors were now well on top, but just before half-time they suffered another reverse, much against the run of the play. The home team scored what appeared to be a doubtful goal. Half-time: Lewoolin, 2; Middleton Wanderers, 1.

After ten minutes' play in the second half, Moore again equalised for Middleton. Shortly after the home team again took the lead. The Wanderers, not disheartened, again fought back, and the home goalie had some well-placed shots to deal with. In one hectic period he saved five shots one after the other. Graham, the Wanderers inside-left, came very near with a hard drive which went just outside the post. Eight minutes from the end Middleton were rewarded, when Dickinson, outside-right, beat two opponents and fired in a shot which gave the goalkeeper no chance. The Wanderers after this did all the attacking, but could not penetrate the home defence. Result: Lewoolin, 3; Middleton Wanderers, 3.

Middleton have got together a useful team, very much improved on last season. Moore led the forward line exceptionally well, and was given good support by Grahame at inside-left. K. Thompson and J. Akers did well at half-back, and the defence was firm after settling down.

Next Saturday the Wanderers are at home to Lewoolin. Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

Barnard Castle Amateurs entertain Bowes United on Saturday, 27th August, in a friendly match, kick off 3 p.m., on the Ten Fields ground. Amateurs from Browning, Jepson, Rowe, Braggar, Winley, Bousfield, Nixon, Barker, Lodge, Carter, Metcalfe, Lowe, Scott, Brown, Robinson.

GOLF

A stroke competition by Richmond Golf Club for the ladies' captain's prize, presented by Mrs T. Robinson, was won by Mrs L. R. Norton, net score 67. The runner-up was Mrs W. Brickman, net score 70.

BARNARD CASTLE GOLF CLUB.

There were 24 entries for the monthly medal competition on Thursday, 18th August, 1949, and resulted as follows: 1, H. A. A. Brown, 86-21-65; 2, W. D. Ascough, 81-14-67; 3, W. Bowman, 80-12-68; 4, F. Kellagher, 71-2-69, and E. Anderson, 83-14-69; 5, G. W. B. Aspery, 84-14-70; 6, J. W. Manning, 78-7-71; 7, J. Brown, 86-14-72; 8, T. K. Bell, 80-7-73, and E. Plowman, 89-16-73; 9, W. Peat, 89-14-75, and G. W. Nattrass, 89-14-75.

TENNIS.

The return match between the Barnard Castle Tennis Club and the Forty Club, Bishop Auckland, was played at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, 20th August, and resulted in a decisive win for the Forty Club.

Scores (Barnard Castle first):

Miss D. Bell and Mr A. Hills lost to Miss Bell and Mr Clark 7-5, 3-6, 4-6; lost to Mrs Bainbridge and Mr Oddy, 4-6, 3-6; lost to Mrs Hardisty and Mr Toman, 4-6, 4-6.

Miss M. Rutherford and E. Rowlands, lost to Bell and Clark, 6-3, 4-6, 1-6; lost to Bainbridge and Oddy, 6-4, 2-6, 4-6; Hardisty and Toman (match unfinished), 6-4, 4-6.

Miss J. Wearmouth and E. Walker, lost to Bell and Clark, 3-6, 0-6; lost to Bainbridge and Oddy, 7-5, 2-6, 1-6; lost to Hardisty and Toman, 4-6, 2-6.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS.

The finals of the tournaments were completed last week and resulted as follows: Ladies' singles, Miss Jean Wearmouth; men's singles, Mr R. Gilmour; mixed doubles, Miss Jean Wearmouth and Mr E. Rowlands.

Some excellent play was witnessed in these finals, and in presenting the cups to the winners, Mrs H. V. Finch congratulated all who had taken part, and made special reference to the fact that the winners of the mixed doubles had also taken part in the singles finals—Miss Wearmouth winning the Ladies' Cup and Mr E. Rowlands losing to Mr Gilmour in the final of the men's singles.

LOW ROW FUNERAL

The funeral took place on Saturday at Low Row (Swaledale) Methodist Church, of Mrs Dorothy Sayer, of Summer Lodge, aged 83. Mrs Sayer was the widow of Mr Thomas Sayer, who died in December last. He was a well-known farmer and sheep breeder, and was Chairman of Reeth Rural Council for many years. Chief mourners were: Mr Arthur Sayer, son; Mr and Mrs J. Tiplady (Summer Lodge), son-in-law and daughter; Mr and Mrs T. Sayer (Bellerby), son and daughter-in-law; Mr G. Tiplady and Miss A. Tiplady, grandchildren; Mr and Mrs J. Raw (Low Row), brother and sister-in-law; Mr T. W. Metcalfe (Richmond), nephew; Mrs E. Pedley (Grinton), cousin.

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I shall not oppose him. Perhaps locally nurtured **Skywayman** will give **NICODEM** most to do. At long last **MOOR FLOWER** has caught the judges' eye, and she has the opportunity of scoring again in the Harrogate Handicap. Her chief opponent may be **Fossbridge**, who represents B. Bullock's Ripon establishment.

Richmond Rural Council

At Richmond Rural Council meeting on Saturday, Mr H. W. Boanas, Clerk, reported on a conference on the housing of irregular occupants from Catterick Camp and held at Headquarters, Catterick District, between representatives of the Ministry of Health, the War Department and the Council. The Rural Council stated they had an allotment of 50 houses from the Ministry of Health, whilst they had a waiting list of approximately 500 families requiring housing. They suggested that a further 50 to 100 houses should be allotted to them by the Ministry of Health, which could be constructed in Catterick Camp area. They considered this quite practicable as the project could be put out to a large contractor. The Ministry of Health considered this type of contract would be more expensive, as distances would increase cost in addition to which it would probably interfere with the housing programme of other Rural Councils in the area.

Major General R. T. O. Cary, District Commander, Catterick, then explained how military requirements infringed on civil housing in the Richmond area. He said houses were required for approximately 25 families a year who became irregular occupants, but due to the steadily improving housing situation in the country whereby soldiers leaving the service were able to an increasing extent to find housing themselves—that figure was decreasing. Houses were required for 106 "essential civilians" employed by the War Department. As a temporary measure their families were housed in War Department quarters. It could only be a temporary measure and civilian accommodation was required as soon as possible, or at least a proportion of those families. General Cary pointed out there was a difference between housing ex-occupants of War Department quarters who could be and were usefully employed in the area and intended to make the district their homes and to those whose families only required emergency accommodation. The Ministry of Health and the Rural Council stated it was their policy to house the former under the housing scheme, whilst those families only requiring emergency accommodation would be housed in hutted or equivalent accommodation, where only the bare necessities were provided. The Rural Council stated 40 to 50 families could be accommodated at Scorton Camp, when it had been completed, and that they proposed to use the majority of that accommodation for housing ex-War Department irregular occupant families. Full facilities were being arranged at the camp, including bus services, schools, etc. The Ministry of Health agreed to increase the housing allocation to the Rural Council from 50 to 80 houses for the 1949 year. Future allocations would be dependant on how the building programme progressed. The Rural Council expressed their satisfaction for that increase, and considered that the additional allocation of 30 houses should be in the proximity of Catterick Camp. It was generally agreed that it was the sole responsibility of the local housing authority to select tenants for those houses. The Rural Council said, when selecting tenants, they would give due consideration to the requirements of families of ex-War Department quarters.

Mr Boanas said at the request of General Cary he had supplied the number of War Department employed civilians who had applied to the Council for accommodation. Following the further allocation of 30 houses it was recommended by the Committee and agreed that negotiations be opened with the trustees of the Methodist Chapel for the acquisition of that building in Colburn Lane where there is a proposal to erect 30 houses. In the event of any delay in that site, consideration to be given to the erection of the houses at Mowbray Road, Catterick Village.

Tenders are being invited for the reconditioning of 27 huts at R.E.M.E. Camp, Scorton.

The Council agreed that in order to maintain closer relations with the Army authorities, copies of the reports of the Housing and Public Health Committees be sent to Headquarters, Catterick Camp, and that when any matter affecting Catterick Camp was to be discussed at any of those meetings an agenda should be forwarded to them to enable a representative to attend if it was desired.

Coun. V. R. Dosser urged the Council to speed up the allocation of houses at Catterick Village. Both he and Coun. R. C. Rickaby described some houses in the village as being in a very bad condition.

Mr V. Needham, Surveyor, said he thought six new houses at Catterick would be ready in a month.

On a proposition by Coun. G. Smith it was decided to write to Messrs Black, of Darlington, urging the contractors to speed up the progress of houses at North Cowton.

Coun. W. Mather said the water supply at Middleton Tyas could fail at any time and people were not allowed to instal flush lavatories. The Council must take responsibility for lack of water.

The Chairman, Coun. W. Hutchinson, said in 1938 the Council agreed to sewage the whole of the villages in the area. The war intervened, otherwise the scheme would have been completed by 1943.

County Coun. R. V. S. d'Arcy Hildyard said the Council's Consulting Engineer should have prepared it long ago.

Coun. G. Smith inquired the reason for the frequent recurrence of infectious disease in Catterick area. Dr. A. Priestman, Medical Officer, said it was mostly due to the influx of people into the area. Coun. C. Stead inquired if there had been a case of infantile paralysis and the Medical Officer replied in the affirmative. Coun. W. Mather referred to 12 cases of scarlet fever, and Dr. Priestman said they were mostly at Catterick Camp and it was prevalent at that time of the year. Coun. R. C. Rickaby said the position was favourable when they considered the population and made a comparison with large towns.

Reference was made to the damage done by children at Catterick Camp and one member said it was serious. He added that stained glass windows of churches had to be wired for protection.

Cruelty to Child.

SOLDIER SENT TO PRISON

At Richmond on Thursday, L/Cpl. Dennis Woodley, of the 17/21 Lancers and living at 83, Howard Road, Catterick Camp, was sent to prison for six months when he pleaded "guilty" to a charge of cruelty to his four-year-old boy named Terence. For the N.S.P.C.C., Mr C. A. Hinks said it began on June 2nd, as a result of a complaint to the N.S.P.C.C., and Inspector R. W. Tooley visited the home. The child was brought in from play and on being stripped the Inspector found he had bruises and weals on various parts of the body. Woodley was seen in the presence of his C O and at first denied the charge and later admitted he had thrashed the boy with a cane. He did it because the boy had sworn at a neighbour and had been unruly. Woodley was severely warned by Inspector Tooley. Mr Hinks said unfortunately that warning was not sufficient, and on July 23rd there was a further complaint and more injuries were found. The boy was in a bedroom, clad only in a vest, and the blinds were drawn in daylight. Woodley said he had hit the boy with his hand and admitted having previously used a stick.

Lt. Haigh, R.A.M.C., formed the opinion that the injuries were recent and that the boy has suffered unnecessary brutality. On that certificate a magistrates' order was obtained so that the boy could be taken out of the custody of the father. The Inspector went to get the child and found that Woodley had left the house with the boy, and he was found a mile away walking towards Richmond. Told of the Magistrates' Order, Woodley said, "If you take the boy, you take me." He refused to allow the Inspector to take the child and the latter went for the police, but they could not find the boy. The following day Woodley was found 10 miles away at the Rifle Ranges at Bellerby, and he had the child with him. He again refused the child to be taken away, and told his C.O., who was with Inspector Tooley, that he was prepared to go to any extreme. He was warned, but made off in the direction of the moors. He took no notice of his C.O. calling him back. He continued to run for some time, and put the boy over a wall. Finally Woodley was persuaded by Police Inspector Blakey to hand over the child. On the way to a nursery, it was found that the boy had a septic sore in the palm of his hand, and Woodley admitted having pushed a lighted cigarette in the boy's hand and burned him. Mr Hinks said it was almost incredible and it looked like calculated brutality. The mother had done all she could. The boy was said to be an only child and a baby was expected.

Inspector Tooley said he did not think that the bruises seen on the second occasion had been caused by defendant's hand.

In court Woodley had nothing to say.

Dr. J. Williams, Chairman, said Woodley evidently had an uncontrollable temper, and he trusted that he would find time to reflect and repent for the assaults on the boy.

Alleged Food Offences

At Richmond on Thursday, Lawrence Joseph John Cass, aged 50, of 7, Neville Walk, Richmond, and Thomas H. Luther, aged 41, of 1, Anson Road, Richmond, were summoned each on two charges of contravention of the Food Rationing Orders. On the first offence Cass was charged with supplying Luther 50¼ lbs. currants and 6 lbs. of tea, and on the second charge 56 lbs. of cooking fat, 36 lbs. margarine, 12 lbs. butter, 4 lbs. sugar, and 34½ lbs. bacon. Luther was charged with obtaining the rationed foods. They pleaded guilty and were each fined £50 on the first charge and £100 on the second, each to pay three guineas costs and were allowed 14 days in which to pay.

For the Ministry of Food, Mr C. A. Hinks said Cass at the time was manager of the N.A.A.F.I., Catterick, and Luther was a butcher employed in Richmond. On May 25th, Police Sergeant Tuplin, Catterick, as a result of certain information, kept observation on the N.A.A.F.I. premises in Shute Road, Catterick, and at 7-10 a.m. saw a car driven by Cass pull up at the N.A.A.F.I. Later another car driven by Luther came along and both men entered the place. From a side door Luther appeared carrying packages which he placed in the car and drove off in the direction of Richmond. Sergt. Tuplin overtook him and stopped Luther, who said he had nothing in the car The Sergeant opened the rear door of the car and found packages of food stuffs. He said he was delivering them for Cass and that he was going to Richmond, but he could not say to what premises. Luther was taken to the Police Station, when he said he bought the stuff at controlled prices for £13 from Cass at the N.A.A.F.I. and had paid cash. Among the articles were found those which formed the subject of the charges. The following day Luther's house was searched with his permission and in a wooden shed was found 12 lbs. sugar, butter, 35 empty tea packages marked N.A.A.F.I. and wrappers marked "butter." When Cass was seen he said Luther took stuff for his pigs, and had not got any food stuffs and got no bacon or butter from him. All he got were a few bad apples. At the Police Station Cass was shown the food stuffs taken from the car and said "He has not had it from me." Later he admitted selling the stuff for £11.

Mr J. R. Waite, for the defence, said he did not desire any evidence to be called. Neither defendant had been in any trouble before. The N.A.A.F.I., Catterick, had no less than 2,000 registered customers who were to a large extent military personnel constantly moving, and there was bound to arise a surplus. There was no communication between the N.A.A.F.I. and Cass as to the number of people going to be away. That was the manner in which the surplus had accumulated. The transaction was completely regular as far as payments were concerned. Cass had received the correct controlled price for the goods, but no coupons were surrendered. Cass had been with the N.A.A.F.I. for 27 years and was an old regular soldier. He had lost his job. Luther was a well-known person in Richmond. There was no dishonesty as far as money was concerned.

Hipswell Gymkhana

In beautiful weather, the first annual gymkhana and sports of St. Martins, Holly Hill, Hudswell, Hipswell and district, took place on Saturday in a field at Woodhouse Farm (between Richmond and Catterick Camp), kindly loaned by Mr R. Blythe. The event, which was a great success, was opened by Major General R. T. O. Cary, District Commander, Catterick, who was introduced by Coun. Richard Lawson, of Richmond, and thanks were voiced by County Coun. R. B. Kirtley. The officials were Coun. R. Lawson (president), Mr V. Needham (chairman), Mr W. Wilson (secretary), Mr J. H. Grieveson (ass. secretary), Mr J. Sowerby (treasurer), Mr T. W. Coates (ass. treasurer), and a large committee. The arrangements were creditable in view of the fact the proposal to have the event was made only five weeks before. Results:—

Children's races.—Girls under 7 years—1. P. Chandler; 2. Warriner; 3, I. Robinson. 7-10 years—1. E. Smith; 2. G. Anderson; 3, R. M. Metcalfe. 10-14 years—1. P. Hall; 2. E. Atkinson; 3. M. Clough. Boys under 7 years—1. E. Lawson; 2. D. Andrews; 3. R. Robinson. 7-10 years—1. R. Lawson; 2. A. Porter; 3. R. Hodgson. 10-14 years—1. N. Clements; 2. J. Ellis; 3. G. Hodgson.

Fancy dress parade: 1. Barry and Cynthia Witty; 2. Patricia Chandler (Hudswell). Most original costume—Miss Burns (Barton).

Horse Events.

Children.—Pony class, children under 8 years of age—1, Vivienne Burns, Barton; 2, Dorothy Calvert, Downholme; 3, Vera McDermott, Darlington. Under 16 years, ponies 14-2 h.h.—1. Shirley Catterick; 2, E. W. Catterick, Scruton; 3. Miss McDermott, Darlington. Musical ride, under 16 years, open—1, Christine McDermott, Darlington; 2 and 3. Wardby, Newport. Potato race, open, under 16 years—1. Catterick; 2. Wardby; 3. Calvert. Leaping, open, under 16 years—1. Shirley Catterick, Scruton; 2. Wardby; 3, Catterick (Scruton). The trophy given by Mrs Raine, of St. Martins, for the best pony in the pony classes was won by Miss Shirley Catterick, of Scruton. Mrs Cary presented the trophy and prizes and was thanked by Coun. R. Lawson, who entertained to tea General and Mrs Cary, Capt. Geoffrey Brookes, A.D.C. to the General, County Coun. and Mrs R. B. Kirtley, and daughter Lyndon, and Mr G. Johnson.

Then followed adult events. The judges for leaping were Wing Commander Vaux (Barton) and Capt. Lorraine Smith, 14/20 King's Hussars; and for the other events, Mr R. Sinclair, North Cowton. Results: Leaping, novices, open—1. Major Brooks; 2. Miss Christine McDermott, Darlington, who is 9 years of age; 3. Lt. Berriman, 17/21 Lancers. Musical chairs—1 and 3, Catterick; 2. Boyd. Potato race—1. E. Catterick; 2. P. Burns; 3. H. R. Milward. Walk, trot and gallop—1. Pearce; 2. Mounsey; 3. Hird, Grinton. Pony scamper, 14-2 h.h., one mile—1. J. Lawson, Sleegill; 2. W. Wardby, Newport. Leaping, open—1. J. Richardson, Bedale; 2. A. Wardby; equal 3. Richardson and Megginson. Open gallop, any height, one mile—1. J. Nelson, Barnard Castle; 2. Wardby; 3. Coltman, Middleton-in-Teesdale. Open trot—1. Kellett; 2. Anderson; 3. Hutchinson. Open 1½ miles gallop—1. Pearce; 2. Douglas; 3. Teasdale. Malcolm Coates, of Reeth, was the lucky programme holder.

Mrs Cary drew out her own number in a competition for a doll and returned it for competition.

Upper Teesdale News

Holwick Collection.

A house-to-house collection in Holwick for the Sailors' Day Fund realised 14s. 3d.

Mechanics' Whist.

Prizewinners at the weekly whist drive held on Wednesday evening in the Mechanics' Institute, Middleton-in-Teesdale, were: Ladies—1, Mrs Bradwell; 2, Miss Sowerby; travelling, Mrs Johnson. Gentlemen—1, Mr Freeman; 2, Mr Thompson; travelling, Mrs Coltman.

Retirement Presentation.

After serving for 44 years as a road and lengthman for the Startforth and North Riding Councils, Mr Albert Pickhall, of Mickleton, has retired. His services have been recognised in the shape of a gift of a sum of money from his fellow-workers on the Startforth Rural District Council and a pipe and pouch from the Divisional Surveyor, Mr Adamson, and the Area Surveyor, Mr Metcalfe. Mr Pickhall served in the 1914-18 War and has been on the Lune Bridge to Middleton-in-Teesdale Bridge length for many years. He is a keen member of the Middleton-in-Teesdale British Legion.

Motor Cycle Trial.

Despite adverse weather in Harwood, a motor cycle trial held over a rough moorland course was witnessed by a large number of spectators. The trial, the first to be held in Upper Teesdale, was organised by the young motor cycle enthusiasts in Forest and Harwood, and the competitors included members of the recently formed Weardale and Teesdale Motor Club. Some good performances were put up over a course which covered steep ascents and descents and muddy and rough moorland tracks. Mr A. Bayles, the local rider, was placed first, but forfeited his prize to the less experienced riders. Full results were: 1. A. Bayles; 2, Frank Walton, Forest; 3. J. T. Allinson, Bowes; 4, Stan Watson, Harwood; 5, Frank Lee, Harwood. A good performance was made by the youngest rider, Stanley Toward, of Harwood.

In his annual report to Reeth Rural Council, Dr. W. C. Speirs, Medical Officer, said there were 23 births and 33 deaths, giving rates per 1,000 of 10.96 and 15.72. There were 15 deaths at over 70 years of age, nine over 80, and two at 94 years. There was only one nurse working in the area and she did all the midwifery. There were no clinics or treatment centres and no hospitals in the area.

Motorcycle Fatality.

Two Richmond men were instantly killed at Hornby Grange, Hackforth, on Saturday night, on returning from a dance. They were Jack Bowe (25), of 4, Station Cottages, Richmond, and Jack Doherty (24), of 16, Sleegill, Richmond.

Bowe was riding a motor cycle with Doherty as pillion rider. They hit some iron railings and crashed into a tree. Bowe's father is a signalman at Richmond Station, where he has been for many years, and was formerly at Scorton.

DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday last the local branch held their annual outing for the children of all ex-D.L.I. personnel. Fifty-nine children turned up and 18 adults, and they proceeded to Redcar by bus. The weather was beautiful, and dinner and tea were provided for them. By all accounts they had a very good tuck-in and enjoyed the meals fine. Each child on arriving at the destination was also given 2s. 6d. to spend, and all agreed they had had a very enjoyable outing. The branch thanks all those people who patronise their monthly whist drives and dances, as it is this fund which makes it possible for them to give the kiddies this outing, and as they are costly, the branch have to make these special efforts. They commence their next session of whist drive, in conjunction with the British Legion, in the Drill Hall on Friday, September 9th.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 8th, when the arrangements for the re-union at Brancepeth Castle will be made for 18th September. Don't forget Regimental Country Fare at Durham on Saturday, September 3rd.

Mr A. R. Guy, son of Mr and Mrs A. Guy, Nova Scotia, Bowes, has qualified for the B.Sc. (Econ.) Degree of the University of London. An old boy of Barnard Castle School, he is a civil servant employed by the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

THORNTON RUST

VILLAGES PROTEST AGAINST SALE OF EMPTY CALVINIST CHAPEL.

For some years the old Calvinist Chapel, standing prominently at the east end of the village of Thornton Rust, has remained empty. Its upper floor consists of a large room with chapel pews and its lower floor was once used as a school. The property has been held in trust together with two cottages nearby and about two acres of land.

According to an announcement, the Charity Commissioners propose through the trustees to sell the properties.

At a public meeting held at Thornton Rust, the following resolution was passed:—"That a letter of protest against the sale of the property situated in Thornton Rust be sent to the Charity Commissioners and that they be asked to supply full particulars of the reasons for the sale and supply a copy of the last balance sheet."

The history of the Chapel dates from pre-Conquest times. The Thornton Rust Chapel was founded in 1827 by John Tomlinson. He endowed a minister, who also was to be the schoolmaster. All attempts to connect the chapel and the school with other denominations apparently failed.

William the Third was described by the Sovereign Grace Union as the Royal Calvinist. There were special thanksgiving services each November principally because William the Third "of grand, glorious, pious and immortal memory, arrived on these shores on November 5th, 1688." The Calvinists described him as a "fanatic for liberty."

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE WHIST

At the weekly military flag whist in the Mechanics' Institute, Barnard Castle, on Wednesday night, the winning table was captained by Mrs Goodwin, with Mrs Dalston, Mrs Minnikin and Miss Thompson as scouts. Sealed: Mrs Mannion, Mrs Gibbon, Mrs Banner and Mrs Heslop. Other prizes: Mrs Borrowdale, Mrs Edmundson, Miss Robinson and Mr Edmundson.

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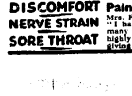

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