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Wednesday and Thursday, January 6, 7:
Joel McCrea, Julie Adams in GUNFIGHT AT DODGE CITY (u)
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Friday and Saturday, January 8, 9:
Peter Cushing, Marla Landi in HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES (a)
In Technicolor.

Monday and Tuesday, January 11, 12:
Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin in SOME CAME RUNNING (a)
In Technicolor. CinemaScope.

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OPERATION AMSTERDAM (u) starring Peter Finch, Eva Bartock,
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Saturday Matinee at 1.30 p.m. Episode 4 Lone Defender.

Sunday, January 10:
CHICAGO DEADLINE starring Alan Ladd, Donna Reed, Arthur
Kennedy, June Havoc.
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Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 11, 12, 13:
HONG KONG CONFIDENTIAL (u) starring Jean Barry,
co-starring Beverly Tyler, Allison Hayes.
Also showing
Terror in a Texas Town (a) with Sterling Hayden, Sebastian Cabot.

SCALA.
"Operation Amsterdam" is not the first film about a diamond robbery. But it is the first about a diamond raid that changed the course of the war, and it is screened at the Scala Cinema this week.

VICTORIA.
A film well worth seeing is A. J. Cronin's tough human story "Beyond This Place," which has a fine cast headed by Van Johnson, Vera Miles, Emyln Williams, Bernard Lee and Jean Kent. It comes to the Victoria Hall on Thursday.

COSY.
Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin should be a guarantee of a film's quality and "Some Came Running" at the Cosy Cinema, Middleton-in-Teesdale, on Monday and Tuesday, January 11th and 12th, should not only appeal to their fans but to a much larger audience.

VICTORIA.
At the start of World War II, Patrick Mathry, a young married dock worker, is arrested for the murder of a street-walker. A petition is organised by a wealthy philanthropist and Mathry gets life imprisonment instead of going to the gallows. Twenty years later his son, from America, who believes his father dead, learns that he is in a Liverpool prison, and with the help of Lena Anderson, a pretty young librarian, determines to establish his father's innocence. He is obstructed by many people, but eventually succeeds in finding the real murderer.

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A BOXING DAY BRIDE

MR M. MAKEPEACE AND MISS M. C. BAINBRIDGE.

Dressed in lavender brocade, Miss Margaret Cynthia Bainbridge, escorted by her father, joined her future husband, Mr Million Makepeace, at the altar for their marriage on Boxing Day morning. The Rector of Middleton, the Rev. Leslie Thompson, conducted the ceremony at St. Mary's Parish Church, Middleton-in-Teesdale where the organist was Miss P. Baum.

The bride is the younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. P. Bainbridge, of Rectory Cottage, Middleton, and her bridegroom the third son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Makepeace, of Bleak House, Butterknowle. Miss Christine Clift, a niece, attended the bride, and for the occasion chose a floral brocade dress. Mr Colin Makepeace, brother, was the best man. Mr and Mrs Makepeace left shortly after their wedding for a honeymoon at an undisclosed destination. On their return they will take up residence at Bleak Cottage, Butterknowle.

DEATH OF TEESDALE PERSONALITY

MRS F. ALLINSON.

The death occurred at Forest-in-Teesdale on Sunday, 3rd January, of Mrs Freda Allinson, a highly respected personality in the Upper Teesdale district. She was 58 years of age.

She was the wife of Mr Isaac Allinson, of Watgarth, Forest-in-Teesdale, who now survives her, and she also leaves a married daughter, Mrs R. Anderson, of Hudegate, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

Mrs Allinson was the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs I. Robinson, who formerly farmed Greenhills, Harwood. Her brother, Mr E. Robinson, lives at Appleby.

Throughout her life she was always a very willing helper of worthy causes and her assistance in many aspects of life in the dale endeared her to many of its people.

For many years she regularly worshipped at Ebenezer Methodist Chapel, Forest, where a funeral service is to be held to-morrow prior to interment at the Forest-in-Teesdale Churchyard.

MIDDLETON SAVERS' INCREASES

Middleton-in-Teesdale Trustee Savings Bank had increased the balances due to depositors by £3,178 during the past year, now amounting to £123,044, it was reported at the 122nd annual meeting over which Mr J. Foster presided.

A total of 44 accounts were opened during the year, bringing the total to 937.

Mr Foster, proposing the adoption of the report, drew attention to the very satisfactory increase and commended the local actuary and his staff on the year's figures.

Mr R. R. Foster, chairman of the Savings Bank of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Mr J. L. Matthews, chief actuary, congratulated the Middleton Bank on the progress it continued to make.

Mr J. N. Pinkney (trustee) was appointed chairman for 1960 and Mr D. R. P. Calder (trustee), vice-chairman. Also present were Dr. R. Dawson, Messrs S. F. Wilson, H. Richardson, J. R. Addison (trustees). T. Dent, J. M. Ward, J. R. Watson, C. T. Lowe and I. Tarn (hon. managers).

SPEECH STUDENTS' SUCCESSES

The following elocution students have satisfied the examiners of the Poetry Society:—

Juvenile Secondary: Merit, R. Carpenter, Junior Certificate: Pass, C. Ebdon, J. Gibson; merit, C. Dawes, M. Robinson; honours, A. Jackson, Junior Bronze Medal. Merit, D. McCann, S. Metcalf, P. Robson, Junior Silver Medal. Pass, C. Farrer; merit, B. Birdsall, H. Hutchinson, A. Leitch, R. Maughan, A. Mulbatten, K. Tooby. Intermediate Certificate: Honours, W. Cleasby, Senior Certificate: Merit, J. Alderson, E. Robson Senior Bronze Medal: Merit, G. Booth, S. Cable; honours, P. Jones, J. Thompson, Senior Silver Medal: Merit, L. Britton, Adult Introductory: Merit, R. Taylor.

Guildhall School of Music and Drama: Preliminary: Pass, J. Davidson, J. Moore; merit, J. Swinbank. Grade 1: Pass, C. Ebdon, R. Forster, E. Swinbank, N. Young; merit, M. Barnes, M. Hunt. Grade 3: Pass, M. Davies, H. Draper. Grade 4: Merit, J. Marsden. Grade 5: Pass, E. Yates.

The above are the pupils of Miss P. B. Ambrose, A.L.C.M.

1959 was a Year of Progress

The Teesdale Mercury Looks Back on Highlights

As we enter 1960 with its hope and promise of better days ahead, we pause on the threshold of a new decade and look back through the columns of The Teesdale Mercury to recall some of the outstanding events of the past twelve months.

It was a year of progress in many spheres of activity principally in education, for it brought the opening of three grand new schools, two in the town and the other in Middleton-in-Teesdale.

The completion of the new secondary modern school in Green Lane, built at a cost of some £92,000, was one of the most welcome features of the year's events from an education standpoint, for it meant that an important educational unit, with a growing population, could leave behind the old premises on the Demesnes where too long it had struggled on in face of many difficulties.

The old premises were antiquated and the first visit of the regiment's new at December, described the action as a classical example of the proper use of funds in the hands of a local branch.

A Royal Visitor. The old year was a momentous one for the 15/19 King's Royal Hussars because they entertained a distinguished visitor at Deerbolt which they occupied in June. It was Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Margaret, and the occasion was the regiment's bi-centenary celebrations.

The impressive ceremony was held in October, and after presenting a new guidon to the regiment, the royal visitor said that in former days the device would have been borne by men of the regiment in battle.



Princess Margaret visiting the Hussars

to say the least, and were certainly inadequate to meet the requirements of the 1944 Education Act, but as the headmaster, Mr G. R. Bailey, commented at the first annual prize distribution in the new school, those premises had served a great and valuable need in the town for one-and-a-quarter centuries.

By September of this year the school population is expected to reach the 500 mark compared with 150 pupils on the roll ten years ago.

The new school was opened in May by Mr H. J. Boyden, M.P. for Bishop Auckland, then a member of the Durham County Council and vice-chairman of the County Education Committee.

In the same week, the new secondary modern school at Middleton-in-Teesdale was opened, a fine building in spacious grounds near the river.

Fulfilment.

Like the Barnard Castle Secondary Modern School, the Middleton school had been in use for several months before the opening ceremony, but there was still much enthusiasm and interest on the great day when the opening was performed before a large audience of County Education Committee representatives, school governors and staff and friends.

The completion of the school which had been built at a cost of £85,000, was the fulfilment of hopes and ambitions cherished in the dale for a long period of years.

Ald. W. Liddle, of Butterknowle, a member of Durham County Council and chairman of the Barnard Castle Magistrates, who performed the ceremony, mentioned that local benefactors had been seeking to develop education in the dale since 1729.

He said it would be the task of the teachers of the new school to help that development by helping to produce the bigger and better men and women the twentieth century so urgently needed.

Important Task.

The third school to be opened in the area was the Barnard Castle Grammar-Technical School on the Staindrop road, which already has settled down to its important task of catering for the vocational needs of young people over a wide area stretching from West Auckland to Forest-in-Teesdale.

In the agricultural field, 1959 will go down in local history as one of the most important in recent years by reason of the successful petition to the House of Lords on the all important compensation issue in connection with the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board's proposal for a reservoir at Balderhead.

News of the successful petition reached farmers of Baldersdale in August and brought ample proof that the County N.F.U. branch's promise to fight the issue to the last ditch if necessary was no idle boast.

The action of the Barnard Castle branch in financing the petition earned all-round praise and brought a special commendation from the vice-chairman of the County Executive (Col. A. D. Bryant), who

necessary with Durham County Council, and to give help towards the acquisition of special exhibits.

A Silver Battleaxe.

Since then the Friends society have, with the aid of grants, purchased several gifts including the fireplace of rococo style in Yellow Verona marble which will be displayed in one of the three French rooms now in course of alteration and improvement ready for the reopening of the Museum in the spring.

The military calendar of important events opened in January with the commemoration by the 13th (Martiniqne 1809) Field Battery, Royal Artillery, at Barford Camp, of the capture from the French of the island of Martinique in the West Indies.

To mark the occasion a silver battleaxe in miniature was presented to the Battery by the Commander of 1 Army Group, Royal Artillery (Brigadier G. F. de Goo).

The battleaxe symbolises the heroic action of the men in taking the island and capturing from the old French pioneers a number of battleaxes with which they were armed.

Abbey Bridge.

In the same month, progress was made in yet another field of activity. Abbey Bridge was re-opened after being closed for several months for repairs. Many local residents feared that the alterations would affect the architectural features of the old structure but this proved not the case. The entrance to the bridge on each side of the river was greatly improved without loss of architectural value.

In January a landmark disappeared from the landscape at Harmire with the demolition of Bede Kirk, an old building which had been rebuilt from the ruins of an old chapel or chantry, believed to have been the church of the township of Marwood which was in existence before Barnard Castle.

In local government matters, housing finance occupied the attention of the Barnard Castle Rural Council, and reductions in the annual rate fund contribution resulted in increases in rents of council houses.

The three local authorities in the area have been discussing during the closing months of the old year the possible outcome of the review of the Local Government Boundary Commission. In November, the Barnard Castle Rural Council made a recommendation to the Commission that Teesdale would make an ideal unit of local government, the suggestion being that the boundary of County Durham be extended to the Starforth Rural Council's southern boundary along the highest point of the Pennines.

Sreatlam Castle, yet another great landmark and once the home of the Queen Mother, disappeared from view. The great mansion was for centuries the country seat of the Earls of Strathmore, and it was partly demolished by the late Mr Norman Field in the late 1920s.

The new owner, Major Philip I. Pease, of Sledwich, arranged with the military authorities to have the remains blown up and this operation was carried out by a special company of the Royal Engineers in April.

Other Highlights.

For the management committee of the Barnard Castle Whitsuntide Meet, the old year had its ups and downs. Early in the year fears were expressed that, because of lack of public support, the Whitsuntide Meet may have to be cancelled, but in the succeeding months many

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

NEWBIGGIN.

The December meeting of the Newbiggin-in-Teesdale Women's Institute was held in the Recreation Room. The newly-elected president, Mrs J. J. Beadle, presided, and new member, Mrs Neasham, was welcomed. Following the business suggestions from each member were accepted for use in planning the 1960 programme. The meeting was then taken over by Mrs Addison, president pro tem of members' night. Mrs Addison thanked the regular committee on behalf of the members for the work in the past year. After supper had been served, games and competitions, including a best drive and a whistling competition were arranged. At the close Mrs Beadle thanked the members for their hospitality.

BALDERSDALE PEOPLE AID SPASTIC CHARITY

The annual Christmas concert arranged by residents of Baldersdale and the surrounding area for charitable purposes, was held last week at Lartington Hall, presided by Mrs O. Field for the occasion. Proceeds from the event totalled about £20, and this amount was handed to Mrs Field for the use of Morris Grange, the Cross Centre for Spastic Children near Scotch Corner.

Mrs Field, who is an enthusiastic worker for the BNS Red Cross Society, and particularly for the children's centre, warmly thanked the organisers as spoke highly of their efforts.

The evening's entertainment was made highly enjoyable by Baldersdale's own band of local musicians.

public-spirited individuals rallied together, and their combined efforts helped by fine weather, resulted in the event being one of the best living memory.

On June 20th, Methodist Church Upper Teesdale spent a memorable day on the occasion of the centenary of Newbiggin Chapel. The special guest preacher was the president of the Methodist Conference (Dr. Norman H. Snaith) and the proceedings were relayed by loudspeaker to neighbouring buildings for the benefit of the several hundreds who could not be accommodated in the chapel.

Deaths removed many friends during the year. The town also suffered the loss of several leading personalities who left the district. Principal among them was the Rev. A. B. Webster, who had been Vicar and Rural Dean for about five years.

He left Barnard Castle at East to take up a new appointment as Warden of Lincoln Theological College, and he was succeeded by Rev. J. B. Browne who was instituted by the Bishop of Durham in April.

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