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Healthy Position Of Evenwood Workmen's Club

A large gathering of interested members attended the annual meeting of the Evenwood Workmen's Club and Institute. Mr. George Lowson, secretary, read the minutes of the last half-yearly meeting which were duly confirmed and signed...

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR CRICKET CLUB

Richmondshire Join Vale Of Mowbray League. The annual meeting of Richmondshire Cricket Club, held at the Talbot Hotel, was presided over by Mr. C. J. Murphy. Mr. J. J. Hulley, secretary, in his report said they had a successful season.

COMPETITION POPULAR

The Buchanan Cup Competition run by the club was again very popular. The winners were Richmond Catholics who beat Richmondshire in the final. The Colts eleven again won the Gertrude Darcy Hildyard Cup competition with only one reverse.

THE LAW AND MARY ANN

Fine for Selling Peanuts not Chestnuts. Mary Ann Cook, 65-year-old street trader, of Shorefield, London, has had her first encounter with the law. Her offence was the heinous one of unlawfully selling by retail one ounce of processed nut kernels contrary to Article 3 (1) of the Nut, Kernels and Regulation 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations.

Discussion Group Organise Holiday Tour For Farmers

Over two hundred members of the Crakehill and District Agricultural Discussion Group have enjoyed great variety in the year's programme, including a summer programme which started in April last year and a winter syllabus which concludes next month. To the opportunity for an exchange of views has been added a pleasant social aspect which is growing in popularity.

COCKFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB WHIST.

A successful whist drive and dance arranged by the members of the Cockfield United Football Club, held in the church hall. The proceedings were carried out under the supervision of Mr. J. B. Davidson assisted by Messrs. C. Gowland and R. Linton. Messrs. Robt. Close, Ronald Corner and G. Linsley were M.C.s and Councilor F. Noddling presented prizes to the following winners: Mrs. H. Rose, Mrs. T. Deighton (Evenwood), Mrs. C. Pinnock, Mrs. L. Tweddle (Raby Moor), Mr. E. Stephenson (Shotton) and Mrs. J. J. Sanderson (Butterknowle). Miss G. Hepple (Woodland), Mrs. J. Hope. Music for the dance, which was a large company, was provided by the Middleton Rhythm Revellers conducted by Mr. Wilbert Downson. Secretarial duties were ably performed by Mr. Raymond Corner.

WEIGHING OF PIGS AT BACON FACTORIES.

At the request of the N.F.U., the Ministry of Food, with the ready co-operation of the Bacon Marketing Board, has agreed that representatives of pig producers may visit bacon factories to witness the handling and weighing of pigs. While the producers' representatives will be given every facility, they will, of course, have no executive authority, and the responsibilities of the curer and the Ministry's checkweigher will be unchanged.

POPPY DAY COLLECTIONS

Leysburn and district branch of the British Legion Poppy Day receipts totalled £76 1s 4d and included collections at Berkleby 6s 3d; Preston-under-Scaur £2 4s 2d; Spennithorne, £4 2s 0d; Wensley, £5 10s 9d; East Witton, £5 18s 11d; Harnaby, £2 8s 6d; Constable Burton, £4 2s 3d; Leysburn, £28 4s 4d.

Scholarships Available For Agricultural Workers

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries invites applications for the undermentioned scholarships: Ten Senior Scholarships, tenable at University Departments of Agriculture, Agricultural Colleges, for degrees or diploma courses in an agricultural subject; or at Veterinary Colleges for courses in Veterinary Science. Six Extended Junior Scholarships (for those who have already held Junior awards), and Sixty Junior Scholarships, tenable at Farm Institutes, or similar institutions, for courses not exceeding one year in duration, in agriculture, horticulture, dairying or poultry husbandry.

PLANT DISEASES

Expert Says Dales Ideal For Potato Growing. Mr. J. A. Oliver, of Ferryhill, concluding his second lecture on Plant Diseases at a well attended meeting of Crakehill and district agricultural Discussion Group in the Schoolroom, Crakehill, with some interesting suggestions. Questioned closely about virus disease on potatoes the lecturer pointed out that greenfly was the chief cause of this trouble and that highly situated districts over 600 feet above sea level were ideal for growing seed potatoes.

Charity Trust Money For Good School Attendance

The money given by the Charity Trustees from Atkinson's Charity was distributed in the Council School by the chairman, Rev. H. W. Wainwright, to the scholars for good attendance, merit and good conduct. Over thirty children received gifts of money amounting altogether to £7. The chairman was assisted by C. Smorison, auditor, and Mr. J. L. Hollingworth, William Pearson and Georgina Harker had only missed two half days during the year and Norman Chapman had perfect attendance during starting school last year. Kenneth Ryde proposed a vote of thanks to the trustees and the chairman called for three cheers for the teachers, Miss Grocock and Miss Mason, which were heartily given by the children.

Conservative Club in Good Position

Proposal to Reduce Subscriptions. At the annual meeting of Richmond Conservative Club on Saturday night, Mr. G. E. Austin was re-appointed chairman; Mr. J. J. Jackson, secretary; Mr. E. Bell (National Provincial Bank), treasurer and Miss Hobbs, auditor. In his report the secretary said various improvements had been carried out. It was pleasing to know the club was in a sound financial position. The club membership was very satisfactory. A ballot for four members on the Committee resulted in Walter Metcalfe, C. Murphy Junr., A. G. Carr and R. H. Tale being elected. Mr. E. Bell, treasurer, submitted the statement of accounts which were approved. The chairman commented favourably on what he said had been a successful year. A proposal to have a ladies night at a stipulated price was referred to the Committee. They will also consider a proposal made by Mr. W. T. Mansell to reduce the annual subscription of 20/- to 15/- for members who do not attend more than a few meetings.

Teesdale Interest In "Northern Review"

The February edition of "Northern Review" now on sale, contains, as usual, an abundance of interesting pictures. One of special interest to Teesdale people, however, will be an article on the Teesdale landscape, written by John Haggis, whose oil paintings of the Dales are well-known. One of his Teesdale works is re-produced, showing the Dale in all its bleak majesty. In the best of interesting reading is also a fine descriptive article by Francis Edge on Alston. Copies of "Northern Review" can be obtained at the "TEESDALE MERCURY" Bookshop, price 2/.

Methodist Effort

Madrick, Hurst and Marske Methodists combined in a joint effort when a church was opened for the renovation of the Manse at Reeth. A concert, supper and social was organised at Madrick, the arrangements being made by Miss Mary C. Kearton, honorary secretary and helpers. Entertainment was provided by the Arkenathdale concert party who presented two sketches "Uncle Hezekiah" and "The Colonel's Consent" in addition to numerous vocal numbers. The chairman was Mr. G. B. Harker.

FEEDING STUFFS OFFENCE

For obtaining 12 cwt. of feeding stuffs for a horse he did not possess a licence, the farmer was recently fined £15 and costs of two months' imprisonment in default.

GILLING WEST FUNERAL.

The funeral of Miss Winifred Annie Armstrong, of Gilling West took place on Friday and much public sympathy was shown in the passing of a popular young lady aged 28 years of age. She was educated at Richmond High School for Girls. Her health has been poor. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Armstrong.

THEY ALL WANT A PIECE, NOW.

THE LEGEND of the 300-year-old Wishing Cork Tree seems to be still as alive as ever, according to report. A wife gave her doubtful husband a piece of Lucky Cork for his birthday and two weeks after he won £1,500. A mother sent each of her two sons a piece and one of them won £3,000 in a sweepstake. The other lady in Doncaster sent for a piece and won £3,000 on a penny points pool. So if you would like further particulars, send a stamped addressed envelope to C. A. Vortley, Wishing Cork Tree, Combe-in-Teignhead, Devon. -Adv.

Local Sport

Teesdale and District Billiard League

Results of matches played in the Teesdale and District Billiard League were as follows:- Played 9th February, 1949. Barnard Castle Ex S.M.C. v Mickletun. A. Longstaff 150 W. Clark 101 M. Clarke 150 J. Walton 64 W. Bailey 150 A. Anderson 123 J. C. Hall 150 J. R. Peacock 1-6

PLANT DISEASES

DALES IDEAL FOR POTATOES. The popularity of seed potatoes grown in Scotland was because of the best weather conditions at high levels where it was too cold for green fly, likewise, good Irish seed potatoes were usually grown there it was too windy or too wet for green fly. As similar conditions prevailed in certain parts of the Dales he suggested large areas could with profit be planted and the seed could be safely grown over and over again. He knew one instance of a grower using high ground who had grown potatoes for eleven years from the original seed.

Football Club Threatened

The future of the renowned Evenwood Junior Football Club is very much in the balance at present. The management committee are greatly concerned at the lack of support and interest shown in the club, which over the course of years has annexed all honours within its sphere and produced innumerable players for minor, senior and professional league clubs. The only Junior Club between Bishop Auckland and Upper Teesdale operating in regular competitive football it would be nothing short of a catastrophe if it ceased to function. Players like E. Don Ashman (Middlebrough), Gordon Wilson (Hull City), Jake Icton (Fulham), Arthur Parry (Tottenham Hotspur) and many more all graduated with this one team successful and flourishing club whose very existence is threatened by the lack of capital and encouragement. Since October the team have won seven fixtures and drawn three of their league fixtures, all of which have been played away from home, with one exception.

Existence Of Junior Football Club Threatened

On Saturday they have attractive visitors in Sieman's S.C. in a league game and a good gate is hoped for. Mr. Fred Bussey, Secretary of the club will be pleased to accept any assistance to keep the flag flying. Team for Saturday will be from Crayke, Seaton, Graham, R. Bell, Huskett, M. Hammond, A. Clarke, Akers, Maughan, Jobling, Close, W. Bell and Armstrong. Kick-off at 2-45 p.m.

Butterknowle Success In Darts League

The Queens Head Inn, Cockfield, suffered a reverse at home, when The Royal Oak from Butterknowle provided the opposition in an Evenwood and District Darts League encounter and claimed the points with a splendid 3-1 victory, Jack Hodgson for the visitors established a commanding lead over Harry Stephenson, but the latter recovered from a bad start, notched 100 with three darts, and smartly gamaged in whilst Jack was endeavouring to locate a double without success. Ted Howe for The Royal Oak achieved a similar accomplishment against John Turnbull and Chris Moses for the visitors very neatly slipped a couple of darts into one double to win over Ernie Waters, who always seems to have the fortune to be deserted by lady luck in league games.

SWALEDALE LEAGUE

Fixtures for February 26th. Gunnerside v Barton Colburn v Scotton Brough v Melsonby Barningham v Whashton Bowes v East Layton Richmond v Eppley Gilling, a bye.



February

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