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ROSE BOWL FOR CARL STEPHENSON

Carl Stephenson, son of Mr and Mrs Eric Stephenson, of Pikestone, Woodland, has won the Rosebowl, an award for the most outstanding student for the year at Houghall college of agriculture, Durham.

Carl, 20, has just completed his studies for an O.N.D. in agriculture, following a three year sandwich course. After a year at Houghall he worked for a year at Alnwick, before returning to Houghall to complete his studies. He is currently working on his father's farm, which has been in the family since 1803. As yet Carl is undecided whether he will continue to work at home or move elsewhere.

A NEW CAMPAIGN TO SAVE SCHOOL

News that a fresh attempt is being made to close Mickleton School came as no surprise to parents in the village, but it angered many of them.

When Durham County Council lost its battle to kill off the school two years ago, after villagers had appealed to Education Minister Shirley Williams, officials made it clear they did not accept the decision.

One senior official at Durham told the Mercury then that the 100 year old school would not be renovated as the parents expected, and he added: "Shirley Williams will not be minister for ever."

It seems her departure at the general election was the signal for the county to start new closure moves.

But once more the villagers are determined to fight all the way to the top, again on the grounds that if the school closes, and the pupils are transferred to Middleton, it will be the beginning of the end for Mickleton.

They have been promised the support of Sir Tim Kitson, Conservative M.P. for Richmond, who played an important part last time, and hopes he can be successful again, now that his own party is in power.

Mr Keith Grimshaw, the county's deputy director of education, told the Mercury yesterday that officials of the Ripon Diocese and the school managers will be consulted before a public meeting is called to hear the views of parents, possibly in September.

Then all the opinions will be put to the full education committee, which will decide, probably in October, whether to go ahead with the closure proposal. If the answer is Yes, notices will be published giving two months for objections to be lodged, and this will take it up to about Christmas.

Some time in the new year the Minister will have to give a decision, and if approval is given the school could close next July. But if that date is missed, it could stay open until the following July 1981.

Mr Grimshaw said: "It would be possible to close it midway through the school year, either at Christmas or Easter, but we would prefer the break to come at the end of the summer term."

He stated that the closure would save running costs of £28,000 a year, but the real issue was that the school could not be brought up to a satisfactory standard on its present site. If there was to be a Mickleton School at all, it would have to be a new one.

He went on: "When we last talked about this, there were about 70 pupils. By next year the total will be down to around 40, and it will probably go down even more. That would mean a two-classroom school, and there is simply no case for building one like that."

Parents, however challenge the savings and the school numbers. They feel that while £28,000 could be shown on paper as being saved at Mickleton on staff, etc, the costs would increase to some extent at Middleton—and there would also be extra transport costs.

They feel that while the numbers have dropped in the last year, through so many children reaching secondary school age, the totals

could rise and pass the 70 mark again in five or ten years.

Some leaders of the last campaign have left the village, or their children have moved on from Mickleton School, but others who will take their place promise the campaign will be just as vigorous as the last time.

Team given new shirts

Middleton-in-Teesdale Junior School Football team were given a pleasant surprise when two local businessmen Mr George Addison and Mr John Winter donated a full strip of shirts, shorts and stockings in the blue and white school colours.

The two donors congratulated the school team on winning the local Chamber of Trade Cup and hoped future teams would carry the new colours equally successfully.

Individual cups were also presented to members of the winning team by Mr Addison and Mr Winter who were thanked by Mr I. Whitfield, the head teacher.

He said they had set a fine example of community spirit and concern for the wellbeing of the young, and included thanks to the Chamber of Trade for sponsoring the annual football tournaments and providing the trophies competed for each year.



Miss Denise Lee-Shield, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Lee-Shield, 23 Leekworth Gardens, Middleton-in-Teesdale, was married on Saturday to Mr Stephen Pinkney, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Pinkney, 3 Dale View, Mickleton.

The wedding was held at the Wesleyan Chapel, Middleton-in-Teesdale. The Rev. G. Braithwaite performed the ceremony. Mrs Beadle was organist, and the church decorations were by Mrs J. Turnbull and Mrs G. Shann.

The bride who was given away by her father, wore a Victorian style dress and train with a Juliet cap and veil. She carried a bouquet of gold roses.

Gwendolyn Lee-Shield and Marie Lee-Shield, sisters of the bride, and Gillian Robinson, a close friend, were the bridesmaids.

Michael Watson was the best

JACK BEADLE WAS KEEPER FOR 42 YEARS

The death of Mr Jack Beadle, of Tees View, Eggleston, took place in hospital. He was aged 82.

He was head keeper for the late Sir William Gray of Eggleston Hall for 42 years. His father was head keeper on the estate for 50 years.

He served in the first world war, and was in charge of the Home Guard at Eggleston in the second world war. He had been a freemason for many years and was a past master of Middleton Lodge.

The funeral service was at Eggleston Methodist Chapel. Interment followed in Eggleston churchyard.

CENTURY OF WEDDINGS

From this Sunday until the end of August an exhibition, 100 years of Marriage, will be on view during normal opening hours at Raby Castle. On loan from H. Samuel the jewellers, covers weddings from the Victorian period to the 1930's and consists of photographs and figures dressed in period clothes.

In some cases the actual costs of the weddings shown are included, and comparison with modern costs are very interesting.

MORE CLASSES, EXTRA MONEY, AT BIG SHOW

Bigger prizes and some new classes have been introduced for this year's Bowes Show.

There is a new section for Suffolk sheep, and in all the other sheep classes the money for first prize has been raised.

Enthusiasts will be pleased to know there are to be eight classes for walking sticks, and five new classes in the tent for horticulture and produce.

Prize money has been doubled in the horse and pony section, with a £4 first prize award in each case.

Mr Albert Raine, the show secretary, of West Pasture, Spital, Bowes, who now has schedules available for the event in September, said: "We feel the additional classes and extra money will make the show even more successful than it has been in recent years."

B.Sc. honours

A former Barnard Castle girl, Margaret Woodhams, has been awarded a B.Sc Honours Degree in microbiology at Trent Polytechnic College, Nottingham.

Margaret is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Woodhams who now live at Bishop Auckland.

A new edition of the Teesdale guide book published by the Mercury is now on sale at shops throughout the area, priced 30p.

Picture: Colin Bainbridge

No obstruction

Mr Jack Ackroyd, of Victoria Road Barnard Castle, who was fined £40 by Teesdale magistrates some time ago for obstructing the police, had the conviction quashed when he won an appeal at Teeside Crown Court on Thursday. But the judge substituted a conviction for breach of the peace, and bound him over in the sum of £100 for a year.

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Bomb is safe

A suspected bomb found by Mrs Jessie Atkinson of Clove Lodge, Baldersdale, was described over the phone by police to army experts, who said it was safe. P.C. Gerry Thwaites was given the job of taking it to Barnard Castle police station, where it was to be collected by the army.

Sudden death

Mr Peter Richardson, of Oakley House, Ingleton, died suddenly on Saturday at the age of 44.

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CALENDAR

July

- 20. Glenholme Roadshow 18 and Under Disco, Hamsterley Village Hall, 8 p.m.
- 21. Y.M.C.A. Garden Fete, Spring Lodge, 2 p.m.
- 21. Dales Pony Society, Summer Show and Open Gymkhana, Barningham Park.
- 21. Ladies' Circle Nearly New Sale.
- 25. Ladies' Circle Market Stall.
- 26, 27, 28. S.C.F. Baby Clothes Exhibition.

August

- 4. Stoneleigh Fete.
- 5. Clay Pigeon Shoot, Stable Green Quarry, Middleton-in-Teesdale.
- 10. Dance to "Road Runner", Memorial Hall, Dalton, 9 p.m. Admission 80p.
- 11. Hamsterley Clay Pigeon Shoot and Sports, 1 p.m.
- 12. Barningham Summer Fair.
- 18. Romal Kirk Summer Fayre, 3 p.m., Middle Green.
- 25. Boldron Sports.
- 27. Hamsterley Gymkhana.
- 27. Eggleston Carnival.
- 31. Bowes Ag. Soc. Country and Western, Morrill Arms Hotel. April 1980
- 27. 6th Teesdale Country Fair.

£144 raised

Thanks were given this week to all who supported a Little Newham disco dance, in Winston Village Hall, on Friday. It raised £144 in aid of Cancer Research.

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CAR BURNED

A Jaguar car owned by amusement machine operator Bruce Frazer was taken from Barnard Castle late on Friday and found blazing at Blue Stone Lane, Marwood.

It was reported by Mrs Watson of Park House Farm, Marwood, but was completely destroyed before firemen could put out the flames.

Police, who are treating it as arson, were still making inquiries yesterday.

Funeral of Mrs M. J. Raine

The death occurred in hospital of Mrs Mary Jane Raine (nee Peacock), wife of the late William Raine of Mount Pleasant, Bowes Road, Startforth.

Interment was at Bowes cemetery on Thursday, following a service in Bowes chapel, which she attended regularly in her early years.

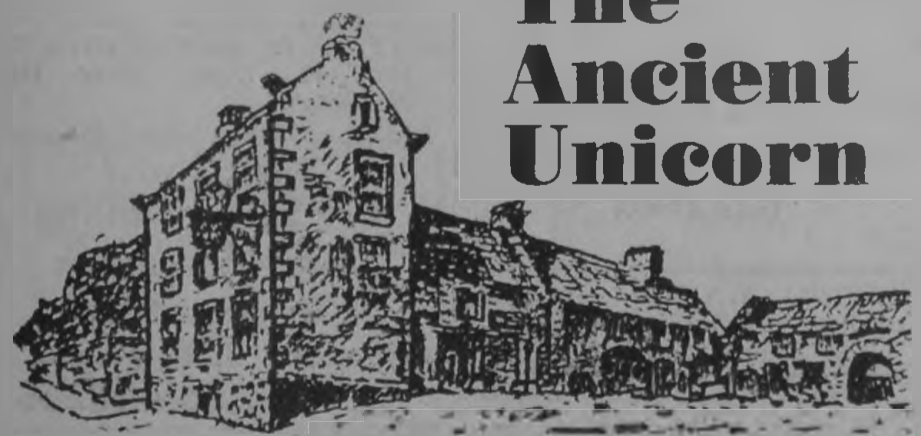
Those present were:— Mr and Mrs Joseph Dent, Miss Dargue, Mr and Mrs J. H. Alderson, Mrs R. Dent, Mrs D. Thornbrough, Mrs A. Clarkson also rep Mrs S. Guy, Miss G. Guy and Mrs M. Cloughton, Mr and Mrs W. Foster, Mr and Mrs A. Robson, Mr and Mrs T. Richardson, Mr J. R. Hall, Mr S. Hall, Mr Joseph Hall.

Mr and Mrs T. Howson, Mr John Whitehead, Mr L. Whitehead, Mrs Cleasby, Mr John Hinchcliffe, Mrs Metcalfe, Mr G. Wearmouth, Mrs A. Turnbull, Mrs Hill, Mrs MacCloughlin, Mr L. Cooper.

Miss N. Allen, Mr H. Gaskill, Mr and Mrs F. Wilkinson, Mr J. Hunter, Mr T. Buck, Mrs I. Allinson, Mrs R. Lowes, Mrs Richardson.

Bearers were: Mr Joseph Richard, Mr John Richards, Mr John Dent, Mr David Foster.

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