

J. T. YOUNG & SON
Watchmakers
Jewellers & Silversmiths
Widow's Choice Jewellery, Collars, Wedding
and Bridal Gowns, Shoes, Handbags,
Sundries and Accessories.
We Deal in Girls' School and Sportswear.
25, Market Place, Barnard Castle
Manufactured in England. Phone 2320.

Teesdale Mercury

SOUTH DURHAM, NORTH YORK AND WESTMORLAND ADVERTISER.
BARNARD CASTLE, WEDNESDAY, JULY 13th, 1960.
Price TWOPENCE

For Good
**LADIES' WEAR AND
FOOTWEAR**
visit the
**DARLINGTON
CO-OPERATIVE**
Dividend on all Purchases

Choir and Sunday School Race-Day

Sports at Vicarage Garden

Seldom has the Vicarage garden seen quite so many people, and among all children, as were there on Saturday on the occasion of the St. Mary's Parish Church Sunday School and Choir sports.

Splendidly organised by a committee of volunteers, the afternoon which was fortunate to have the best of the week's weather, contained a programme of some 45 events. From the infant four-year-olds to the over twelves, a miscellany of races for their enjoyment followed with clock-work regularity and eagerly watched by the many parents and friends who were present.

Features of the programme, and high to the interests of spectators, were the two challenge relay races for "fathers" and "mothers" against boys' and girls' teams respectively. In both cases "age was telling," and the younger participants were the ultimate winners in spite of the liberal starts conceded.

"Mothers' Best at Nethall."

Refreshments for both children and adults took a convenient form of individual packets with cordials also, efficiently dispensed by lady committee members. Enjoyed seated on the lawns in front of the Vicarage, tea was followed by an all-comers netball shooting relay. This was won by a team representing "mothers."

From 2 o'clock onwards when the snow started, there was a happy atmosphere due to the part played by announcer and M.C., Mr. G. Geyll. With his commentary and awards, he kept the party going in swing. In addition, the Barnard Castle Town Band played musical selections.

A pleasant sequel to the out-of-doors proceedings came when Mrs. Browne, wife of the Vicar, the Rev. J. B. Browne, was presented with a bouquet of pink carnations as a token of thanks for the hospitality which everyone had received.

The final item was a film show screened at the Parish Hall shortly after half-past five.

Middleton Carnival Helps Hospitals

Cancer Fund Donation

The surplus money from the recent four-day annual Hospital Carnival at Middleton-in-Teesdale has been allocated by the committee in the following manner: Friends of Darlington Hospital, £75; Friends of Bishop Auckland Hospital, £35; Cancer Research Fund, £25; and the Spastic Fund, £15. Earlier, from existing funds, a sum of £25 was given for the provision of a sun-ray lamp for the Greenbank Maternity Hospital.

Loss of World War 1 Veteran

MR J. W. PICKTHALL

The death occurred on Sunday in Bishop Auckland General Hospital of Mr John William Pickthall, a veteran of the first world war who was badly gassed during his service in Europe. He was 60 years old and lived at West View, Barnard Castle.

His widow, Mrs Lily Pickthall, now survives him, as well as two sons, Mr Thomas W. Pickthall and Mr John Pickthall, of Millom, Cumberland, and a married daughter, Mrs Mary Odey, of Keighley in Yorkshire.

Handicapped by the effect of his war injuries, Mr Pickthall followed a variety of employments previous to his relatively recent retirement.

Provincial Buffs Honours.

Held in exceptionally high esteem in the R.A.O.B., the Buffs, he visited practically every office open to him in his own Barnard Castle Lodge, and was awarded provincial honours, R.O.H., for his services to the Order. Treasurer of the Lodge, he was also a valuable member of the entertainments committee.

No less well regarded in the British Legion, Bill Pickthall was one of the Barnard Castle branch's founders. Here again he showed devoted voluntary service, holding at various times numerous offices including the post of benevolent secretary. He was, in fact, the branch president at the time of his death.

War Service.

Mr Pickthall answered Kitchener's call to the colours in 1914 as an "old contemptible" in the Durham Light Infantry. He transferred to the Machine Gun Corps later on and attained the rank of acting sergeant when he saw service in France and Germany.

A funeral service at St. Mary's Parish Church is being held at 11 p.m. to-morrow.

FORMER MIDDLETON EVACUEE'S GRADUATE HONOURS

Mr J. A. Plumpton, the son of Mr and Mrs J. Plumpton, of Sunderland, and grandson of Mr J. Hetherington, Middleton-in-Teesdale, has been awarded an honours degree by Cambridge University. He was a pupil at the Middleton-in-Teesdale County School while an evacuee during the last war.

Future of Bowling Green in Jeopardy

Club Members Discuss County Council 'Ultimatum'

Members of the Bowling Club turned out in strength to attend the extraordinary meeting in the Witham Hall on Monday evening to consider the Durham County Council's offer in connection with the proposed lease to the club of the green in the museum park.

It was a lively meeting, reflecting a strong feeling among members that every effort should be made to keep the game of bowls going in the town.

Several members suggested that the Durham County Authority's attitude in asking the club to pay £80 per annum towards the cost of maintaining the green and pavilion was tantamount to an ultimatum.

After lengthy discussion, it was decided to ask the Urban Council to guide the club in the matter and to seek through negotiation with the County Council a reduction in the amount of contribution. It was also agreed to inform the Urban Council that club members would be willing to play their part in raising more funds by increased subscriptions or green fees.

Mr H. Bewick, chairman of the club, who presided, said at the outset he was very pleased to see such a large gathering at a club meeting. The purpose of the meeting, he said, was to accept or reject the offer of the Bowes Museum Sub-Committee regarding the proposed lease to the club of the museum park green. Discussion, he said, had been going on for quite a long time and he thought it was time it was settled.

Up Against It.

"That is where we are up against it," declared the chairman. "Certain members do not see the green as much as they should. If it were used regularly night after night we would raise the sum quite easily. I am not the most ardent member by any means and I feel I would benefit by paying an annual subscription of £2 5s. and no green fees."

"We have got to pull together if we want to keep the green. If we refuse the offer there is definitely a danger that the green will be closed."

The chairman further explained that the County Treasurer wrote on May 30th saying he had learned with some surprise that the club committee did not wish to meet the chairman of the museum sub-committee and himself.

"That was after the offer of £100 had been made and we thought there was no reason why we should chip in a big the sub-committee was considering it," said Mr Bewick.

In the Air.

The letter from the County Treasurer proceeded. "It is fairly clear you have misinterpreted my letter of May 19th which said the information you supplied does not enable me to recommend to the museum sub-committee to reduce the figure lower than £100. The suggested meeting was to discuss any additional information to enable us to recommend a rental of lower than £100."

"Until such discussion has taken place I do not think it would be wise to assume what the outcome would be. I therefore repeat the request for alternative dates when we can meet your representatives."

"That," said the chairman, "leaves use in the air. They do not say what the outcome would be if we do not accept."

Abandoned Tennis Courts.

"Since that letter was received, three members of the club, Mr N. Kettlewell, Mr G. S. Hindmarch (secretary) and myself, met the County Treasurer and Ald. W. Baines, chairman of the Museum Sub-Committee," said Mr Bewick.

Treasurer's Letter Misinterpreted

"It was again stated that they were prepared to put the green in perfect condition and maintain it, and that the amount of contribution would be reduced to £80."

"But they did not state what they would do if we refused to accept that by looking at the abandoned tennis offer. Some indication can be gained from the putting green in the park to-day."

"Ever since the County Council took over the museum and park, the bowling club have collected green fees and handed them over to the County Authority. I do not know what has made them change their minds now."

"Impossible Task."

Mr Bewick said it was up to the club members to show they were keen enough by giving more financial aid to the club. The annual subscription, he said, had been small for many years. A subscription of say £2 5s. with 35 members bringing in £78 would enable the club to manage perfectly. On the other hand, he added, if as at present certain

Inner Wheel S.W. Durham Guests Visit Museum

New Officers Appointed

The Inner Wheel Club held their 11th birthday celebration at the June meeting, when Mrs W. Peat, the retiring president, welcomed the district chairman, Mrs Kohler, of Alnwick; the district secretary, Mrs Gee, Gosforth; and members from the Clubs at Darlington, Stockton, Middlesbrough, South Bank and Eton, Billingham, Saltburn, Redcar, and Hartlepool.

The guests were taken round the Bowes Museum, then returned to the King's Head for tea.

On Monday, June 27th, members and friends had a pleasant outing to the Lake District.

President Installed.

At the July meeting Mrs W. Peat, acting president, welcomed Mrs Finch, wife of Coun. R. B. Finch, Chairman of the Barnard Castle Urban Council, as one of their new honorary members, and then installed Mrs I. Brown as president.

Mrs Brown's first duty was to present Mrs Peat with a small token of appreciation from the members.

Officers for the year 1960-61: President, Mrs I. Brown; vice-president, Mrs J. Ascouth; secretary, Mrs N. Jackson; treasurer, Mrs E. Anderson; international representative, Mrs J. Veitch; club correspondent, Mrs G. Tappin; hon. members, Mrs R. Finch, Mrs A. Williams, committee, Mrs A. C. Humpall, Mrs N. C. Coombs, Mrs J. B. Browne, Mrs J. Riley, and Mrs J. Veitch.

CALENDAR

- July**
- Dance, Woodland Welfare Hall
 - Woodland Agricultural Society Y.M.C.A. Women's Auxiliary Garden Party, 2-30 p.m.
 - Startforth Sports Day
 - Conservative Ladies' Tea Club
 - Newsham Garden Fete
- August**
- Barnham Church Fete
 - Woodland Agricultural Show
 - Eggleston Church Garden Fete
 - Summer Fayre, Congregational Church, Barnard Castle
 - Kirkby Ravensworth Parish Annual Garden Fete
 - Kirkby Ravensworth Parish Tramps Ball at Dalton
 - Dance, Woodland Welfare Hall
 - Woodland Ag. Society, Cotherstone British Legion Annual Flower and Vegetable Show
- September**
- Coffee Morning at Spring Lodge in aid of Girl Guides
- October**
- Inner Wheel Jubilee Sale, Rokeby and Brignall Parish Hall, Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.
- December**
- Conservative Christmas Fayre.

Rocket REGD.

Casual Wear

BLACKETTS

FOOTWEAR • LINENS • HANDBAGS • TOWELS • UNDERWEAR

SALE

BOYSWEAR • FABRICS • LINENS • FURN

SEE THESE

- 15 DENIER NYLONS, 2/11 $\frac{1}{2}$
- F.F.
- 15 DENIER MESH 4/11 $\frac{1}{2}$
- F.F.
- ODDMENTS IN WOMEN'S CARDIGANS from 12/11

BARGAINS GALORE

- PILLOW CASES, Plain White, 3/6
Heavy Quality Each
- LACE TABLECLOTHS, 4/6
36 x 36, Each
- 48" FLORAL BROCADE, 7/11
Cream Ground, Yd
- KITCHEN STOOLS, 29/11
- 18-PIECE TEASETS, Blue 17/6
and White Band
- DINNER SERVICE, Coloured and Gilt Edge, 75/-
- PLASTIC BOWLS, Blue, 3/11
Red and Yellow

HERE'S VALUE

- CONTEMPORARY DINING ROOM SUITE, £55/0/0
Was £62/10/0 Now
- DARK OAK DINING ROOM SUITE, £69/0/0
Was £82/10/0 Now
- CHINA CABINET, £21/0/0
Was £25/10/0 Now

BLACKETTS

THE STORE OF FRIENDLY SERVICE
23 HORSEMARKET BARNARD CASTLE. TEL. 2145

Kipling FURNISHING LTD.
2, MARKET PLACE BARNARD CASTLE Phone 2020

Continued on Page 2.