

### Public Notices

#### BARNARD CASTLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION.

To the Electors, LADIES & GENTLEMEN,  
 May I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for returning me as one of your Councillors and also honouring me by placing my name at the head of the poll. Also, I should like to thank all those who did so much for me on Polling Day.

I will earnestly endeavour to uphold your support and look after your interests to the best of my ability.

Yours sincerely,  
**ROY WATSON.**

#### BARNARD CASTLE U.D.C. ELECTION.

**C. P. SMITH** sincerely thanks his supporters and will continue to serve Barnard Castle to the best of his ability.

#### BARNARD CASTLE U.D.C. ELECTION.

**COL. W. I. WATSON** conveys his thanks to the Electorate for his re-election and will be pleased to continue serving the town's interests as faithfully as in the past.

#### BARNARD CASTLE U.D.C. ELECTION.

**JOHN MARQUISS** thanks all who supported him at the recent poll.

#### BARNARD CASTLE U.D.C. ELECTION.

**GEORGE W. WILKINSON** wishes to thank all who supported him and will serve the town's interests during the ensuing three years.

#### BARNARD CASTLE U.D.C. ELECTION.

**ERIC T. CLOSE** thanks the Electors for their renewal of confidence and will continue to serve them to the best of his ability.

#### BARNARD CASTLE URBAN DISTRICT.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to all who supported me in the recent elections.

Yours sincerely,  
**RALPH B. FINCH.**

#### BARNARD CASTLE U.D.C. ELECTION.

Through the courtesy of these columns I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Electors who supported and voted for me at the recent U.D.C. Election.

Though unsuccessful by the narrow margin of two votes, I offer to the members of the new Council my best wishes in their term of office.

**R. RAILTON.**  
 81, Harniro Road

#### BARNARD CASTLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION

May I offer my thanks to those who supported me in the recent elections. I will endeavour to look after the welfare of the town to the best of my ability.

Yours faithfully,  
**A. E. STOKER.**  
 Barelays Bank House.

#### BARNARD CASTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION.

May I sincerely thank the Electors in the Copley Ward of the Parish of Lynesack and Soffley who elected me so decisively as their representative. I will endeavour to serve the interests of the Electorate conscientiously and to the best of my ability. Thank you.

**J. K. SOWERBY.**  
 "Ashcroft," Copley.

#### BARNARD CASTLE R.D.C. ELECTION.

**Middleton-in-Teesdale Parish.**  
 May I sincerely thank all electors and helpers who gave me their support and confidence by re-electing me to the above Council. I will endeavour to serve the interests of the electorate conscientiously and to the best of my ability.

**J. H. SHAW.**  
 13, Chapel Street.

#### STARTFORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I wish to thank all voters for being elected as their representative on the above Council, and also my supporters for their splendid effort and the use of their cars.

My time is at your disposal when required.

Your obedient servant,  
**J. LAYBOURN.**

West View,  
 Startforth.

#### To the Electors of Middleton-in-Teesdale Parish.

Mr C. T. Lowe thanks all who supported and returned him as one of their representatives on the Barnard Castle Rural District Council and will endeavour to serve the public to the best of his ability.

(Signed) **C. T. LOWE.**  
 Hill Terrace,  
 Middleton-in-Teesdale.

#### STARTFORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

**To the Electors of Bowes and Gilmonby, LADIES & GENTLEMEN.**

I would like to thank all those in any way responsible for my election to the Rural District Council. I hope I shall always be worthy of your confidence.

**G. L. LONGSTAFF.**  
 "Swinholm."

#### To my Fellow-Parishioners of Bowes and Gilmonby.

I humbly thank you for your trust and support in the recent Startforth R.D.C. Elections. As always, your needs are my first consideration.

Sincerely yours,  
**A. ZWIGGELAAR.**  
 North Side.

#### BARNARD CASTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL Middleton-in-Teesdale Parish, LADIES & GENTLEMEN.

May I take this opportunity of thanking those who voted for me on May 6th. It has been a pleasure to serve on this Council on your behalf for the past three years.

Yours faithfully,  
**MAY REDFEARN.**

#### STARTFORTH R.D.C. ELECTIONS.

**Bowes and Gilmonby Parish.**  
**G. R. ALDERSON** wishes to thank all electors for their sincere support.

#### RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

**Parish of Middleton-in-Teesdale, LADIES & GENTLEMEN.**

May I thank with all sincerity those who responded to my earlier appeals to allow me the honour to be one of their representatives in the above-named Council Chamber. To those who did not feel able to give their support, may I assure them that their interests will be equally guarded and represented without fear or favour.

I am yours faithfully,  
**JOHN GWILLIM.**  
 Leekworth Gardens  
 May 8th 1958.

#### EGLESTON W.I.

**A BAZAAR** in the Village Hall on **Saturday, 17th May.** Opened at 2-30 p.m. by **MRS GORE-BOOTH.**

**To-day Wednesday, 14th May. PIGEON SHOOT** at DALTON.

Open and Local Shoots commencing 6 p.m. Good Prizes.  
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#### LARTINGTON METHODIST CHURCH.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY Sunday, May 18th, 1958.**

2-15 p.m. Service of Praise, consisting of Recitations and Hymns by the Scholars.

6-30 p.m. A Demonstration Service entitled "A BOX OF TOOLS."

Both Services presided over by **MISS GRETA RAILTON** of Barnard Castle.

#### CONSERVATIVE LADIES' TEA CLUB.

THE MONTHLY MEETING will be held on **THURSDAY, 15th MAY,** in the **KING'S HEAD HOTEL** at 3 p.m.

The Speaker will be **MRS HAWKINS** on the History of Dancing through the Ages.

#### AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE.

A revised convention on social security between the United Kingdom and France will come into force on 1st May, 1958. The convention covers benefits for sickness, maternity, industrial injury, old age, widowhood and death.

### Value of Savings to Small Investor

#### LOCAL SECRETARY'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

The value of National Savings Certificates to the small investor was stressed on Friday by Mr F. Snowden, assistant savings commissioner, at the annual meeting of the Barnard Castle Urban and Rural Savings Committee.

He said it was all very well to talk of raising the limit from £600 to £1,000. That would give a number of people the opportunity of investing more but, he thought it was not sufficiently emphasised that the man with 15 shillings to invest was just as good and as solid an investor as the person with £150 to put into savings, provided he did not withdraw it within seven years.

"There are a few people," he explained, "who use National Savings as a short-term investment, but for long-term saving the National Savings Certificate is the finest investment in the country for the man with 15s. to save."

#### Retaining Groups.

Mr Snowden observations after reports by other officials. He announced that during the summer the drive would be for bigger street group membership. The creation of groups was an excellent idea, he said, but it was just as important to keep those already formed.

"We have got to realise that there is less money being earned to-day than there was some little time ago and there is likely to be even less in the future. Savings are going to be of really extra importance," he said.

Earlier, the hon. secretary, Mr E. S. Jackson, had reviewed savings in the area for the past year. Because 1957 was exceptional following switching from one investment to another, he suggested that if the figures for 1956 and 1958 were compared, they would get a truer picture.

Since premium bonds came out in Barnard Castle Rural and Urban Districts have been responsible for the sale of £50,000 worth, said the secretary. The amount saved during the 12 months represented 6s. 5d. per head, which was an increase on 1956, but below 1957.

#### Schools Increase.

Whilst they had been forming quite a number of groups in streets and villages, there had been a number of dissolutions. Membership was down slightly and continuing, he said: "It is good to see schools' membership has increased from what it was 12 months ago after the ban on savings. Unfortunately," he added, "we could not show an increase at all in connection with 'Save as You Earn' Campaign between October 1st, 1957, and March 31st last."

Closing his report, Mr Jackson said the percentage of population in groups had dropped by 1%, but that they were still well below the constituency average.

National Savings for the financial year ended 31st March, 1958: National Savings Certificates, £97,644; Defence Bonds, £52,195; Premium Savings Bonds, £28,843; Deposits in the Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks, £201,754; total, £380,436; weekly average £7,316.

There were 2,071 members in 75 groups in the area saving £33,218 during the year.

The national assembly member, Mr A. J. Wright, commented that Barnard Castle had nothing to be ashamed of and was at least holding its own. Referring to the industrial drive, he said that a number of constituencies had wanted to "break eggs with sticks, but that early on he had introduced a note of caution. He had not seen a hope of achieving their target of a 5% increase and in fact they had gained 162 new members in the constituency."

Mr Wright announced that he was due to retire from his position in approximately seven weeks time.

1958-59 appointments made at the meeting were: Chairman, Mr E. A. Liddle; vice-chairman, Mr A. Craggs; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr E. S. Jackson; the committee were re-elected.

On the proposal of Mr Liddle, who presided, it was agreed to invite Mr E. T. Close, the division's representative on Durham County Council, to serve on the committee.

#### D.L.I. ASSOCIATION.

Winners of last week's whist drive were as follows: Ladies—1, Mrs Jenkins; 2, Mrs Pennock and Mrs Grice; 3, Mrs Sowerby. Gents—1, Mrs Down; 2, Mrs Heslop; 3, Mrs Parkin. Competition, Mrs McIntosh; miniature, Mrs Brott.

### Glaxo Management Consult Employees on Cuts

There was speculation at the week-end over the announcement by Glaxo Laboratories Ltd. at Barnard Castle on the proposal to alter the level of employment in certain of their departments. Notice of this was given on Friday to employees and subsequently talks between management and staff have been taking place.

In an agreed statement yesterday the general manager, Mr F. W. Anderson, outlined the position. He stated: "Owing to a reduction in the demand for penicillin products, mainly in export markets, there is not enough work for those employed in the sterile processing and packaging departments at Glaxo Laboratories Ltd., Barnard Castle."

Discussions are proceeding between the management and staff representatives on the factory Joint Advisory Council on the method to be adopted to meet this situation. It is expected," he went on, "that a final decision will be made at a meeting of the joint advisory council on Wednesday, May 14th."

Alternatives which, it is understood, have been suggested are either the working of short time or declaring redundant a number of workers. The adoption of short-time working is not without precedent: in 1952, for a period of approximately twelve weeks, a reduction of one week in six was worked by certain departmental employees.

A general feeling of the situation is that the reduction may be of temporary duration and, as explained by the official statement, is tied up with uncertainty in overseas markets.

#### PATROL FOUND ESCAPEE AT SCOTCH CORNER

Drivers of vehicles on the Barnard Castle-Standrop road on Wednesday were stopped and advised not to offer lifts to anyone. A soldier, detained in the guard-room, had made his escape and had avoided recapture for a number of hours.

He was eventually brought back by escort which had arrested him near Scotch Corner. The man, dressed in shirt and trousers, believed to have been taken from a clothes line, had "thumbed" a lorry travelling south, and had not observed a following Service vehicle containing a patrol on the look-out for him.

#### Visit of Washington Choir

Joint Choral Service

To-morrow, Ascension Day, the choir of Washington, Co. Durham, is visiting the Parish Church at Barnard Castle for a joint choral evensong, followed by a social for the two parishes in the hall. Early the same day there will be a corporate Communion for all Guild members at 7 a.m., followed by a breakfast in the hall. A red letter day, Ascension Day is one of the church's great occasions and it is good it is to be fully observed with worship and festivity this year.

Sunday next is Commonwealth Youth Sunday and the evening service at the Parish Church will be a special service for all the youth organisations of the town. The Queen's Message will be read by Councillor Eric T. Close; the lesson will be read and the collection taken by young people.

#### TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The Barnard Castle Townswomen's Guild meeting on Tuesday of last week was attended by 98 members and three visitors for members' night. After the minutes and financial statement, Mrs Collins took over the entertainment and presented the president, vice-president chairman, treasurer, and secretary bouquets as a small appreciation of their work through the year. She then introduced Mr Gaunt, who gave a very interesting talk on "What makes good music."

He was thanked by Mrs Bewick. Mrs Pridaux gave several monologues which were very much appreciated. She was thanked by Mrs Mason. Mrs Collins won the raffle and Mrs Longstaff the prettiest apron competition. It was reported that more contraltos were needed by the choir, which was now practising for "Merrie England." The federation report was given by Miss Bell.

### ROTARY SPEAKER ON FARMING TOPICS

#### AGRICULTURAL LAND IS VITAL RAW MATERIAL

"We shall not secure a place in the world's trade by comparing one industry with another but by demonstrating that only the best from field and factory will be good enough," declared Mr Henry J. Dent, of Great Burdon president of the Darlington Agricultural Society and vice-chairman of the Darlington Rural Council, during the course of his address to the Barnard Castle Rotary Club yesterday.

Mr Dent said at the outset that the majority of city and town dwellers looked upon land as merely surplus to their requirement and left it to the farmer to farm it and make a living until it was necessary for them to take it for some other purpose.

Land was the raw material of the agricultural industry and there was no raw material more abused. "We dig it up, we buy and sell it, undermine it, and seal it off under concrete at the rate of 50,000 acres per year," he said.

"We farmers are being pushed back on to marginal land. Urban, county, and rural councils take the best agricultural land. We feel they should take the marginal land and leave the good agricultural land to the farmer because it takes ten years to bring marginal land into full production."

#### Saved from Starvation.

During and after the first world war, the Government realised what farming meant and they called upon the farmer to save the people of this island from starvation. The farmers went forward as no other industry has done and produced the necessary food. They had done that twice in a quarter of a century and at last the Government had decided that agriculture did play an important part in the life of this country.

The turnover of the industry in this country was £1,400 m. per year. It employed one million people and had a wage bill of £300 m. No industry had shown such progress as the agricultural industry which had achieved much by hard work and long hours. Farmers, he said, never had a strike. They did not talk of striking, and there were no shop stewards in the industry. That was the secret of its success.

#### Problem of the Small Farm.

Speaking of subsidies, Mr Dent said that farmers were not protected against unfair competition from overseas where farmers had the advantage of better weather conditions and cheap labour. All governments protected their industries by tariffs or subsidies. And before elections in this country, all parties promised the consumer cheap food. Tariffs in respect of other industries represented about 25 per cent, whereas in agriculture, subsidies amounted to only 18 per cent. On milk it was as low as five per cent.

The Government suggested bringing small farms into large units, but that, he said, would be very wrong because the small farm was a way of life. If a farmer and his wife were prepared to work long hours, it should not be taken from them because it was a stepping stone towards obtaining bigger and better farms.

To-day, he added, some of the biggest and most progressive farmers in Durham County had started on smallholdings. He felt there was a place for smallholdings in this country.

The president, Mr F. Ferguson, presided, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr J. Hemingway.

#### OVER 60's ENJOY VARIETY ITEMS.

The members of the Barnard Castle Y.M.C.A. Over 60 Club had an enjoyable and varied programme provided on Monday afternoon by the Rev. R. Pridaux with his harmonica and violin and Mr G. Howitt, of Darlington, who told amusing stories and also recited serious monologues. Mrs Parkinson played the pianoforte accompaniment and Mr S. McCutcheon announced the items. On behalf of the members, Sister Lewis said how much they all had enjoyed the afternoon and expressed thanks to the artistes. It was regretted that Mrs Archer, Middleton-in-Teesdale, was unable to be present owing to slight indisposition.

At a meeting on Monday night of the D.I.I. Association, arrangements were made for journey to Durham on Saturday for the bi-centenary celebrations. A bus, it was decided, would be provided, in which both the men's and women's sections would travel.

### INCIDENTS AT SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

There were disturbances at a dance at Winston on Saturday, during which a number of youths had to be assisted from the hall.

It is established from a reliable source that a fight between two youths, further involved others.

An eye-witness stated that a number suffered facial damage and, in his own words, "blood flowed freely." He commented that a number of Service personnel assisted in restoring order.

Outbreaks of a similar nature have been reported on a number of occasions in the North-East, and the Barnard Castle Branch of the National Farmers' Union have pressed for legislation to curb such events. Making the recommendation through their county branch, it was agreed recently to approach national headquarters on the subject of hooliganism and rowdiness at rural dances.

#### RAIN AND SMILES AT LOCAL JUMBLE SALE.

The ladies' working party of St. Cuthbert's Church, Cotherstone, arranged to hold a jumble sale on Saturday, May 10th, in the church hall. They hoped to raise £25 with which to buy material that skilful fingers would make into many pounds' worth of goods for their stall at the sale of work. It was a miserable day, cold, raining, blustery, and hopes fell lower and lower. It seemed unlikely that many people would be present. When the Rector of Romaldkirk, the Rev. J. E. Lee, opened the door, a small crowd of people burst in, beaming with delight to get in out of the rain.

Delighted. The stallholders beamed back, delighted to see them all and a thoroughly happy, pleasant afternoon followed. Even the competitions added to the fun, a rug being won by its donor and a butcher's voucher for £1 worth of meat going to a local cattle breeder. The rug was returned and raffled again. A splendid tea, all home-made, was served by winsome maidens and greatly enjoyed. At the end the Rector, beaming harder than anybody, announced the joyful news that £32 10s. had been made. A very gratifying result.

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