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NOTES AND PERSONAL

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Safety First Propaganda

For some years the public have been deluged with quantities of safety first propaganda, which does not seem to have had the desired effect in bringing about any big reduction in the number of accidents happening on the roads in which people are killed and injured.

Since the lighting restrictions were introduced and the black-out enforced road dangers have increased and the casualty list is becoming really appalling.

More people than ever are dying on the roads and receiving serious injuries as the result of accidents which could be avoided, and quite apart from the great human tragedy resulting from each road accident which has fatal consequences for one or more people, there is the fact that each life lost in this way is a life wasted at a time when every life is vital to the great effort in which the nation is engaged.

Old People Suffer

The Chief Constable of the West Riding, Mr. G. Campbell Vaughan, who throughout the period in which he has held office has displayed great energy in the drive to reduce road accidents, stated recently that from the commencement of the war to the end of 1939 no fewer than 129 people were killed during the black-out on roads in the West Riding administrative area. In addition, he said, 1,916 people suffered injuries. These figures were tremendous increases on those for the same period of the previous year, and Mr. Vaughan pointed out that more than 60 per cent. of the people involved were over 60 years of age. Most of them had been struck by vehicles whilst crossing roads.

Mr. Vaughan's opinion is that safety first propaganda so far as the black-out is concerned is largely failing to reach the elderly people, for whom it is particularly intended.

For instance, often they do not come into contact with "orthodox" propaganda, such as that in cinemas, where safety first slides are shown, while also elderly people are not always aware of the high percentage of deaths amongst their number in the black-out, or of the real peril they face in the crossing the road at night.

Chief Constable's Plan

Mr. Vaughan is perturbed at the situation, and has devised a new scheme to draw the attention of the elderly people in the Riding to the road dangers with which they are confronted.

He proposes to seek the assistance of the special constables of the Riding, and they will distribute by hand over 100,000 illustrated broad-sheets which have been specially printed.

The Chief Constable hopes that in many cases it will be possible to have personal visits paid to householders by the special constables, who, in endeavouring to convey their message to elderly people, will stress the necessity for the "maximum co-operation of all road-users."

The broad-sheet shows four pictures of road smashes. If they must go out in the dark, pedestrians are asked to exercise extreme care in crossing the road and to wear light-coloured clothing, while motorists and cyclists are requested to drive at a speed which will enable them to stop easily within their range of vision.

It is hoped by these means to draw particular attention to road dangers and to save many lives.

The New Speed Limit

Incidentally, Mr. Vaughan stated in a recent Press interview that the policy of the West Riding Police Force with regard to the new 20 m.p.h. speed limit in built-up areas during the black-out hours will be one of warning.

Starting at once, police car patrols will tour the roads of the Riding at night, the cars having illuminated "police" signs at both front and rear.

Motorists who exceed the speed limit will be stopped by the patrols—each car will be fitted with a bell for the purpose of "pounding" offending drivers—and the police will point out to them the dangers they are incurring both for themselves and other road users.

Of course, in cases where there is extreme disregard of the laws of the road more drastic action may have to be taken.

Earby's Nursing Association

The Earby and District Nursing Association is making good progress and it is expected that the nurse whom the Committee, meeting on Monday night, decided to invite, will take up her duties in the area within a few weeks, if she accepts the appointment.

The question of appointing a nurse was, of course, the chief business before the meeting on Monday, and before this step could be taken the results of the house-to-house canvass undertaken by members of the Committee had to be considered in detail. The extremely severe weather has not assisted the canvassers in their task, and the reports on Monday revealed that many districts have still to be "covered," while some of the canvassers were unable to attend owing to ill-health—the result of the weather conditions.

However, the canvassers, the majority of whom are ladies have done exceedingly well in view of all the circumstances, and an analysis of their efforts up to Monday evening showed that they have assured the Association of an income of well over £80 per year already. This is a very good start indeed, and when all the districts are completed it is more than likely that the amount available from regular subscribers will be something in the neighbourhood of £125 per annum.

The Financial Position

Actually about £300 a year will be required to meet the full costs of the nursing service which is to be provided to Earby, Kelbrook, Thornton, and Elslack.

The greater portion of this sum will be received by the Association in grants from various sources, and it is estimated that the Association will have to raise £100 annually as their own share towards securing the necessary income.

On the basis of the first results of the canvass, therefore, the Association is assured of ample financial support even during the first year. It seems likely that the grant of £50 promised to the Association by the Earby Voluntary Hospital Committee to help them during this first year will not be strictly necessary, but it might be thought wisest to use this sum—if not required for vital expenditure—as the nucleus of a reserve fund.

The scheme is now fully under way, and it behoves all residents of the district to make the fullest use of the privileges provided and to support wholeheartedly this great asset to their township.

Some Complaints

The canvassers revealed that not everyone in the town is completely happy about the methods of raising the money to pay for the service.

Presenting their reports, more than one canvasser received that people whom they had approached to become subscribers to the scheme had complained on the grounds that expenses of this nature should be met out of the rates and therefore become a charge on the whole community.

There is a great deal to be said for this argument, of course. The nursing service is of benefit to the town as a whole and not merely to one section, and similar arguments are applied in this case as in support of the nationalisation of the voluntary hospitals.

Without entering into any discussion here as to whether or not official organisation is preferable to voluntary organisation, the fact remains that at the moment a voluntary effort was the only possible way in which a nursing service could be provided for Earby.

Cricket in 1940

The cold winds of winter make the contemplation of cricket pleasures of summer very pleasant indeed, and the annual meeting of the Ribblesdale Cricket League on Saturday was a welcome reminder that although the thermometer may belie the fact the season of cricket is not many weeks distant.

The League's decision to do their utmost to continue competitions, even though they be of a restricted nature, will satisfy local lovers of the game who had feared that the Victory Park ground at Barnoldswick would hear little of the warming sound of ball on willow this summer.

To avoid transport difficulties as far as possible the League has been split into two sections. Both senior and junior divisions are to carry on, and one of the first problems facing the Barnoldswick club is to decide whether or not to maintain the second eleven.

Many first and second team men of last season will have been called to the colours by the time the season commences, it is anticipated, but if at all possible the second team should be retained.

Few honours can be won on the cricket field during war-time, but the chief task is to keep alive interest in the sport so that when the war ends there is a foundation on which the game can be rebuilt.

Once before Barnoldswick was without an organised club—for a period of well over a decade—and more than anything else that period can be blamed for the fact that Barnoldswick has produced so few outstanding cricketers in recent years.

Volunteers Wanted

Mr. George Smith's suggestion regarding the transport of stranded Service men on their way home on leave, which was taken up by the Barnoldswick Urban District Council at their meeting last week, is worthy of a wide publicity.

During the last war men returning to Barnoldswick on leave often found themselves stranded at Skipton, Earby, and Colne in the early hours of the morning and they were very grateful for the volunteer motor transport service which was then organised by Barnoldswick residents.

As Mr. Smith pointed out at the Council meeting, Service men are liable to be faced with similar difficulties during this war and local motorists will be doing a great act of kindness in volunteering for this work.

There are many more motorists in the town than there were during the last war, and petrol rationing and the black-out create other handicaps, an efficient service can be maintained.

The sub-committee appointed by the Council to investigate the suggestion should be able to secure a petrol allowance for such a service, and it is up to local motorists to volunteer their services.

The Toll of Winter

Since Christmas the weather has surpassed in severity anything experienced for many winters, and one inevitable result has been an exceptional rise in the local death rate.

Many elderly people have succumbed to illnesses which can be laid at the door of the weather, and the report of the Medical Officer of Health for Barnoldswick (Dr. H. C. Alderton) that there were nineteen deaths recorded in the week during January came as no surprise.

The first weeks of February have also taken a toll, and Barnoldswick Borough has lost a high percentage of its oldest inhabitants during these last few weeks.

Link by link the living chain with the days of Barnoldswick's industrial rise is being broken at an unhappy rate.

Story of the Week

The following sounds and dialogue were overheard in a Barnoldswick street during the black-out one night recently, the characters, in order of appearance, being a Male Voice and a Female Voice.

Thud.

Male Voice: Ouch!

Female Voice: Oh!

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M.V.: I beg your pardon. Are you all right?

F.V.: Yes, thank—you, now I've got over the shock. You can't see where you are going to-night, can you?

M.V.: It's very difficult finding one's way about. Are you sure you're all right?

F.V.: Yes, thank you. Good-night.

M.V.: Good-night.

Footsteps.

Thud.

M.V.: Ouch! I beg your pardon. This is the second time within ten seconds I've barged into someone.

Pause.

F.V.: ****. I've walked into a blooming lamp post.

Voice of the Past

The following is taken from our issue of February 15th, 1890:

"The day school scholars attending the British School, Barnoldswick, gave a grand miscellaneous concert in the schoolroom last Thursday. Mr. F. Bracewell presided, and the programme, which was a lengthy one, consisted of songs, recitations, pianoforte solo, and drills, all of which were given in capital style. Great credit is due to the staff of the school for the efficient manner in which the children have been trained. The management of the infant division was under the care of the mistress, Miss Mills, whilst in the upper standards the drills, recitations, etc., were conducted by Mr. A. Pollard, the headmaster, Mr. E. W. Robson, assistant master, conducted the singing. The schoolroom was packed in every available space, and the large audience exhibited their appreciation of the entertainment by the hearty and enthusiastic way in which they applauded the efforts of the young performers."

West Craven Family's Service

Photo. Cook, Barnoldswick

Few families can have such a splendid record of service as that of Mrs. Clarke, of 178, Manchester Road, Barnoldswick, and formerly of Earby and Kelbrook.

Her four sons are all serving in various branches of His Majesty's Forces, and, in addition, her son-in-law is also on active service. In the above picture Mrs. Clarke is shown with three of her sons, from left to right, Roland, Allan, and Hugh.

Her son Roland, who is 25 years of age, was a member of the 6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Territorial Regiment before the war and was therefore called for duty immediately war broke out. A few weeks after the declaration of war he married. At Barnoldswick he worked as a quarryman.

Allan, 28 years of age, is also married. He is serving in the signals section of the Royal Air Force, having joined the Force in July last year. When the family resided in Earby he was prominently connected with the Earby Parish Church and was a sidesman for some years. For a number of years he was employed by a Barnoldswick furniture firm. He is an "old boy" of Ermysted's Grammar School, Skipton.

Hugh, who is 23 years of age, is now in France and is a sapper in the Royal Engineers. Before the war he served in the 6th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. In civil life he worked as a quarryman before the war.

Mrs. Clarke's eldest son, Mr. William Clarke, is 35 years of age and is in the Royal Lancashire Fusiliers. He is married. Mr. Ralph Mason, Mrs. Clarke's son-in-law, is also in the 6th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Before the death of her husband, the late Mr. W. Clarke, the family resided in the Earby district. It is only two years ago that they moved to their present home at Barnoldswick. In Earby they resided in Longroyd Road.

In a chat with a "Times" reporter, Mrs. Clarke said that it was impossible not to feel worried with all her sons away. "I feel very proud of their service, though," she added.

DISTRICT NURSE FOR EARBY
Committee Decide an Appointment

RESIDENTS' SUPPORT "ENCOURAGING"

Preliminary reports of members of the Earby and District Nursing Association on the canvass of the whole district, on which they are engaged to discover what amount of support will be forthcoming for the scheme, were received at the monthly meeting of the Association Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening.

In spite of the fact that the unprecedented weather during January held up the workers to such an extent that the canvass is a long way from being completed even at this stage, it was estimated that over £80 had already been guaranteed to the canvassers in annual subscriptions.

In view of this, and the fact that it is estimated that the Association will require to raise about £100 a year in addition to grants to maintain the nursing service, it was decided that the time was ripe to go forward with the appointment of a nurse, and Miss Margaret Cavers, a Queen's Nurse, who has had a wide experience in New Zealand and England, was offered the post. It is understood that she will take up her duties shortly, if she accepts.

The chair was occupied by the president, Mrs. F. G. Foster, who was supported by Mrs. F. W. Trout, the secretary, and a good attendance of members of the Committee, though a number were unable to be present owing to indisposition.

Mrs. Trout reported that she had approached Miss Greenwood, Superintendent of the West Riding Nursing Association, and asked her if she would be able to attend that meeting. Miss Greenwood had replied that she did not think it was absolutely necessary, and Mrs. Trout offered apologies to the meeting on her behalf, pointing out that the bad weather and the difficulty in travelling in the black-out made it awkward for Miss Greenwood to come to Earby unless it was strictly necessary.

The secretary went on to say that Miss Greenwood had paid her a personal visit and given her advice on various points and also instructions as to what to do when calling a nurse. Miss Greenwood had also given her the name of a nurse, and the application for this nurse should have been in a fortnight ago, but, of course, it had been impossible to do anything until the present meeting, when some idea of the result of the canvass could be gained.

CANVASSERS' SUCCESS.

Details of the work done by the canvassers were then submitted, and it was estimated that between them they had secured membership subscriptions which would amount to well over £80 per annum.

Announcing this figure, the secretary pointed out that as a number of districts had not been canvassed as yet, owing to the weather, and other unavoidable reasons, and as some canvassers were unable to be present to give their reports, it was obvious that they were going to be in a position to proceed with the appointment of a nurse.

During the presentation of reports, one or two of the canvassers stated that they had met with the objection from some householders that the Nursing Association fees should be a charge on the rates and should not be raised by voluntary subscriptions.

In reply to a Kelbrook canvasser, Mrs. Trout said that under the scheme oldage pensioners were not compelled to pay fees to have the benefit of the service, though they could pay if they desired to do so.

Mrs. Hartley, a member of the Committee, said that during her canvass she had found some old-age pensioners who preferred to pay.

When the financial position was considered, it was stated that £25 per annum would be required to meet the running expenses of the nurse's car and £100 would have to be raised annually to augment the many grants which would be received from various sources and other estimated income to make up the amount required. The result to date of the canvass was considered encouraging.

Considering the appointment of a nurse, the Committee heard from the secretary that Miss Greenwood had pointed out the urgent necessity of a quick decision in this respect as nurses were now going into active service both at home and abroad, and in a little while there were going to be very few nurses available for this sort of work. Miss Greenwood had put forward the name of Nurse Margaret Cavers as a suitable nurse.

AN EXPERIENCED NURSE

Mrs. Trout stated that this nurse had a car of her own, which was a great advantage. She had trained in midwifery and general district work and became a Queen's Nurse in 1937. She had seen service in various kinds of nursing in New Zealand and in Huddersfield, High Wickham, Birmingham Central, and other places. She was at present in Birmingham University taking a course in public health and would end this course in March. Nurse Cavers was anxious to take up an appointment immediately after that, and unless they made a quick decision whether or not to appoint her she might apply elsewhere. Nurse Cavers was the only nurse immediately available.

After some discussion, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Dr. Niven, seconded by Mrs. Riley, that an invitation be extended to Nurse Cavers.

During the remainder of the meeting further business in connection with the canvass and other routine work of the Association was dealt with.

CALLED TO THE COLOURS

The first member of the staff of the Earby Urban District Council to be called to the Colours is Mr. R. S. Ryroft, of the Clerk and Accountant's Department, who reported for duty yesterday (Thursday). It is understood that two former members of the Council's staff who were well-known in the district, Mr. H. A. Bailey, who left to join the staff of the Aireborough U.D.C., and Mr. F. Potts, who took an appointment at Pudsey, have also been called to the Colours.

SALTERFORTH IN MOURNING
Moving Scenes at Fire Victims' Funeral

BROTHERS BURIED IN ONE GRAVE

Clifford Hyde

Edward Hyde

The villagers of Salterforth showed their great sympathy on Saturday with the family of Clifford Hyde and Edward Hyde, two brothers, aged 23 and 18 years respectively, who, as reported in last week's "Times," died in Leeds Infirmary last week following burns received in a fire at a farm building at Pool-in-Wharfedale.

The two men were sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hyde, of 1, Hill Street, Salterforth, and slept in a building specially built for farm workers at Monkroyd Farm, Pool-in-Wharfedale, where they had been employed for a fortnight. In the early hours of Tuesday morning the building was seen to be in flames, and in spite of gallant attempts at rescue by their employer, Mr. Stanley Lawson, and other men, the brothers had been badly burned before they were pulled out of the building.

They were rushed to Leeds Infirmary, where Edward Hyde died the same day. His brother, suffering from extensive burns to the feet and body, showed signs of improvement, but suffered a relapse on Thursday and passed away shortly before the inquest on his brother, which was also reported in last week's "Times"—was due to start.

The inquest on Clifford Hyde was held at Leeds on Friday by the Leeds City Coroner (Mr. J. H. Milner), and a verdict of "Accidental death due to toxaemia following burns," was recorded. The evidence given at the inquest on Edward Hyde was re-read.

The two brothers were buried together in one grave at Salterforth Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, and the entire village was in mourning. As the cortege passed along Salterforth Lane to the Cemetery there were moving scenes.

The brothers were both unmarried and until six months ago the family resided at 109, Colne Road, South, Earby. They were both educated at the Alder Hill School, Earby, and Clifford took up farm work immediately he left school. He was employed at York prior to going to Pool with his brother.

Edward had worked for a year at Delaffe Mill, Kelbrook, but afterwards worked as a farm labourer at Marton and had since served a number of other local farmers. Whilst at school he played in the school football team.

THE FUNERAL

Amongst those at the funeral were several young men who had been lifelong friends of the Hyde brothers when they attended the Alder Hill School.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyde have four sons and one daughter now living, one son, an elder brother, Private T. Hyde, serving in the regular army, was to have been discharged shortly before war broke out.

Services at the house and graveside were conducted by the superintendent minister of the Barnoldswick and Earby Methodist Churches, the Rev. T. J. Farnsworth, and the mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hyde, Private and Mrs. T. Hyde, Miss Olive Hyde, Master Norman and Ronald Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. T. Forrest (Earby), Mr. and Mrs. H. Crossdale, Mr. and Mrs. E. Riddiough, Mrs. J. Dowling, Mrs. G. Beverley, Mr. F. Forrest, Mrs. R. Turnbull, Miss M. Crossdale, Miss B. Crossdale, Mr. and Mrs. J. Elmer, Mrs. Duckworth, Miss Duckworth, Mrs. Garnett, Mr. L. Reeves, Mr. A. Haines, and Mrs. S. Garnett.

FLORAL TRIBUTES

Floral tributes were sent by: Tom and Florence, father, mother and family; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hyde; Aunt Phyllis and Uncle Ted; Mr. and Mrs. W. Ward; Auntie Lily and Uncle Harry, Betty and Morris; Mr. and Mrs. S. Crier; Albert; Edna; Mrs. Garnett and family (Barnoldswick); Else, Bob and Aunt Martha; Aunt Agnes, Uncle Jimmie and the children; Mrs. Duckworth; Eileen.

The arrangements were carried out by the Windle Funeral Service, Barnoldswick.

LADIES' DAYS

Saturday and Sunday were ladies' days at the Station Road Methodist Church, Barnoldswick, the occasion being the annual women's week-end effort in aid of church funds. The proceedings commenced on the Saturday with a faith tea, which was followed in the evening by a concert, and on Sunday the service was played by a special quartette.

Saturday's two functions were largely attended, and a good company sat down to the appetising tea which was served in the Wesley Guild (catering). Mrs. E. Gill was in the chair in the evening, and the opener of what was really a one-night "at home" was Mrs. Halstead. Ladies of the Kelbrook Methodist Church sustained a widely-varied programme which delighted a most appreciative audience. The programme included songs, monologues, readings, and recitations, amongst many other items. A ladies' choir rendered a number of pieces with great effect and other features of the entertainment were a pageant and a sketch, the former entitled "The Ten Virgins" and the latter "Old Maids Well-matched." Solo artistes included Miss A. Holmes (monologue), Mrs. Nutter (song), Mrs. Demaine (reading), Mrs. A. Spencer (song), Mrs. Brown (song), Mrs. Greenhalgh (recitation), and Mrs. Astin (song).

The warm appreciation of the Barnoldswick Church to the Kelbrook visitors was voiced by Mrs. J. Kirkby.

Mrs. Rushton was the preacher at services on Sunday morning and evening, which were attended by splendid congregations. The ladies' choir sang special music and the soloist was Mrs. Smith.

NEWS IN BRIEF

BARNOLDSWICK, EARBY
KELBROOK AND SALTERFORTH

BARNOLDSWICK

Local Will

Mr. Harthey Widdup, of 22, Cobden Street, Barnoldswick, boot-maker, left £2,143 (net £2,194).

Women's Auxiliary

Members of the Women's Auxiliary gathered at the Barnoldswick Independent Methodist Church held an open session on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Davies the president of the Auxiliary, was in charge. Refreshments were served during the afternoon.

Spiritualist Meeting

Mrs. Williams, of Brierfield, was in charge at a meeting at the West End Spiritualist Temple, on Saturday evening. Refreshments were served. At a similar gathering at the Central Spiritualist Church, also on Saturday evening, Mrs. Bradley was the leader.

Ladies' Class

Ladies of the Station Road Methodist Church, met in the schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. J. Kirkby occupying the chair. There was a moderate attendance and an interesting address was delivered by the Rev. J. Kirkby. During the afternoon refreshments were served.

"Quotation" Meeting

On Tuesday afternoon members of the Women's Own connected with Bethel Rainhall Road Methodist Church, held a "Quotation" meeting. Brief addresses were given and the topics raised were discussed. Mrs. Barwick was in charge of the session and refreshments were served.

Talk on "Service"

"Service" was the subject chosen by Mr. E. G. Heaton for his talk to members of the Wesley Guild at the Rainhall Road Methodist Church on Friday evening. A large company enjoyed Mr. Heaton's thoughtful address. Mr. A. Horsfield presided and Miss E. Watkinson was at the piano.

Men's Fellowship

The Rev. T. J. Hamer, B.A., B.D., addressed the members of the Men's Fellowship at the Station Road Methodist Church, at their meeting on Tuesday evening. A good company listened to an enlightening talk. The chair was occupied by the Rev. J. Kirkby, and light refreshments were served.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for the late Mr. W. Bowker, of 10, St. James' Square, whose death was reported in last week's issue of the "Times" was held at the Barnoldswick Salvation Army Hall on Sunday. The service was largely attended and was conducted by Captain Whittom and Lieutenant Procter.

Missionary Meeting

A missionary meeting was held in the schoolroom of the Rainhall Road Methodist Church, on Thursday evening last week. The speaker was Mr. Wild, of Leeds, whose subject was "First Aid for Missions." Mr. D. S. Rycroft was in the chair and the Rev. A. J. Farnsworth gave a financial report on the missionary position. Miss K. Barwick was at the piano.

Babies' Gas Masks

The distribution of protective wear and the issuing of gas cases for babies in Barnoldswick has been proceeding satisfactorily in spite of some hold-up of activities owing to the unusual weather conditions. The air raid wardens have been busy on this task, and it was announced this week that the majority of the masks have now been distributed and the work will soon be completed.

Farmers Show

In aid of the funds of the Rainhall Road Methodist Church, an interesting exhibition was held in the schoolroom on Saturday evening. The main feature of the programme were films based on the life of Christ and the projector was operated by Mr. J. Wood, a member of the local Urban Council. Solos were sung during the evening by Mrs. A. Collins and Miss Singleton and refreshments were served. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. A. Farnsworth and a large company attended.

Fellowship Association

Arrangements for the Barnoldswick Co-operative Fellowship Association a successful concert and dance was held on Saturday in the Co-operative Hall. The president of the Association, Mr. G. H. Hartley, occupied the chair, and there was an excellent audience. The programme, which was of a light character and proved exceedingly enjoyable, was sustained by the Ritz Entertainers. Supper was served during the evening by members of the Committee and others helpers, and to conclude a happy evening the Melody Makers Dance Band provided music for dancing. The M.C.'s were Messrs. R. Brotherton and J. Brooks.

£15 for Comforts Fund

A sum of about £15 was raised in aid of the Soldiers', Sailors', and Airmen's Comforts Fund by means of an effort promoted jointly by the men's and women's sections of the Barnoldswick branch of the British Legion and held in the Albert Hall on Friday evening. The function which took the form of a whist drive and dance, was largely attended. There were 17 tables in play for whist and prizewinners were as follows: Ladies: 1, Mrs. Dowson; 2, Mrs. Martin; consolation, Mrs. Ashcroft. Gents: 1, Miss Standing (sub.); 2, Mr. J. Thornburn; consolation, Mr. J. Stanford. Prizewinners were Messrs. Roberts and B. Hey's and the president of the women's section, Mrs. J. Ward, distributed the awards. The M.C.'s for dancing were Messrs. W. Grimshaw and T. Coward and the music was played by Messrs. Thornborough (piano), Wilding and Scrivener (accordions). Refreshments were served during the evening by members of the ladies' committee.

Cricket Club "At Home"

War conditions prevented the Barnoldswick Cricket Club from making their annual "at home" the great event it usually is, and on Friday evening there was no noted cricketer to open the proceedings. In previous years it has been the custom for some famous cricketing personality to be engaged to open the "at home," but this year, of course, this was not the question. The function was held in the Queen's Hall and in spite of its less ambitious character was highly successful. There was a whist drive and also dancing and a large company spent a very happy evening. Winners at whist, for which there were 19 tables, were as follows: Ladies: 1, Mrs. Stobbs; 2, Mrs. A. Wilkinson; 3, Mrs. Seed. Gents: 1, Mr. T. Woodhead; 2 and 3, Messrs. E. Fell and F. Seed (a tie). The duties of stewards were carried out by Messrs. E. Pickover, T. Woodhead and W. A. Lambert. Mr. H. Holland was M.C. for dancing and the Armageddon Band provided an attractive programme of music. Refreshments were served by the ladies' committee, Mrs. Holland being in charge in the absence, owing to illness, of the secretary, Mrs. Cardus. Proceeds were in aid of Club Funds.

Baptists' Thank-Offering

It is understood that the thank-offering effort on behalf of the Bethesda Baptist Church which has taken the place of the annual "at home" cancelled owing to the war—has realised about £35.

Guild Meeting

A devotional talk was delivered by Mrs. Rushton to a good gathering at a meeting of the Young People's Guild at the Station Road Methodist Church, on Wednesday evening. Mr. W. C. Laycock was in the chair.

For Overseas Missions

In aid of the Overseas Mission Fund, special events were held at the Barnoldswick Independent Methodist Church at the week-end. On Saturday there was a concert and social. Mr. V. Phillips presiding over a large attendance. The main item of the evening's programme was a missionary sketch entitled "Where the shoe pinches," and the whole entertainment was greatly enjoyed. Games were played during the evening and refreshments were served. On Sunday, Mr. John Lawson was the preacher, Mrs. Lund being at the organ. There were excellent congregations.

Electricity Repairs

On Sunday, Barnoldswick's electricity supply was cut off from 1-30 p.m. until a few minutes after five o'clock while engineers of the Nelson Corporation carried out repairs to the supply system. The repairs were necessitated by damage caused a few weeks ago when the supply was cut off for several hours before the fault could be traced. It had been announced on two previous occasions that the supply would be cut off while repairs were carried out and the temporary arrangement which had been made replaced by the permanent system. Weather conditions delayed the harvest, and it was not until the third attempt that the engineers were able to carry out their task.

Clarion Club Cyclists

We have received the following account of the activities of the Barnoldswick Clarion Cycling Club at the week-end from "Potterer," a member of the Club. "Weather conditions having necessitated the cancellation of the runs for the two previous weeks probably accounted for the quite respectable turnout on Sunday last day. Heading, as usual, into the wind, the way led via Settle to Horton-in-Ribblesdale, an icy stretch between Horton-in-Craven and Newsholme calling for unusual care. After lunch we took a track covered with three feet of hard snow, climbing gradually, eventually leaving it to strike across some very open and draughty country. Crossing a ravine, the final steep slopes of Pen-y-ghent were reached, and then the run home. After several attempts some gained the summit to turn and give derisive advice to those others who were still some three hundred feet below, dabbing gingerly at places where the skin had been removed by the sandpapering effect of sliding down the hard snow at high speed. Comforting themselves with the thought that, after all, mountains belong to the lower orders of Nature, these retaced their steps to the bicycles. Inconsiderate trespassers robbed the run down to Settle of its usual pace, and over tea at the township the run home was discussed in some trepidation. However, except for a minor spill, which did not even disturb the high moral tone by calling forth lurid volubility, home was reached in safety."

EARBY

Central W.M. Club

Mr. C. Wright was in the chair at a concert held by the Central Working Men's Club, Earby, on Sunday. There was a splendid attendance and an interesting entertainment was sustained by Hilda Firth (comedienne) and Harry Wallace (musical comedy). The accompanist for the occasion was Mr. Sam Bray.

Co-operative Concert

Promoted by the Earby Education Department of the Colne and District Co-operative Society a well attended social event was held in the George Street Schoolroom on Saturday evening. Mr. W. Sherwood occupied the chair and the audience gave an enthusiastic welcome to the Kingsway Concert Party, a group of Barnoldswick artists, who delighted their listeners with their excellent variety programme. During an interval refreshments were served by members of the local Women's Co-operative Guild.

Prize Distribution

At Earby Baptist Methodist Church, has a fine Sunday School, and the scholars held their annual celebration at the week-end. On Saturday afternoon there was a concert which was sustained by the children themselves. The Schoolroom was well filled and the audience were thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. Refreshments were served during the evening. The function was followed on Sunday afternoon by the annual distribution of prizes to scholars who had completed periods of regular attendance at the Sunday School. Mrs. Dickinson presented the prizes.

School Attendance

In his report to the Earby District Education Subcommittee, which met at a dance in the Earby area during January, the Inquiry Officer (Mr. E. H. Gunby) stated that the average attendance was 82.20 as compared with 75.32 in the corresponding month of 1939. The total number of children attending local schools was 512, and the average attendance had been 426. The best figure reported was that of the Thornton-in-Craven School, where the attendance during the month was 100 per cent., while at Barnoldswick Grammar School it was 94.44. Both Kelbrook School infants and mixed departments returned percentages of over 90, and other percentages were: Earby Modern School, 81.96; New Road Council School, 86.04; Springfield Infants School, 75.88; Elslack, 83.19.

Methodist Special Services

The annual choir festival at the George Street Methodist Church, was celebrated on Sunday. A feature of the day's worship was a musical service in the afternoon at which the Barnoldswick Glee Union sang a number of selections from their wide repertoire. The Glee Union, conducted by Mr. F. Nutter, thrilled a large congregation by their fine singing. Mr. R. W. Robinson was at the organ and the choir was occupied by Mr. T. C. Nixon. There were also excellent congregations at both morning and evening gatherings when the preachers were Mr. J. H. Willcock and Mr. J. Irvine (Skipton) respectively. At the evening service the choir, conducted by Mr. J. W. Cork, sang the pieces "Ring our wild bells," "The radiant morn," and "Evening and morning" most effectively. The organist was Miss V. Hoyle. Collections were taken up at each service in aid of choir funds.

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