

## MANY ATTEND PARTY'S PARTY

Lynesack branch of the Labour Party's garden party at Turf Moor, South Side, on Saturday enjoyed good weather and a good attendance. Mr Derek Foster, M.P. and his wife Anne were there with many friends, villagers and visitors to hear Mr Ernest Armstrong, M.P., open the event with a non-political speech full of well chosen words.

He did mention, however, as did Mr Foster, that he hoped Durham County Council would be strengthened by the arrival of John Priestley, who was also present, and who is the Labour candidate for the Staindrop county seat at the election of 6th September.

Mr Armstrong recalled the "good" old days and said he remembered the friendliness which was so strong. But then when everybody had nothing it was easy to be friendly, he said.

The garden party raised £53 for branch funds.



The Earl of Strathmore (left centre) attending the Romaldkirk Church summer fair on Saturday. On his right is his friend, Mr Biaggio, a regular visitor to Teesdale and generous donor of £100 to the church funds. They are accompanied by the Rector of Romaldkirk, the Rev. D. Dales Martin and Mrs Martin.

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## Methodist Garden Party

The Annual Methodist Garden Party was held once again in the attractive setting of Greta Lodge, Middleton, home of Mr and Mrs R. Beadle. The weather was fine and pleasant and a good number of people attended from a wide area.

The Rev. G. Braithwaite gave the opening prayer and introduced Mr W. Crute, of Sunderland. Mr

Crute is now retired and has a cottage near Middleton where he and his wife spend much of the summer. After a short address Mr Crute opened the fete.

Ladies from the Teesdale section of the Circuit served on the various stalls and provided tea.

The young people looked after the side shows, bran tub, mystery parcels, and white elephant stalls. During the afternoon a number of sacred records were played by Mrs E. Bell. The effort raised £210 for Methodist Overseas Missions.

## ROMALDKIRK FAIR REALIZED £800

The Annual Summer Fair in connection with the St. Romald's and St. Cuthbert's Churches, was held in Romaldkirk on Saturday on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

The Rector, the Rev. D. Dales Martin welcomed the opener, The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorn who said he considered that, though he was born in Scotland, he spent a period of each year at Holwick Lodge and was therefore a parishioner.

As Patron of St. Romald's Church he was very interested in the welfare of the Parish and he hoped that the large assembly would give as generously as possible to meet the cost of the electrical repairs which were a pressing need.

The many stalls, games and competitions were well supported and the Cafeteria in the Reading Room was most appreciated. Music was provided by the Middleton and Teesdale Band.

The sum of £800 was raised and at the church services the following day the Rector thanked all those whose hard work had contributed so greatly to the success of the Fair.

## WATCHFUL EYE ON OPENCAST MINING

In its annual report just issued, the Durham and Teesdale branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England welcomes the efforts of Durham County Council to ensure that the opencast coal-mining local programme for the next few years avoids areas of high landscape quality.

The question of opencast coal-mining had been the main topic for the branch over the past year. The veto placed by the Secretary of State for Energy on opencast working at Whittonstall, north-west of the Derwent Valley had brought success to the efforts of the Council for the Protection of Rural England and local amenity societies to protect the Derwent Valley against the "opencast juggernaut".

The Council reaffirms its position to any further increase in the maximum permitted weight of lorries.

The report states that the branch welcomes the policies contained in the draft structure plans for Tyne and Wear and Durham counties with the exception that it believes some of the proposals for new and reconstructed roads in County Durham are unnecessary or extravagant in conception.

## £174 TAKEN

The sum raised for Finchale Training College for the disabled, Durham, at their flag day in Barnard Castle on Wednesday was £174.77. Thanks were given to all who helped with the collection.

## TOP BRASS BAND COMES TO TOWN Concert in Glaxo Club on Sunday

Once again, The Barnard Castle Band have invited a champions cup band to give a concert in Barnard Castle, following on the heels of Amoco, Tredegar and Besses O' th' Barn, come one of Yorkshire's top section bands. The Brodsworth Colliery (T.S.B.) Band have been booked to play in the Glaxo Sports and Social Club on Sunday, 26th August. The concert which commences at 7.30 p.m. has music to appeal to all tastes from Light Cavalry to Faust and from Gilbert and Sullivan to Boogie in the Bandstand.

The musical director of Brodsworth Colliery is no stranger to the North East until recently, John Childs was resident conductor of Ever Ready and prior to that he was musical director of Tredegar where he had many successes in the contest scene. His skill didn't leave him when he formed Brodsworth late last year. The band became the city of Leicester festival champions in their first outing under John.

The local band are very grateful to the committee of the Glaxo Club for allowing them to present this fine band from the home of top brass.

Tickets will be on sale at the Trustees Savings Bank or from the Secretary of the Barnard Castle Band at 40 Cleveland Road. They will also be available at the Glaxo Club door on the night of the concert.

## Peeps into the past

### 10 YEARS AGO

High prices at Middleton set a record: £106 for a bullock shown by Tarn Bros., £1,000 for a shearing ram shown by G. C. White, and £555 for a shearing ram shown by J. G. Bainbridge, who won the silver challenge cup.

Among helpers at a strawberry fair for Copley Methodist Church were Mesdames G. Teasdale, G. Crawford, G. Sparks, T. Hillary, M. Burrell, M. Sowerby, M. Downson, G. Redfern, E. Brown, J. Brown, L. Walker and I. Brunskill.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Mrs H. Archer, who was a teacher for 33 years at Baldersdale school, received a parting gift from the seven remaining pupils before the school closed.

Mr and Mrs F. Deacon, of Flatts Road, Barnard Castle, celebrated their diamond wedding. Mr Deacon spent most of his life in the building trade until he retired.

### 30 YEARS AGO

Mr T. C. Goldie, who was a farmer at Cowton Grange, found a fox cub, after its mother died. He and his family took the cub in and fed it on milk from a baby's bottle.

Among those who went on an outing with Teesdale farmers were Mr H. Whitfield, Mr J. Gargate, Mr T. Icton, of Middleton; Mr W. H. Staley, Mrs Scott and Mrs Bell, of Forest; Mr J. K. Sowerby, of Lunedale; Mr A. Guy and Mr M. Tarn, of Lartington; Mr and Mrs J. H. Hutchinson, and Mr and Mrs T. Robson, of Langleydale.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
Mr Maurice Bowron, son of Mr and Mrs Fred Bowron, of California Row, Middleton, was appointed master of the Richmond Public Assistance Institution.

A fire which broke out in a dutch barn belonging to Mr J. H. Miller, of East Greystones, Gainford, destroyed hay, straw and carts and wagons.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Mr Justin Nixon and Mr C. Gibbon took the children of the Newsham Wesleyan Sunday School on an outing to Redcar.

Girl Guides and Brownies who had an enjoyable picnic at Cotherstone were Mattie Brown, Mary Bayles, Elsie Beaumont, Zena Harker, Mabel Thompson, Annie Chaplow, Lily Brown, Peggy Etherington, Eileen Leishman, Nancy Parkin and Doris Harker.

## YOUTHS WHO WENT ON THEFT TOUR MUST WORK WITHOUT PAY

Three youths who drove round Teesdale one night looking for petrol and other things to steal were each ordered on Wednesday to do 120 hours of unpaid work for the community.

Simon Stephens, 20; Mark Dixon, 17; and Michael Jefferson, 19; all of Bishop Auckland, were also ordered by Teesdale magistrates (court 2) to pay costs and compensation.

Stephens was ordered to pay £41, while Dixon had to hand over £150 and Jefferson had to pay £48. They admitted various offences at a previous hearing and were remanded for reports.

Mr Anthony Booth, defending, said Stephens was a car salesman who had use of a company car. He damaged two wheels and thought he would be sacked, so he set off looking for two suitable wheels to steal.

In Barnard Castle he found one belonging to Julia Conning in John Street. He took it from the boot of her car along with a collection of tools.

Further up the dale the youths stole another wheel and other items including a gas cylinder, gas fire and tools. They also caused damage to two County Council cabins parked at Eggleston.

But they were caught after they tried to steal petrol from Mr William Wood's car parked outside

his home at Syke Cottages, Mickleton. His wife looked from the window and took their car number before scaring them off.

They were soon traced by the police. And Stephens' wheel plan backfired because when his firm found out about the thefts he was sacked anyway.

Dixon also admitted stealing a 650 motor cycle on another evening. His solicitor said he had been ordered to leave home and intended using the motorcycle to get away. But he could not start it.

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