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The Great Garden Fete

Museum will benefit by "well over a £1,000"

One of the best functions ever organised in Barnard Castle, was the general opinion at the termination of the three-day Garden Party and Fete which was held in the grounds of the Bowes Museum last Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

It is expected that the funds of the Museum will benefit by well over £1,000, thanks to the efforts of all the organisations who combined under the chairmanship of Mr. L. A. Gullick and organised the mammoth effort.

There was variety and entertainment to suit all tastes, and the displays, concerts, dramatic performances and bands, all of a high standard, kept the interest of the public until a late hour every evening.

On Wednesday the Marquess of Londonderry, declaring the fete open, said, "Through decreasing income on the one hand and ever-increasing expenditure on the other, many a fine old building has gone to pieces and has been allowed to perish. That fate would undoubtedly fall on Bowes Museum unless their efforts were successful," said the Marquess. The problems confronting the trustees was one of which they were too painfully aware. In the days before the war he said the raising of money was a much simpler task. There always a number of rich and generous people who were prepared to dip their hands into their pockets, but six years of war, taxation and death duties had wiped many of them.

The Lord Barnard, Deputy Chairman of the Museum Trustees, was chairman.

Entertainment on Wednesday included the Band of the 1st Batt. The Border Regiment, Physical Training and Drill Display by cadets of five weeks' service of the 5th Royal Lancers.

The children of the Barnard Castle Secondary Modern and C. of E. Primary School gave a beautiful dancing display on Wednesday and Thursday.

Very much appreciated was the music of Drums of the 1st Batt. The Regiment beating "Retreat" on the three evenings. Even in the torential rain on Saturday night they did not disappoint their public and they were much admired for it.

The Barnard Castle Town Silver Band played selections every evening.

Thursday.

Crowds gathered on Thursday to see Derek Farr, the famous film star, who opened the fete. Brigadier R. Jones being chairman.

Mr Farr said the reason for holding the garden fete was to raise money towards the upkeep and preservation of Bowes Museum which was costing something like £1,000 per year.

The family endowment, which started by the Bowes family, was today inadequate for its purpose, and it was up to everyone to do everything possible in order to keep the museum going.

Sports on Wednesday and Friday were organised by Mr F. Dixon, musical director of the Teesdale society, with members of the operatic society as chorus and a string ensemble. Ingeborg Bowen and Leonard Randall gave recitations on two pianos. The artists were: Madame Minnie Bell, Miss Jennie Bellerby, Idris Davies and Harvey Williams.

Saturday's fete was presided over by Lord Gort, who said that Durham County had withdrawn from preparations for celebrating the Festival of Britain since Edinburgh and York had special arrangements and since Durham Castle between it might affect them. The problem was also partly solved. The museum trustees would be putting on a special exhibition during the summer months which would include four rooms and pictures on loan. Mr. Lord Lawson of Beamish, the Lieutenant of the County, in his speech opening the fete, said that the museum was the unique creation of the people of Durham and everything must be done to maintain it under the best conditions so that it can be kept in beauty for the county and the country. He hoped that more efficient means would be found to put the museum in a proper financial position.

Fanfare of the 6th Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry, T.A., was given and a salute fired from the guns which the Territorials had on exhibition.

An archery competition between teams from Darlington and West Hartlepool, Durham and Seaham Harbour proved a popular draw as also did a comic dog show organised by Glaxo Laboratories Sports and Social Club.

Torrential rain marred the remaining outdoor events which included bowls tournament and finalsof the mixed doubles tennis tournament.

The concert by the Carolus Singers, organised by Mrs C. Bisson, was very well attended. The dramatic performances organised and presented on the three evenings by the Operatic and Dramatic Society and the Glaxo Dramatic Section drew crowds throughout. On Saturday the finals of the "I Want To Be An Actor" series directed by Dick Sheppard proved a special draw.

Stalls were: Pictures and picture post card stall by Barnard Castle Camera Club; Fruit and flower stall by the Congregational Church; Cakes and bakery stall by Mrs J. P. Hunter (Wednesday). Ladies' section, British Legion (Thursday), Whorlton Mothers' Union (Saturday); General and white elephant stalls by Barnard Castle Chamber of Trade; Vegetable stall by the Barnard Castle Allotment Association; Soft drinks and teas by the Catering Committee of the fete.

Side shows: Skittles, balloon barrage, darts, hook the duck, treasure hunt, kicking the football, aunt sally, by the 1st Battalion, The Border Regiment; balloon race, rifle range, hit the pot, are you steady, roll the penny red spot, tombola, by the 1st Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment; ball and bucket, driving nails, by the Barnard Castle Boy Scouts; treasure hunt, the diving penny, the lady with a hundred pockets, by the Barnard Castle Girl Guides (prizes by the Rokeby Farmers); bran tub, by the ladies of the Inner Wheel; magnetic fishing, hoop-la, roulette, by Glaxo Laboratories Sports and Social Club; pony rides, ponies lent by Mrs P. I. Pease and Mr A. S. Harris; babies creche, by the Barnard Castle and Whorlton Mothers' Union; parcels depot, by Barnard Castle Toc H; caricature and sketches, by Mr N. S. Robinson; fortune telling, by Mrs Norman (Wednesday), and Mrs Whittaker (Thursday and Saturday).

Officials were: President, Rt. Hon. the Viscount Gort, M.C., D.L.; vice-president, Rt. Hon. the Lord Barnard, C.M.G., M.C., T.D., D.L.; chairman, Col. L. A. Gullick; vice-chairman, Mr G. R. Bailey; hon. secretary, Mr T. Beckwith; hon. treasurer, Mr C. B. Pickard.

Prizes, Etc.

Girl Guides treasure hunt: Wednesday—Margaret Barker and Mr F. Wilkinson (shared); Thursday—Mr Wingfield, Heaton Rotary Club Newcastle-on-Tyne; Saturday—Brian Cross, 45, South Cleatlam.

The winning ticket in the baby doll draw was No. 175 (white). The prize can be had from the secretary (Major Beckwith, Cleveland Road) on production of the ticket.

Mrs J. P. Hunter, who had charge of the cake stall on Wednesday, desires to thank all the donors of the beautiful things and the customers who enjoyed buying.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The following were the winners at the weekly whist drive in the Mechanics' Institute, Barnard Castle, on Wednesday night: Miss Thompson (capt.), Mrs Dalston, Mrs Minnikin, Miss Bell; Mrs Edmundson (capt.), Mrs Atkin, Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Parratt.

A memorial service for the late Miss Wilson will be held at Kinninvie Church on Sunday, 23rd July, at 6130 p.m.

PASSING OF A KINDLY CHARACTER

Late Mrs Tom Borrowdale

The Teesdale Mercury records with regret the passing of Mrs Elizabeth Borrowdale, of Newgate, Barnard Castle, which occurred on Saturday.

"A Mother in Israel."

If anyone deserved the title of "A Mother in Israel," writes a correspondent, it was Mrs Borrowdale, for throughout a lengthy life of universal usefulness she had endeared herself to more than two generations of Barnard Castle people. Formerly Miss Elizabeth (Cissie) Wightman sister of Mr J. T. Wightman, also long resident in Barnard Castle, and Mr A. Wightman, a more recent arrival, she was married many years gao to the late Tom Bororwdale, who for many years continued the business of Borrowdale and Son, joiners and undertakers, in Newgate, which his father had been all his life identified. Mr Tom Borrowdale died about thirteen years ago, and his father predeceased him some years earlier. It was my privilege and pleasure soon after my coming to Barnard Castle to interview the older gentleman, who recalled many ancient customs in the days of his youth and early manhood.

From the time of her coming to Barnard Castle Mrs Borrowdale was noted for her kindly activity for the good of other people. She threw herself most wholeheartedly into many movements for the alleviationof the poor. It must be nearly forty years ago that she was elected a member of the old Teesdale Board of Guardians. In those days there were four women members of the Board, the other three being the late Miss Nixon, Miss Mary A. Smith, and Mrs Ingram Dawson. All four proved themselves useful members of the Board, as they wer able to go into cases with a thoroughness for which the men members were not fitted. It may be said that these ladies vied wih each other in their endeavours to improve the lot of more pleased than they at the the poor of Teesdale, and none were prospect of change in the administration of the Poor Law which culminated in 1930 in the abolition of Boards of Guardians established as long ago as 1835 and the introduction of a new phase of public assistance.

In many other ways Mrs Borrowdale silently and cheerfully discharged her "duty towards her neighbour" in the highest and wildest sense of the word. She was among the foremost workers for the Parish Church of her adoption, in which her husband had been a lifelong member of the choir and occasionally organist. No one took a deeper interest in the floral decoration of the church on festival occasions, and in whatever movement was on foot for raising funds for Church purposes she was sure to be found. She will be remembered with gratitude by members of the Barnard Castle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society, of which her brother, Mr J. T. Wightman, was for many years conductor and musical director. Who could forget the ample supplies of refreshments she always had ready for the amateur performers when they flocked from the Victoria Hall to her house in Newgate between the acts to participate in the results of her unspairing generosity?

Over the young people of the town Mrs Borrowdale exercised a remarkable benficent influence. For many years she arranged annually a concert at which the programme was entirely filled by young people whom she was able to gather together. In the Victoria Hall one would find each year some seventy or eight childrin of school age on the platform giving a programme of popular melodies which often exceeded three hours in length. Upon that platform in the Victoria Hall many a child was encouraged to give of his or her best in song or dance or musical sketch. To take part in Mrs Borrowdale's annual concert used to be counted a great honour, and these annual gatherings were the means of introducing to local audiences, always crowded to the doors, ditties and choruses of which they might have remained ignorant. It would take a lot of words to adequately describe Mrs Borrowdale's acts of kindness of which few knew beside herself and the recipitents. Suffice is to say that she "did good by stealth and blushed to find it fame." Mrs Borrowdale is survived by one daughter, the wife of Mr Fred Hutchinson, of Saunders House Farm, Barningham.

The remains of Mrs Borrowdale were interred in Barnarn Castle Cemetery yesterday. The service in the Parish Church which preceeded burial being conducted by the Rev. B. Selwyn Smith, Vicar of Barnard Castle and Rural Dean. There was a large attendance and beautiful wreaths were sent.

Guide Sunday in Teesdale

Guides from Romaldkirk, Cotherstone and West Pelton, and Brownies from Romaldkirk and Bowes, with their Guiders and members of the local association, attended a service in Romaldkirk Church conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. H. White.

The Guides marched to Church with their colours and the service was taken from the special order of service issued by the Girl Guide Headquarters. Patrol leader Anne Oliver read the lesson and Miss Smith (District Commissioner) lead the renewal of promises.

MICKLETON GUIDES

A special service was held at Laithkirk Parish Church. The Guides marched to Church carrying the company colours and were joined at the Church by the Brownies who were already assembled there. The service, which was most impressive, was conducted by the Rev. K. F. Lord. In it we gave thanks for forty years of Guiding and both the Guides and Brownies renewed their promises. The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Scroll of Friendship.

Some of the Guides from Middleton and Romaldkirk went by car to Yarm last Sunday afternoon to sign the scroll of friendship and to witness the handing over ceremony from County Durham and North Riding.

The two counties formed separate horseshoe formations whilst the County Commissioner spoke about the scroll which had come from Liechtenstein and will continue its journey down to Oxford where it will be handed over at the 13th World Conference to the Liechtenstein representative with our messages of goodwill.

THE LATE MRS ESTHER A. HUNTER.

On Saturday, after a long illness, the death occurred of Mrs Esther Annie Hunter, wife of Mr Guy D. Hunter, 20, Bede Road, Barnard Castle. Cremation was in Darlington on Tuesday morning after a service in St. Mary's Parish Church. Great sympathy is extended the husband and young son.

P.C. Reed, Startforth, of the North Riding Constabulary, is leaving for Great Ayton, where he has been transferred after nearly 15 years here, and serving 25 years in the Police Force. During his sojourn at Startforth he was very well liked both for his advice and amiable attitude. He is a keen cricketer and angler. We feel sure all our readers will wish him and Mrs Reed best wishes in their new place.

It is understood that P.C. Thorpe of Skelton-in-Cleveland, is to succeed Mr Reed at Startorth.

Miss Barnard Castle 1950

The Chamber of Trade and Publicity Society, following on their introduction of a Miss Barnard Castle (in 1948 Miss Enid Webb, in 1949 Miss Esme Dawson) to take part in their Festival Week programmes, and the various functions throughout the year, have again made the appointment of a Miss Barnard Castle. This year their choice has fallen upon Miss Rachel Mary Wilson, of 1, Victoria Road.

Miss Wilson, a Barnard Castle girl, is well-known throughout the town and district. The younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H. W. Wilson, and a granddaughter of the late Mr Robert Wilson, who was in business as builder and contractor in the town.

Miss Wilson has been a member of the G.P.O. telephone exchange staff for the last eight years and is a popular member of the Amateur and Dramatic Society, and will be remembered for her excellent performances in the dramatic productions of "Rookery Nook" and "Fools Rush In" in which she took leading parts.

CHAMBER OF TRADE FESTIVITIES.

The Festival this year will be of a two weeks' duration.

The Festival Dinner will be held in the King's Head Hotel on Thursday, July 27th, when Miss Barnard Castle will be invested.

The Photographic Exhibition, the highlight of the Festival, will be opened on Saturday, July 29th, by the Chairman of the Council, Coun. V. Carter, with Miss Barnard Castle 1950 in attendance, and will be open daily until Saturday, August 12th. This Exhibition has been organised jointly by the Barnard Castle and District Camera Club and the Festival and Social Committee. A high standard of work will be exhibited and is worthy of the town's support.

A grand Festival Dance will be held in the Witham Hall on Monday, July 31st, with the first appearance in the town of the 1st Border Regiment Dance Band. We hope this will prove a real attraction to both the local people and the visitors to the town. There will be novelty dances and a mystery prize value £2.

The Window Dressing Competition for shopkeepers in the Chamber of Trade will commence on Monday, July 31st, and will be judged on Tuesday, August 1st, in conjunction with this a Spotting Competition for the public is being organised. Details can be obtained from any shop in the town. This competition will be run for one week. Prizes valued £2, £1 and 10s. will be given.

The second week will be devoted to sport in the town and will comprise of cricket matches on most days; open tennis tournament on Friday, August 11th; bowls and golf.

Upper Dale Notes

Mechanics' Whist.

Prizewinners at the weekly whist drive held on Wednesday evening in the Mechanics' Institute, Middleton-in-Teesdale, were: Mrs Rowes, Mrs Bell, Mrs W. Lee, Mr Thompson and Mr and Mrs Bathgate.

Scripture Award.

Geoffrey Staley, now living in the Alston district, and previusly a scholar at the Ebenezer (Forest-in-Teesdale) Methodist Sunday School, has been awarded the 1st District Prize in the Methodist Scripture Examination, Division III. He secured 99 points from a possible 100. Ebenezer Sunday School has also been awarded one of the three Shields in the Middlesbrough and Darlington district for Sunday School's with the largest number of examination candidates and highest percentage of marks.

Presentation.

Following the evening service at St. Mary's Parish Church, Middleton-in-Teesdale, a gift of notes was handed to the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Willis, as an acknowledgment of his work in the Church during his 18 years as Rector. The gift was handed over by the People's Warden, Mr J. Foster, who paid tribute to the Rector's work. Mr Frank Walton, a sidesman and member of the Parochial Council, also thanked the Rev. Willis for his devotion to his parish. Mrs P. Carr, on behalf of the Methodist Churches, also thanked the Rector for his help and readiness to assist in the Methodist Churches when asked. The Rev. J. W. Willis, whose last service preceded the presentation, suitably replied. Master C. Bainbridge then on behalf of the junior members of the Choir and Church, presented David Willis and Eleanor Willis with small gifts. Both recipients thanked the donors for their kindly thoughts. The Rev. J. W. Willis, who is to be inducted on Thursday, leave for Wolviston this week.

Cricket.

Middleton-in-Teesdale Cricket Club have played and won three games in the past week: On Monday evening at Alston they were victors by four wickets, the scores being Also 38, Middleton 44 for 6 wickets. On Wednesday on the Leekworth ground they defeated Wearhead by seven wickets. Scores: Wearhead 46, Middleton 48 for 3 wickets. On Saturday at home to Eggleston, they were again victorious by a margin of seven wickets, the scores being: Middleton 39 for 3, Eggleston 36. During the three games Hutchinson had 7 wickets for 24, Wilson 15-6, Eales 2-1. Highest scores were: Wilson not out 25 (v. Wearhead), Robinons 19 not out (v. Alston) and not out 20 (v. Eggleston).

THE LATE MR C. MARE

A memorial service was held in the Hugh Bell Boys' Secondary School, Middlesbrough, on Friday, to Mr Charles Mare, B.A., a former headmaster, of Darlington Road, Barnard Castle, who died in a Newcastle nursing home.

Over 300 boys were present and tribute was paid to the work he had accomplished whilst headmaster from 1912-1932. Mr W. Madden conducted the service.

He retired to Barnard Castle about 18 years ago. He was 81 years of age. For many years he was connected with Barnard Castle Golf Club as a playing member and as hon. treasurer. He attended Trinity Methodist Church and leaves a widow.

The Rev. J. W. Elkington, superintendent minister of Barnard Castle, who conducted the funeral, described Mr Mare as an intellectual of outstanding ability, who had imparted the secret of good living to many young men. Mrs Parkinson was at the organ.

The present head of the school, Mr G. H. Harmer, accompanied by the school captain, Donald Cowton, attended the Service in Trinity Methodist Church. Cremation followed at Darlington.

Chief mourners were: Mrs McBenn, sister-in-law; Mr and Mrs A. Harland, cousin; Mr T. Harrison, nephew.

Others present included Mrs Elkington, Mrs A. S. Watson, Mr H. E. Bowman, Mr Ernest Watson, Mr T. Bainbridge, Mr and Mrs G. W. Forster, Mr J. W. Ditchburn, Mrs J. R. Arrowsmith, Mrs Close, Mrs Hunt, Miss Bayles, Mrs Singer (representing County Coun. C. T. Singer), Mr Noel Paul, Mr E. C. Robinson, Mr J. P. Robson, Mr G. Arnott, Mrs J. Hutchinson, Miss Grainger.

Barnard Castle Golf Club was represented by Col. W. Peat, Dr. H. W. Coyne, Messrs H. C. Barron, W. H. Shannon, hon. secretary; J. C. Walker, J. H. Brown, H. Freeland, T. Boardman, R. B. Sharp.

EGGLESBURN BAPTISTS.

There were very good attendances at the annual Sunday School anniversary services of the Egglesburn Baptists Chapel held on Sunday.

The afternoon and evening services were conducted by Dr. Alexander, of Butterknowle.

Sunday School scholars who took part in both meetings with solos and recitations were: Harry Beadle, Margaret Beadle, Daphne Wooten, Celia Kidd, Phyllis Stevenson, Bernard Kidd and Frank Kidd. The organist was David Bainbridge.

Dr Alexander paid high tribute to the young people for their contribution to divine worship and to Mr Hetherington, the Sunday School superintendent, for training them.

Evangelistic choruses were sung before the commencement of the evening service and a soul stirring prayer meeting terminated the celebrations.

Mercury Calendar

COMING EVENTS.

July.

20. Sale of Cockfield and Evenwood Portions of the Strathmore Estates, Town Hall, Bishop Auckland.
22. Cockfield Agricultural Show.
22. Startforth Annual Carnival.
23. Motor Cycle Scramble at Maiden Castle, North Stainmore, near Brough.
26. Sale by Auction of Garth House, Bowes. S. S. Hodgson, Auctioneer.
27. Century of Local Government Celebration.
29. Mickleton Girl Guides, Garden Fete, Children's Sports and Dance.

July 29—August 12. Photographic Exhibition, Market Cross, daily.

31. Festival Dance, Witham Hall.

August

1, 2, 3. Inter-Denominational Convention, Methodist Church and Temperance Hall, Woodland.
3. Garden Party and Bring and Buy Sale, Rectory Garden, Romaldkirk.
4-5. Durham County Show, South Shields.
9. Middleton-in-Teesdale Church Garden Fete, Old Rectory Garden.
12. Whashton A.F.C. Sports.
18. Military Display, Motor Cycle Racing and Dance at Bowes.
19. Middleton-in-Teesdale Agricultural Show.
19. Barnard Castle Gardeners and Allotment Holders Annual Show.
24. St. Giles' Church, Bowes, Garden Fete.

September

9. Bowes Annual Show.
11-17. Battle of Britain Week.
30. Flag Day in Barnard Castle in aid of County Association of Boys' Clubs.

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