

GROUSE SHOOTING IN TEESDALE PARTIES STAYING AT LOCAL HOTELS

"The Glorious Twelfth," the beginning of the 1962 season for grouse shooting, was postponed this year until the thirteenth of August, Monday, when members of Mr Joseph Nickerson's party from Lincolnshire had their first day of sport.

The party of twenty guns are staying at the King's Head Hotel, Barnard Castle. They arrived on Sunday evening and are expected to visit the town regularly during the next nine weeks while shooting at Wemmergill.

The Rose and Crown Hotel, Romaldkirk, is also booked up for the season. Two parties will visit the inn, one from Hull which arrives to-morrow for four days, headed by Col. Jackson, and on Sunday Mr Fenwick's party from West Hartlepool take over.

It is understood that Col. Jackson is accompanied by other six guns who will shoot the Bowes Moor, and Mr Fenwick is one of a party of 15 enthusiasts planning to visit Wolsingham Moor.

HELP AVAILABLE FOR INVALID CHILDREN FROM THE NORTH

Deformed thalidomide babies and other invalid children in the North may be helped from funds raised by the Invalid Children's Aid Association, one of the voluntary organisations in this country helping parents of babies deformed through the effects of the drug.

Last year the Association helped more than ten thousand handicapped children from all over the country. To maintain its schools holiday centres and social casework for invalid children, and to extend its work to help the thalidomide babies and their families will cost the Association £150,000 this year. Contributions should be sent to: Invalid Children's Aid Association, 4, Palace Gate, Kensington, London, W.8.

P.C. MUIR'S MOVE TO WILLINGTON

After almost two years' duty in Barnard Castle, Police Constable David A. Muir left the district yesterday with his wife and two children on transfer to Willington. Mr Muir has been in the police force for five years.

MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL EFFORT

The lady members of Middleton-in-Teesdale Village Hall Committee arranged and supervised a coffee evening in the hall last Friday evening. In addition to serving coffee there was a gift stall. The proceeds were for the hall funds.

Whist Winners at Middleton

The prizewinners at the weekly whist drive held last Wednesday at the Mechanics' Institute, Middleton-in-Teesdale, were: Miss Earle, Mrs Colman, Mrs Hugill, Mrs Lee, Miss M. Tinkler, Mrs Spraggon and Mrs Lockwood.

GARDENERS READY FOR ANNUAL SHOW

Plans are now well in hand for the Barnard Castle and District Gardeners' and Allotment Holders' Society's fourteenth annual horticultural show, to be held, as usual, in the Witham Hall, Barnard Castle, on Saturday.

The main trophy of the show is the Barnard Castle Chamber of Trade and Publicity Society's silver trophy, to be awarded to the society member with most points in 48 classes. Other prizes include the championship prize, a clock, which was given by Mr G. Gyll, of Barnard Castle, and the Robert Tiplady challenge trophy. Mr J. N. Paul also presents a silver trophy.

Entries close to-morrow at 5 p.m.

"Boys, Aged 16, Had Been Drinking"

—Police

A sixteen-years-old Startforth youth and a sixteen-years-old Mickleton boy were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace and be of good behaviour at Barnard Castle Juvenile Court on Thursday.

Sgt. R. Simpson told the court that on 11th June the boys, together with several others, were fighting in Horsemarket. When they saw the police officers approaching the crowd dispersed, but P.C. D. Muir and P.C. R. Barton managed to catch the two defendants.

The offence, causing a breach of the peace was committed at 10-55 p.m., and it was obvious that the boys had been drinking. They had refused, however, to state from where they purchased the liquor.

They were each ordered to pay 8s. court costs.

Spennymoor 'Learner' Driver Fined

John George Pattison (60), of Spennymoor, told Barnard Castle Magistrates last week that he was guilty of making an error of judgment when charged with careless driving. He pointed out that he was a learner-driver and had only had five lessons when the accident occurred.

It was stated that at 4-25 p.m. on 11th June at Rose Terrace, Middleton-in-Teesdale, defendant collided with another vehicle travelling in the opposite direction.

Chief Inspector J. J. Veitch said it seemed that Pattison had been taken by surprise and had misjudged the acute left-hand bend.

He was fined £5 and his licence was endorsed.

Women's Institutes

COTHERSTONE

The annual garden meeting was a highlight of the year's calendar, in spite of the bad weather. Members were just assembling in the beautiful gardens of Hagg House, home of Dr. and Mrs Dawson when it rained. However, Mrs Dawson very kindly invited members indoors, where whist and bridge were played.

Winners were: Ladies, Mrs Kynaston and Mrs Coats; gents, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Bayles; booby, Mrs Kidd and Mrs B. Pleasants. The mystery parcel was won by Mrs B. Bambridge.

On the evening of Tuesday, July 30th, members enjoyed a really delightful mystery tour.

Elocution

The following candidates have satisfied the examiners: Guildhall School of Music and Drama: Preliminary Pass, J. Strik, E. Wilkes; merit, J. Martin, J. Milner. Grade I: Pass, L. Lee, G. Russ, C. Simpson; merit, J. Forrest, J. Hillary. Grade II: Pass, C. Best, A. Elvidge, R. Forster, S. Hamilton, J. Moore, M. Simpson, K. Webb; merit, S. Brown, G. Kemp, J. Scott, J. Wilson. Grade III: Pass, A. McGrechin, B. Stanwick. Grade IV: Pass, B. Birdsall, C. Nicholson; merit, E. Gorman, S. Howe, W. Nicholson. Grade IVa: Pass, A. Leitch. Grade V: Merit, A. Jackson, Grade VI: Merit, W. Cleasby.

Poetry Society, Senior silver medal; Merit, H. Hutchinson. Schools gold badge; Merit, E. Robinson.

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

HEADLAM TENANT FARMER FIGHTS "QUIT" NOTICE

Widow of the Late Col. Stobart Wants Farm For Her Son

Mrs R. M. Seed, of Melbourne Hall, York, formerly Mrs M. H. Stobart, of Headlam Hall, Gainford, told an Agricultural Land Tribunal sitting in the Barnard Castle R.D.C. Chamber last Wednesday that she wanted to farm Headlam herself so that she could hand it over to her son, Rupert Stobart.

She was seeking the consent of the tribunal to the operation of a notice to quit which she served in April on the tenant farmer, Mr Hugh Robinson, of Headlam House, which he has farmed since 1937 and which at present is farmed by himself in partnership with his son, County Councillor John Robinson.

Mr Robinson was represented by Mr E. H. R. Freeman, and Mr R. P. Smith, barrister, appeared for Mrs Seed. After the hearing the members of the tribunal visited the site with representatives of both parties.

Pig-Farming.

Mr R. P. Smith said that the late Col. Stobart bought Headlam Hall in his wife's name in 1945.

At that time there were two acres of land in hand and the rest was let to Mr Robinson. On the death of her first husband it was quite clear that if the estate was to be kept on the widow would have to make it pay, and the only type of intensive farming which was feasible was to keep pigs.

She started with two sows and there were at present 20 or more. There was, however, only enough profit to pay two men's wages.

The stage had been reached where Mrs Seed had to make the decision that if she did not get back the land tenanted by Mr Robinson she would be forced to sell the whole of the estate.

Mr Robinson, said Mr Smith, gave back some of the land and Mrs Seed now had ten acres, but she had reached the limit of use to which the land could be put.

In giving back the land Mr Robinson had done her a favour but she in return had taken no steps to increase the rent which still stood at £333 per annum. The economic rent for a holding of that acreage to-day would be £750.

Mrs Seed's son, Rupert Stobart, aged 19, had been training with a view to taking over the farm at Headlam.

He took a job as a farm worker in Northumberland for a year and had dealt with the more theoretical side of farming in Norfolk.

If the tribunal consented to the application it was proposed that he should go into the farm and run it as his mother's manager.

Her present husband, Major J. H. Ellison Seed, was a farmer with experience and ability and he would keep an eye on things at Headlam.

Scheme Prepared.

A scheme of intensive farming had been prepared and it was estimated that it would realise a profit of £2,000 a year.

"This land is let only to Mr Robinson senior as opposed to the Raby Estate land which is let to father and son as partners," said Mr Smith. "But if this application is refused there could be no question when Mr Robinson senior retires of the farm being let to his son."

"So that in the next few years father and son have to face the prospect of losing the land in any event."

Major Seed said he would be able to support Rupert Stobart in running the farm as he and Mrs Seed visited Headlam once a week.

Questioned by Mr Freeman, witness said he could not employ Rupert economically on his own farm at York. "He might be required to work without pay and that would be unfair to a boy nowadays," he said.

He added that at his death his farm at Melbourne Hall, York, would pass to his married daughter. Mrs Seed told the tribunal that she could not produce enough pigs to make a profit sufficient to keep Headlam Hall going. Half the gardens at the hall were laid out commercially but she could not make a profit on it.

The chairman of the tribunal: Does the Headlam Hall Farm

ultimately go to Rupert?—He is my only child and I have every intention of making it over to him when he is 21.

"He had a very hard and thorough training in Northumberland as a practical farmer," she said. "If I do not get the farm I shall have to sell the hall because I must find a farm for my son to work on."

She agreed with Mr Freeman that when Rupert was 25 he would come into a one-third share of the estate.

Mr Hugh Robinson said that since 1939 he had lived at Headlam House which was on Raby Estate land which he also tenanted. He took over the Headlam Hall farm in 1937.

Not Retiring.

He had bought a house near Piercebridge, but it was certainly not his intention of retiring from farming, he said. The land in question was about one-third of his total acreage and if he lost it his profit would drop by appreciably more than one-third because the overheads would remain the same.

He had all the capital equipment necessary for an acreage of 425 and that capital equipment would not be fully utilised if he were to lose the farm.

He would have to change his system of farming because the Headlam Hall land and the Raby Estate land were run as one unit.

He would have to reduce the number of cattle. The herd of Herefords he was building up would have to be curtailed and so would a number of commercial cattle.

"You have known for some time that Mrs Seed wanted these 145 acres," said Mr Smith.

"Yes, but one naturally assumes that provided one's farming is efficient under the Agricultural Act one is guaranteed security of tenure," answered Mr Robinson.

Addressing the tribunal, Mr Freeman said it was accepted that Mr Robinson was an excellent tenant farmer. "The landlord has got to make out a case on her own merits against a good tenant," he said.

"Substantial Increase."

"This land has not been previously farmed with Headlam Hall in this century. It has always been let to a tenant. One knows that economic circumstances have changed and that everyone wants to cover his or her taxation somehow or other or make it spread out to meet other commitments."

"Here you have a lady with a very substantial income who is managing to cover the wages of three people out of the business side and has only one man's wage to find out of her private income."

"What is the measure of her hardship compared with cutting down the income of Mr Robinson and his son by at least 50 per cent. for four years or more until they could sort out a new policy of farming on the limited acreage?"

"I am not quite so sure that it would be a hardship for the young man Rupert Stobart. Provision has been made for him at a later age when he will have adequate capital to set himself up in farming without dispossessing a first-class tenant like Mr Robinson."

Mr Freeman said that Mrs Seed had only to wait for a few years and circumstances would mean that Mr Robinson, who is now 61, would either retire or the land would become available to her.

"The burden of hardship would be all on the tenant. There is nothing in the landlord's application which could convince the tribunal that the farm will be run any more efficiently in the hands of a young, untried, and inexperienced man than it has been since 1937 in the hands of Mr Robinson, who is universally recognised as one of the most efficient farmers in the north."

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G. HARDY, Secretary, Tel. 3152 or 2223.

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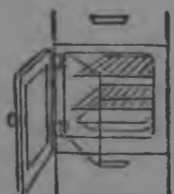
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