



Dismay for TV man as a snag holds up his factory plan

TV dealer John Eglinton was angry yesterday because of a late snag in his plans to open a small factory in Barnard Castle, making dishes and other equipment for satellite reception.

He hoped to go into production with a staff of eight at the former Woodman premises in Newgate.

But he was dismayed when Teesdale Council officials stated that he needed planning consent for the operation. He felt no new consent was required as the building had already been used as a workshop.

Now he says he is looking for premises in Bishop Auckland and will move the operation there unless the problem in Newgate is sorted out quickly.

Instead of applying for planning consent he has asked for an "established use" certificate in the hope this will show that no new permission is required.

He has leased the premises from Mr J. R. Alderson, and was promised two grants—£5,000 from the Department of Trade and £1,000 by Durham County Council—to help get the small factory started.

But almost at the last minute the county rang to say they could not pay because of the snag over planning consent.

"This was the first I knew anything was wrong," Mr Eglinton told the Mercury. "It would have been more lucrative for me to start up in Bishop Auckland in the first place, as I could have received grants of £24,000."

"But I would rather be in Barnard Castle. It is handier for my shop, the security is better and I can get a more suitable workforce. But I will move rather than put up with any more delay."

Mr Michael Pease, Teesdale's chief planning officer, said he did not feel it right to discuss the matter publicly at this stage.

Handbags stolen

Handbags have been stolen from two cars in the past week—one at High Force car park on Wednesday when the theft involved £100, and one from Cow Green car park on Sunday when the value was £156.

In both cases the handbags were on view in the cars and windows were forced open. Police advised everyone to lock valuables in the boot each time a car is parked.

A double ration of Mollie Sugden

Anyone who got pleasure from watching Mrs Slocombe's antics on TV may find double enjoyment in My Giddy Aunt at Darlington Civic this week, for Mollie Sugden plays two parts.

On the other hand anyone who couldn't stand that show on the box might find it doubly painful to sit through this play, billed as a comedy thriller.

To be honest, it is fairly awful. It certainly isn't thrilling, and the comedy is on about a par with the Beano.

But Mollie Sugden has a large following of fans who think her hilarious, and her presence alone will make them feel the trip is worthwhile.

Her two roles are as half-sisters, with mannerisms and hair colour changing as each in turn appears in the action. But neither seemed all that much different from Mrs Slocombe.

Monday's audience kept chuckling along, especially in the second half, and the curtain call at the end was long and warm. There can be few actresses who would have drummed up such a response with the same standard of material.

RAINES FIRST TO WIN NEW TROPHY

Laurie Raine and his sons lost no time in getting their hands on the new challenge trophy offered at Bowes Show on Saturday to replace the one they won outright last year.

They ensured they will be the first to get their names on it, thanks to a shearing ram which had not been shown before and will not be again before it is sold.

It took the prize, the main sheep award of a wide area, as steady drizzle made things difficult at the start of the show, leading to some competitors and spectators failing to turn up.

The new cup is more modest than the previous one, but it still carries the same high prestige: it is the one many Swaledale sheep breeders would most like to win.

Laurie Raine and his sons Albert and Neville, of Coach and Horses, Bowes, took it with a home-bred shearing ram, sired by a tup bought for £5,000 at Hawes from Laurie Rukin of Keld.

Its mother was sired by a tup bought at Hawes for £4,500 from



Arthur Thorn with his prize gladioli.

Ronnie Metcalfe of Stainton, Leyburn. The Raines also took fifth place with a shearing that is full



Laurie Raine, right, receives the new challenge trophy from the show chairman, Mr John Luck.

brother to last year's winner, which was sold at Kirkby Stephen for £7,000.

Runners-up for the big prize were Gordon and Roderick Bayles of West Hope, Barningham, with a home-bred shearing sired by a tup from Bill Calvert of Swaledale. They have a share in the sire, which was bought two years ago by John Whitehead for £7,000.

John Allison and Sons of Seal Houses, Arkengarthdale, won the overall Swaledale title with a gimmer shearing sired by a Nelson tup. It also took the female title and was judged best sheep on the field.

The ram championship went to Joe Hall of Sleightholme with an aged ram which held the price record for a short time after it was bought for £15,000 at Kirkby Stephen three years ago. It took the ram title and district title, and was reserve overall.

The Bayles Brothers were runners-up for the district championship as well as having the champion ram lamb. Laurie Raine and Sons were runners-up for the ram championship.

Derek Peart of Hamsterley took the Blue-faced Leicester title with

a ewe which has won it several times in the past—he is not quite sure how often—and Fred Collinson of Wolsingham took second place.

Janice Gill of Marwood was second in the Suffolk section, just behind her friend and rival Mrs Margaret Watkinson of Sessay. Mrs A. M. Sayer won the J. G. Raine Cup for the best exhibit in the produce classes, a fruit cake, and Mrs Joan Raine won the special prize for most points in the ladies' classes.

HANDICRAFTS
Hand-knitted garment: 1, Mrs A. Judge; 2, Miss D. Milner; 3, Mrs G. Spooner. Pest covered coat-hanger: 1, Mrs R. Wallis; 2, Mrs L. Hare. Coloured embroidery: 1, Mrs J. M. Spooner; 2, Miss I. Hodgson; 3, Mrs M. Butterell. Cushion: 1, Mrs L. Hare; 2, Mrs J. Close; 3, Mrs R. W. Wallis. Embroidered handkerchief: 1, Mrs A. Hughes; 2, Mrs R. Dent; 3, Miss G. Bush. Soft toy: 1 and 2, Mrs B. Milner; 3, Miss I. Hodgson. Flower vase: 1, Miss D. Gresty; 2, Miss I. Hodgson; 3, Mrs A. Hughes. Decorated thimble: 1, Mrs A. Hughes; 2, Emma Hughes; 3, Miss I. Hodgson. Home-made pin cushion: 1, Mrs L. Hare; 2, Mrs J. Close; 3, Mrs R. W. Wallis.

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Dale has top sports team —after years of losing

Against all odds and much to its own surprise, Teesdale's team captured the County Durham sports title by winning the Top District competition on Sunday.

It was a startling result for the dale men and women, who have always been the poor relations of this annual contest, usually finishing last or close to last.

But on home territory in Barnard Castle this time, they took an early lead by coming first in clay pigeon shooting, then went on to perform well in most of the 11 other events.

They had the title safely wrapped up even before the final event, the tug of war, in which they came third to take their points total to 75, some 14½ ahead of their nearest rivals.

Jubilation was shown by the Teesdale team as well as by their manager Eric Fell, who is chief executive of the council, and Coun. Jim Barker, the council chairman.

Possibly most delight of all was displayed by Coun. Ken Walton, council delegate to outside sports bodies and a leader of the campaign to have better leisure facilities provided in the area.

In extremely merry mood as he received the Top District trophy, he declared that this triumph was only the start, and the dale would go on winning things once it had better sports amenities.

The final placings of the eight districts were: 1, Teesdale 75 points; 2, Derwentside 60½; 3,

Durham 59½; 4, Darlington 52½; 5, Wear Valley 47½; 6, Sedgfield 43½; 7, Chester-le-Street 40; 8, Easington 38½.

Teesdale won the shooting, rugby and squash. It came second in cross country, darts, hockey and quoits; third in tug of war; fourth in badminton and bowls; fifth in tennis; and seventh in soccer.

Most of the events were arranged on the splendid sports fields of Barnard Castle School, and lunch was served to visiting council members and officials in the school dining hall.

Coun. Barker expressed thanks to the headmaster, Mr Frank McNamara, for the hospitality. He also thanked Mr Alan Prosser, editor of the Northern Echo, for his company's sponsorship of the competition.

Bowling and tennis sections took place in the grounds of The Bowes Museum—whose curator, Mrs Elizabeth Conran, was among the guests—and five-a-side soccer was played on the Ten Fields.

Despite Teesdale's shortage of sports facilities, these three adjoining venues made a perfect setting for the competition, which has now been held in each of the eight county districts.

There was some celebrating in Barnard Castle as the other teams departed—and the feeling was that after coming so far down the field in previous years, the dale had every right to do a little crowing.

Pictures and details are on centre pages.

Volunteers carve out a new safe path

A 50 yard stretch of path on the way to Smart Gill slipped into the river at Deepdale.

But on Sunday, with the permission of the landowner, a group of volunteers, together with Mike Thompson and his chainsaw, cut back the overhanging trees and bushes and formed a new path well away from the river's edge. A new stile was built in the fence which had to be re-positioned to keep out stock in the adjoining field.

The organiser of the work, Anthony Seaman of Glenfield, Coherstone, said: "Conditions are now much safer for both the grazing animals and walkers, and thanks are due to the land owner, Mr J. Cooke-Hurle, for allowing

more ground to be taken for the new path.

"There are many other sections of path on the other side of the river in Deepdale in need of attention which I hope can be tackled in the near future."

A windscreens worth £45 was smashed on a tractor parked in Front Street, Cockfield, on Sunday.

Mr D. Parnaby is to be allowed to extend a house at Mount Slowly, Burnthouses, to form a lounge with two bedrooms and bathroom above it. It is a large alteration of a small cottage, so special care has been taken to get a suitable design, with some changes from the plans originally submitted.

Tablers make £1,650 during busy summer

The finance chairman of Barnard Castle Round Table, Colin Bowman, thanked Tablers for their support for his summer fund raising programme.

A clay pigeon shoot, stalls at Staindrop and Middleton carnivals, and a "one in the eye for King Harold" competition at the Bowes 800 celebrations raised a total of £1,650.

The Superscore darts competition is to be held again this autumn. This year the event will include a grand final to allow competitors to see the top teams in action. Santos Levin, landlord of the Three Horseshoes, has installed a whisky bottle to collect coins for local Round Table charities.

There will be a competition to guess the final contents of the bottle. Tablers noted with regret the death of Douglas Thompson, a former Table member.

A thief who broke into a house at Copley on Wednesday night stole £300 but left after realising that the elderly occupant was awake.

Vandals smashed the front door at Mr Tony Barnby's decorating shop in Market Place, Barnard Castle, causing £100 damage.

A computer, printer, disc drive and monitor screen worth £800 in all were reported stolen on Wednesday from Barnard Castle School. The thief got in by removing glass from a window.

Dr. Bill Cherry bows out after 21 busy years

Dr. Bill Cherry was given a warm send off by colleagues at Barnard Castle Health Centre when he retired on Friday after 21 years as a G.P. in the town.

He and his wife Helen were guests at a champagne reception at which gifts were handed over by his colleagues, who all said they were sorry to see him leaving.

Dr. Cherry qualified 30 years ago, then came to Teesdale when he did his National Service in the army. He was stationed at Barford Camp, mostly with the 15th Field Regiment.

At that time he got to know two Barnard Castle G.P.s, Ken Pickworth and Geoff Westwood, who occasionally helped him out. His ambulance driver was Peter Winter, who now drives for social services in the dale.

Thoughtful runners

Three pupils from Startforth School have sent £221 to the Foundation for the study of infant Deaths.

Melanie Hetherington, Lisa Whitfield and Rachel Atkinson, all aged nine, raised the cash in the Meet fun run by asking family and friends to sponsor them. Melanie's baby brother Simon was a cot death victim at only 5½ weeks.



Dr. and Mrs Cherry surrounded by health centre colleagues. The painting and hedgehog (an eatable cake one) were among gifts they received.

After army service Dr. Cherry went into practice in his native Newcastle before going to Canada, where he intended to settle. But on a trip back home he was approached by Dr. Pickworth, who invited him to join his Barnard Castle practice.

Since his arrival in 1966 many patients in the town and surrounding area have come to look on him as a valued friend.

Sadly he has retired well before his normal time due to ill health, but he and Mrs Cherry will continue to live in the town.

The couple have a son, Christopher, who is a chiropodist at Beverley, and two daughters—Anne, who is married and works for Next in Nuneaton, and Alison, who is working for a large company in London.



Bill and Helen Cherry between his partners—Drs. Ian Ross, John White, Phil Ryan and David Dry.

Four more trophies for Graham Hunt

Prizes were given out to growers on Saturday when they competed in the Cross Keys leek show at Gainford.

Graham Hunt won four of the six cups on offer. He took those for pot leeks, trench leeks and vegetables, and for most points in the show.

Steven Nesbitt had the best leek overall, and Derek L'Anson was judged the most improved grower. Alan Allison followed up his success in the village show by winning the flower trophy.

Courses on offer again at Deerbolt

Bishop Auckland Technical College, in conjunction with the governor of Deerbolt Y.C.C., is again running a series of non-vocational classes for the local community.

Classes which have gone well in the past—micro-computer appreciation, woodwork, word processing and metalwork/welding—have been kept in the programme. They are joined by party pieces, a series of ideas for catering.

Classes will commence on Monday, 5th October. Enrolment will be on Monday, 28th September, 6.30—8.30 p.m. It is important that those wishing to join classes should attend the enrolment. If unable to attend they should contact the education officer of Deerbolt.

Enrolment consists not only of registering but of meeting teachers in the classroom or workshop and discussing courses, expectations of students and what materials they will require.

Classes will then run for a further 10 weeks. Attendance will normally cost £14, usually payable on registration. Students under 18, OAP's and unemployed persons pay a reduced fee.

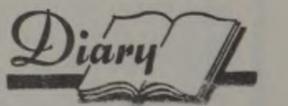
Pageant on screen

There will be another chance to relive the Bowes 800 celebrations when videos of the village pageant and other festivities are shown at Bowes Village Hall after a talk by Bill Steel, Tyne-Tees TV presenter, this Friday at 7.30 p.m.

A history exhibition will start in Bowes School today for a week. It will be open 2—4 p.m. and 7—9 p.m. weekdays, and 2—5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

MAUDE'S COACHES
Saturday, 3rd October:
Blackpool Illuminations
Tel. Teesdale 37341

COTHERSTONE 60 CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, 17th September
7.30 p.m.
Pooled Supper



- September**
- 16. D.D. Stainton V.H. 7.30 p.m.
 - 19. St. Mary's Church, Gainford, Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.
 - 19. Saturday, E.L. Quoits and Social Club: Dancing and Singalong 8 p.m.
 - 21. D.D. Hamsterley in aid of Cancer Research.
 - 22. U.T.S.G. A.G.M. 7.30 p.m. Forest School.
 - 23. Newbiggin W.I. D.D. 7.30 p.m. in aid of Scanner Appeal, Darlington.
 - 25. W.I. Domino Drive, Bowes V.H.
 - 25. Country and Western to Mike Divine, Ravensworth V.H. 8.30 p.m.
 - 25. Eggleston Show D.D., Eggleston.
 - 25. The East Layton Singers, Hamsterley V.H. 7.30 p.m.
- October**
- 23. L.S.C.C. Dance, Tyne Valley 4.