

## Calendar

October.

1. Dales Pony Society Whist Drive, Lartington Hall.
2. Whist Drive, Cricket Pavilion, Barnard Castle.
3. Rotary Jumble Sale, Congregational Hall.
4. Jumble Sale, Staindrop.
5. Whist Drive, Y.M.C.A., Barnard Castle.
6. Whist Drive, Boldron Village Hall.
7. Jumble Sale, Newgate Methodist Schoolroom.
8. Whist Drive and Dance (Guide Dogs), Middleton-in-Teesdale.
9. Whist Drive, St. Cuthbert's.
10. Congregational Church Choir Collee Morning, Church Hall, Cotherstone.
11. Dance, Marwood and Langleydale Social Centre.
12. Teesdale Circuit Rally, Middleton Wesley Church.
13. Whist Drive, Cricket Pavilion, Barnard Castle.
14. Police Dance, Morritt Arms, Greta Bridge.
15. Jumble Sale, Catholic School Hall.
16. Dance, Marwood & Langleydale Social Centre.
17. Dance, Dalton, Richmond.
18. Autumn Fete, Newsham W.I.
19. Bring and Buy Sale, Parish Hall, Bowes.
20. Whist Drive, Y.M.C.A., Barnard Castle.
21. Opera for All, Grammar Technical School, Bd. Castle.

November.

2. Barnard Castle Parish Church Bazaar.
3. Dance, Marwood and Langleydale Social Centre.
4. Jumble Sale, Parish Hall, Barnard Castle.
5. Whist Drive, Cricket Pavilion, Barnard Castle.
6. Dance, Marwood & Langleydale Social Centre.
7. Jumble Sale, Parish Hall, Barnard Castle.
8. Poppy Day Fair and Whist Drive, Cotherstone Village Hall.
9. Whist Drive, Y.M.C.A., Barnard Castle.
10. Sale of Work, Trinity Methodist Church.
11. N.S.P.C.C. Sherry and Coffee Evening, Sledwich.
12. Dance, Marwood & Langleydale Social Centre.
13. Inter-Church Youth Club Jumble Sale, Parish Hall, Barnard Castle.
14. Whist Drive, Cricket Pavilion, Barnard Castle.
15. The Importance of Being Earnest, Grammar Technical School, Barnard Castle.
16. Barnard Castle Boy Scouts Winter Fayre.
17. Whist Drive, Y.M.C.A., Barnard Castle.
18. Coffee Evening, Cotherstone Village Hall.

December.

1. Jumble Sale, Bd. Castle Badminton Club, Congregational Hall.
2. Ladies' Circle Toy Stall in the Market.
3. Jumble Sale, Scout Hut, Barnard Castle.
4. Dance, Marwood and Langleydale Social Centre.
5. Whist Drive, Cricket Pavilion, Barnard Castle.
6. Whist Drive, Y.M.C.A., Barnard Castle.
7. Whist Drive, Dalton, Richmond.
8. Whist Drive, Cricket Pavilion, Barnard Castle.

## LOCAL MAN MARRIED AT NORTON

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Norton, between Mr J. W. (Bill) Raine, S.R.N., R.M.N., only son of Mr and Mrs C. Raine, 48 Newgate, Barnard Castle, and Miss Hilary Judith Whitehead, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. W. Whitehead, 130 Darlington Lane, Stockton-on-Tees.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of white satin with a wide train falling from the shoulders and a long nylon net veil held in place by a pill-box headdress trimmed with diamonds and pearls. She carried a bouquet of cream roses, lily of the valley and white heather, and wore a gold locket, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bridesmaids, nursing colleagues of the bride and bridegroom, were Miss Carol Brindley and Miss Jillian Sturteon. They wore full-length gowns of kingfisher blue Milano satin with pill-box headdresses to match and carried bouquets of cream roses. They wore pearl stud earrings and a silver bracelet, gifts from the bridegroom.

The small bridesmaid was Jane Buckle, niece of the bridegroom, who wore a long white satin dress with a miniature pill-box headdress and carried a posy of cream roses. Her gift from the bridegroom was a gold locket.

She was accompanied by Master Christopher Watts, the bride's cousin, who wore blue satin trousers with a white silk shirt.

The best man was Mr John Hinchcliffe, friend of the bridegroom. The groomsmen were Mr John Bowman, and the ushers Mr David Buckle and Mr Tyrell Smith. Mr Raine is on the staff of the Darlington Memorial Hospital, where the bride is a student nurse. She is a descendant of Captain Cook, the explorer.

The couple's future home will be "Strathmore," Stapleton, near Darlington.

## BODY IN VAN

The body of a 35-year-old woman, who had been missing from home, was found last week in the back of a disused van at her sister's farm at Cockfield.

The dead woman, Miss Joyce Howe, lived in lodgings at Newgate, Barnard Castle, and the discovery of her body was made by 17-year-old Howard Stainthorpe, of Moor View, Cockfield.

An employee at Glaxo Laboratories, Miss Howe, was one of eight sisters, and her mother said: "We don't know how she died. She had been depressed and has been to the doctors with bad nerves."

A Bishop Auckland police officer said the case was being treated as sudden death and there were no suspicious circumstances.

## BEAUTY PINTA



A picture typical of Rural England, but one unfortunately dying out nowadays. The milk roundsmen at Staindrop may not be moving at 1967 standards, but the milk is delivered just the same, and it makes this delightful picture for the Teesdale Mercury this week.

## LOCAL FUNERAL FOR TRAINER'S SON

The body of 21-year-old Frederick Christopher Ormston, younger son of Mr Jack Ormston, the Hutton Magna racehorse trainer, will be flown home today from Australia, and the funeral is likely to be held next Monday.

Mr Ormston went to Oatlands Preparatory School at Knaresborough, and then to Scarborough College. Horses were his life and he hunted regularly, and he was a member of the Zetland Pony Club where he won a victor ludorum.

Before going overseas, he was a pupil trainer at Sam Armstrong's at Newmarket for two years, and then spent two years with his father until he went with horses to New Zealand in January. He then went to Adelaide, Australia, where he had a job as a pupil trainer with Hayes, a well-known Australian trainer. It was here that a riding accident occurred and Mr Ormston fell and never regained consciousness.

## SAVINGS

National savings in the Barnard Castle Urban and Rural Districts for the month of September were £43,689, made up as follows: Savings Certificates, £6,112; Premium Savings Bonds, £1,102; National Development Bonds, £5,530; deposits in Post Office Savings Banks, £5,950; deposits in Trustee Savings Banks, £24,995.

## BLOCK TEST WINNERS

Winners at Eggleston Show in the block test competition were: J. Robinson, Low Houses; S. Gill, Marwood; B. Sanderson, Aycliffe School; H. W. B. Ord, Middleton; W. Foster, Lunedale; J. Kemp, St. Helen's; J. R. Addison, Hayberries; Janet Bayles, Barnard Castle. The above guessed the correct weight of 87 lbs.

## BRIDE IN SATIN

The wedding took place recently at St. Mary's Parish Church, Barnard Castle, between Mr David Hooper, second son of Mr and Mrs E. Hooper, 3 Greta Road, Barnard Castle, and Miss Myra Evans, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Evans, 26 Thornegate, Barnard Castle.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a white satin empire line dress with a train falling from the waist and a bouffant veil held in place with a coronet of pearls. She carried a bouquet of peach roses and white freesia.

The bridesmaids were Miss Denise Evans, sister of the bride, and Miss Lesley Hooper, sister of the bridegroom, who wore full-length empire styled dresses in orange satin and carried bouquets of yellow carnations and white freesia. The attendants were Misses Michelle and Beverley Hunter, friends of the bride, they wore empire styled dresses in yellow satin, and carried posies of tangerine and white carnations. The smaller attendant, Miss Deborah Tegart, cousin of the bridegroom, wore an empire styled dress of blue satin with a posy of tangerine and white carnations.

Best man was Mr Peter Hooper, and the groomsmen Mr Barry Hooper, both brothers of the bridegroom.

## Gypsy Love

October 23rd sees the opening night of yet another Operatic Society production at the Civic Theatre, Darlington. This will be Gypsy Love, which is being presented as part of the town charter centenary celebrations by the Darlington society.

Although Gypsy Love never quite achieved the popularity of The Merry Widow, by the same composer, Franz Lehár, it contains a wealth of well-known melodies as well as comedy and a good story.

The cast, besides including a number of experience members such as Eunice Cockburn, Shirley Dodd, Nancy Greenwood, Sam Herdman, Raymond Simmons, Horace Wilson, Clifford Walker and Denis Quinn, also contains four members new to roles with the society and one re-joined member.

Marie le Mare and Peter Henderson team up to play the light comedy parts. Marie has played a number of roles in Glaxo productions at Barnard Castle. Peter will be remembered as a spectacular dancer in past productions. Playing a romantic gypsy role is David Carter, who is also a member of the Stockton Stage Society and has played a number of roles for them. The fine contralto voice of Constance Overend will be heard to advantage in the part of the Gypsy Queen. Another gypsy part is taken by Dorothy Matthew, who has returned to the society after a spell of teaching in Kenya. Other local people in the show are Gordon Clarke and Sam Goldberg.

The direction is in the hands of Joy Beadell and the musical director is Frank C. Murray, the team which has been responsible for many successful productions.

## EDITOR AT B. AND P. CLUB

The guest speaker at the meeting of the Barnard Castle Business and Professional Women's Club on Thursday evening was Miss E. Scotson, women's editor on the staff of the Middlesbrough Evening Gazette.

Members were thrilled at hearing of her journey round the world five years ago which led to her becoming a journalist.

She realised that the best way of learning about the way other peoples live was to travel.

Starting off across Canada, she reached British Columbia and obtained a post there as a librarian. Staying there for a year, the next year was spent journeying westwards home alone, encountering many obstacles.

A vote of thanks to the speaker was given by Mrs M. Bailev.

## Grow More—Import Less

Britain must become less dependent on imports of food than we can grow at home, if we are to expect an even modest increase in our economic growth, said Mr Ernest E. Milner, North Regional Officer of the National Farmers' Union, speaking at Crook Rotary Club last week.

"Strengthening our balance of payments must be our first objective and this means preventing our import bill from too rapidly overtaking our exports and invisible earnings.

"What is now abundantly clear is that in spite of our problems we have now the opportunity to break free from the recurring balance of payments troubles by encouraging the maximum expansion in our food production.

"British agriculture can produce, and produce efficiently, more food and cut back the import bill. Rightly the Government stimulates export industries, but it should equally encourage import saving industries, of which agriculture is the greatest. If the farming industry had the resources to produce another £300 million worth of cereals, beef and other products we grow economically at home, the Government would have no need to adopt deflationary policies to prevent the balance of payments getting out of hand.

"Our economic position is such that we ought only to import food

where home production ends, and the ultimate of home production must be optimum output. It is going to take the best from both field and factory to keep our heads above water, and to get this the Government must adopt a policy for home producers to contribute a steadily increasing proportion of the food needs of the nation.

"The production record of British agriculture during the last decade has shown that there are few industries from which an equivalent return in terms of net import-saving can be expected. In the years 1960-1964 agricultural productivity increased at an annual rate of 6.3 per cent compare with 2.7 per cent for the economy in general; agriculture was near the head of the list of industries in the productivity league table.

"Moreover, in the 10 years from the mid-1950's, each extra pound spent in agriculture on resources resulted in an additional net import-saving worth at least £4. Given the proper framework and adequate resources, the industry can improve even on this."

## DRINK TEST IN BARNARD CASTLE

Since the start this week of the new breathalyser tests for motorists, the subject has been the main talking point throughout the area over bar counters.

Pubs and hotels in the district reported a "quieter than usual" trade earlier this week, and in one Barnard Castle hotel great interest was paid when an American visitor to the area produced a box containing a drink-o-meter.

This contained a balloon and glass phial, and sportingly one of the "regulars" said he would test it.

Instructions were: 1. Before testing, avoid blowing smoke into the balloon, wait 15 minutes after any alcoholic drink or rinse mouth out with water (he rinsed mouth with water amidst variable comments from on-lookers!).

2. Remove cap from tube and dump all loose white crystals. Inflate balloon until it is full, pinch nozzle and insert tube into balloon.

3. Let air from balloon flow through the tube for one minute, then replace caps.

The instructions were carried out and we all waited with bated breath for the result. Five minutes went by, and out of the three bands of yellow crystals in the phial, one turned green. The instructions on the box stated that this meant our "guinea-pig" was within the legal limits. If two bands turned green, instructions read "Go by bus," and if all three changed colour "Go to Bed!"

It was an interesting experiment, which caused a great deal of amusement and interest, but readers please note that the man in question had no intention of driving anyway, but admitted to having drunk about four to five pints.

Although it was felt that this Californian device proved little, it caused an interesting and topical

talking point over lunch, but the drinkers in the bar commented that penalties in the new law were so strict only fools would take a risk.

One man drinking bitter-lemon "as my livelihood depends on a car" said he considered a bad driver would always be a bad driver, to which everyone heartily agreed.

## TO AID SICK

Car parking at an event at Hunderthwaite recently raised £6 4s. for muscular dystrophy funds.

## "CRIME" TALK AT INNER WHEEL

The Barnard Castle Inner Wheel Club met last week under the chairmanship of the president, Mrs A. M. Rowell.

The speaker was Mr J. Hemingway, who gave a very interesting account of his experiences as a magistrate on the bench at Darlington. His subject was "Crime" and he explained that crime of any form at all was nothing more nor less than "breaking the law in the locality where you reside." After his talk he was thanked on behalf of the club by past president Mrs G. Pickard.

Tea followed and then the business of the club was undertaken, during which Mrs J. Riley, one of our members, was given a small gift as a leaving present on her departure to live in Australia with her husband and family. The good wishes of the club were expressed by the president, Mrs A. M. Rowell.

## THE TEES VALLEY BEAGLES will meet

- Oct. Following meets 2 p.m.
11. Hardberry.
  14. Romalldkirk Hall, by invitation.
  18. Brown Jug Inn, Kinnivie.
  21. Four Alls Inn, Ovington.
  25. Gilmonby.
  28. Dog Inn, Heighington.

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