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NINE SAFETY POINTS FOR ROAD USERS

4 January 1941

- (1) Let your eyes adjust themselves to the dark.
- (2) Remember that you can see a car before the driver sees you.
- 10 (3) Wear or carry something white.
- (4) If you are asking for a lift, hail cars from the kerb.
- (5) If you are a cyclist, be careful when turning from side roads.
- (6) If you are a motorist, keep patiently to your line of traffic.
- (7) Remember that your motor car can be as deadly as a projectile.
- (8) Be able to stop your car within the range of your vision.
- (9) Allow for the difficulty of seeing pedestrians.

What do

I do . . .

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If I carry a torch in the black-out?

11 January 1941

I mask off or paint out the glass of the torch so that only a circle of light the size of a halfpenny shows. I dim the remaining light with one thickness of newspaper – or paint in the case of “fountain-pen” torches.

I must point my torch downwards. I do not use it to stop buses or trams, nor flash it towards oncoming traffic.

Whether there is an “alert” on or not, I use my torch as little as possible – particularly when leaving the cinema or theatre where there is risk of a number of lights showing together, which may help raiders.

These rules do not apply to hooded ARP handlamps if I am doing work for which such lamps are permitted by the police.

Cut this out – and keep it!

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INQUESTS AT HARROGATE

22 February 1941

Col. Innes Ware, York District Deputy Coroner, conducted two inquests in Harrogate on Saturday.

Flt.-Lt. George Marmaduke Fossick gave evidence of identification in an inquest on his mother, Louisa Fossick (72), of 24 Park Grove, Knaresborough. It was stated that Mrs Fossick had not been seen during the day on February 9th, and Florence Evelyn Fossick, her half-cousin, went to the house, climbed in, and found her lying on top of the landing. She was very ill, and was put to bed, and a doctor sent for. She was removed to the Harrogate General Hospital, where she died on February 13th.

Dr S. Wray said a post-mortem examination revealed that death was caused by toxæmia due to a large abscess. A verdict of “Death from Natural Causes” was returned

2. LOCAL WEDDINGS

ROWE-FAIRMAN

At Park Grove Methodist Church, Knaresborough, on Monday, the wedding took place of Miss Mollie Fairman, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm J. T. Fairman, of 15 Victoria Avenue, Knaresborough, and Pilot-Officer John Lawrence Rowe, younger son of Mr and Mrs Rowe, Hull Road, York. The bridegroom, now serving in the R.A.F., was formerly physical training master at Knaresborough Modern School.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. J. Marchant. The hymns were “Lead us, heavenly Father” and “Happy the heart.”

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a French-blue two-piece suit, with brown accessories, and a spray of pink carnations. Pilot-Officer Ian Livingstone was best man.

A reception was held at the Elephant and Castle Hotel. The honeymoon is being spent at Darlington.

KNARESBOROUGH GOLF COURSE

1 March 1941

Part To Be Ploughed Out

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CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

Seven acres of Knaresborough Golf club's course are to be ploughed out for food production this season, by arrangement with the West Riding War Agricultural Committee. This was announced by the retiring captain, Mr L. G. Bowerman, at the 21st annual meeting of the club on Saturday evening

FARM WORKERS CALL-UP POSTPONED

8 March 1941

20 No farm workers are to be called up until after the next harvest, states Mr R. S. Hudson (Minister of Agriculture). This had been arranged by the Minister of Labour in view of the importance of food production and of labour during the next few months.

The necessary machinery would be put into operation to select the men who would be called up so that the farmer would know as soon as possible whom he was likely to lose after the harvest. He could thus take steps to get members of the Women's Land Army to train during the intervening period.

LOCAL WEDDINGS

29 March 1941

STROTHARD-PILSWORTH

The wedding of Mr Jas. Henry Strothard (R.A.F.), only son of Mr W. Strothard, of Scriven, Knaresborough, and the late Mrs Strothard, and Miss Ethel Mary Pilsworth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. J. Pilsworth, of 6 Knaresborough Road, Harrogate, took place at Christ Church, Harrogate, on Sunday.

The Rev. R. P. Appleton (curate) officiated, and Mr Warner Yeomans was at the organ. The hymns, "Lead us, Heavenly Father," and "O perfect love" were sung.

- 10 The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in white satin beaute cut on princess lines. She carried a shower bouquet of white tulips and wore pearls.

Miss Nancy Plummer, of Knaresborough, as bridesmaid, wore a dress of lilac chiffon, a head-dress of anemones, and carried a posy.

Mr H. W. Pilsworth (R.A.F.), bride's brother, was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride, who wore a purple suit trimmed with Indian lamb for travelling on her honeymoon.

Local Airman Interned

26 April 1941

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Local Airman Interned. – News was received on Saturday, that Leading-Airman Alan Todd, of the Fleet Air Arm, only son of Mr and Mrs Percy Todd, of Greengate Lane, Knaresborough, has been interned in French territory, presumably as the result of a forced landing. He went to the Middle East last September, and has seen service in Libya, and latterly in Malta.

FIRST-AID COMPETITION

8 November 1941

Knaresborough Win Challenge Cup

- 30 In the finals of a first-aid competition for Air Raid Wardens in the whole of the Claro area, a team from Knaresborough won the principal award, the Chief Warden's

challenge cup, in the Harrogate Grammar School on Wednesday night. From a total of one hundred and seventy posts, twenty-six selected teams entered the competition and five contested the final.

Knaresborough proved themselves to be, both individually and collectively, the smartest and most efficient team, and were easily the winners with 208 points, having a lead of 22 points over the nearest rivals, Harrogate "B" group, who were second with 186 points. An all-women's team from Upper Poppleton were third with 183 points; Harrogate "C" group fourth with 158 points and Ripon City fifth with 154 points.

- 10 Major F.A. Johnson, Chief Warden, presented his cup and suitable mementoes to the members of the winning team and the runners-up.

The judges were Dr H. Mather and Supt. A Ridsdale, of the Harrogate St John Ambulance Brigade. The teams had to complete a realistic first-aid test, and there was an individual test won by Warden G. Wakefield, of Knaresborough, with 32 points out of a possible 35.

The Knaresborough team consisted of Wardens Keene (captain), Wakefield, Parsons and Ward. P.S. Goddard and P.C. Blacklock were responsible for the training of the team.

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MR A. A. GIBSON

8 November 1941

The death took place at his home, The Chequers, Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough, on Thursday, of Mr Arthur Abbott Gibson, a well known architect and archaeologist.

- Mr Gibson, who was 76 years of age, was not a native of Knaresborough, his birthplace being Huddersfield, but he was brought there at an early age when his parents, the late Mr and Mrs G. H. Gibson, came to reside at Red House. He received his early training as an architect with Messrs. Bodley and Garner, a noted London firm of church architects, with whom he remained for some years after
30 qualifying. Later, he set up in practice in Harrogate, where he quickly gained a high reputation for the quality of his ecclesiastical work, in which he specialised. He designed the tower of St Peter's Church, Harrogate, and was also responsible for the Knaresborough and Starbeck War Memorials. He retired in 1926.

He was a member of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society and the Harrogate Archaeological Society. He leaves a widow and three daughters.

The interment takes place at Knaresborough Cemetery to-day (Saturday), following a service in the Parish Church at noon.

WOMEN'S LAND ARMY

29 November 1941

Knarborough' Hostel Opened

Forty girls from shops, factories and offices, who have volunteered for work with the Women's Land Army because they prefer it to any of the other women's services, arrived in Knarborough on Wednesday to take up their quarters in the new mobile labour hostel which has been erected by the Ministry of Agriculture in Chain Lane.

10 The afternoon and evening were spent in settling-in, and early on Thursday morning the girls went off to a hard day's work on the land. The party at the hostel includes two sisters, formerly tailoresses in Leeds, who joined the Land Army together.

A vase of golden chrysanthemums on a bookcase struck a homely note in the recreation room, and a bright fire burned in the stove, round which was a semi-circle of inviting fireside chairs. On arrival, the girls were fitted out with the familiar Land Army uniform of green jumpers, corduroy breeches, green oilskins and jaunty khaki felt hats, and were given refreshments. Soon, there was a cheery group round the fireside and letters and postcards home were being written. Mr Nigel FitzRoy, a member of the executive committee of the West Riding War Agricultural Committee,

20 came over from Harewood to welcome the new arrivals.

From Office, Mill and Shop

Some of the girls have already done land work. One, a former weaver, has been in the Land Army for some time now and is delighted with the life. "It's a bit stiff at first," she said, "but you soon get used to it, and it's grand to be in the open air after working in a mill." Another girl, who has been employed at an electric lamp factory, is a farmer's daughter, and has had a good knowledge of farm work. Others, among them, a former insurance clerk and a shop manageress, have not had much experience, but all are enthusiastic about their new life, and keen to get on with the

30 job of helping home food production. Incidentally, the Land Army uniform was praised by all the girls for its combination of smartness and utility.

The girls are from all parts of Yorkshire, among their home towns being Leeds, Halifax, Whitby, Barnsley, Sowerby Bridge, York, Scarborough, Bridlington, Keighley, Hull, Todmorden, Dewsbury and Guiseley.

Potato Picking

The hostel is one of ten similar hostels erected by the Ministry of Agriculture, the others being at Settle, Skipton, Ripon, Wetherby, Tadcaster, Sherburn, Selby, Goole and Doncaster. Each hostel is designed to accommodate 50 men or 40 women. It was decided to use the Knaresborough hostel for the accommodation of members of the women's Land Army, as it was felt that this district would provide work more suited to women than some of the other areas. The girls, who will be in charge of Mr C. T. Baker, foreman instructor, will be placed first on farms for potato picking and beet and carrot lifting. With added experience, they will be able to tackle most jobs offered to them.

The accommodation provided for them consists of a long dormitory divided into bays, each containing two double-tier bunks, chairs etc. In the ablution block, adjoining, provision is made for the girls to have slipper and shower baths, for which there is a constant supply of hot water, while a drying room provides facilities for them to have their clothes dried quickly on returning from outdoor work on bad days. A cheerful recreation and dining-room enables the girls to pass their leisure hours pleasantly, aided by a wireless set, games and books. Gifts of further books, magazines and games would be greatly appreciated. By courtesy of the West Riding County Librarian, residents in the hostel are automatically made members of the local branch of the library. Every effort is made to ensure the comfort of the girls, with a minimum of rules and regulations. The hostel is in charge of Mr and Mrs H. Preston, of Huddersfield.

Up at 6.30

The girls rise at about 6.30am., breakfast at seven, and then leave for the farms on which they are to work. Some are taken in a large van, a number travel by bus, and others use bicycles supplied by the War Agricultural Committee. In some cases, farmers fetch the workers in their own cars. Each girl takes with her a packed lunch, and a hot evening meal is ready for the workers when they return to the hostel about 6pm.

