



**WEDDINGS**

**11.02.1942**

**MIDSON-JEPSON**

The wedding took place at the Baptist Church on Monday, of Pte. Harold John Midson, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Midson of 97, Knaresborough Road, Harrogate, and Miss Isobel Olive Jepson, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jepson, of 81 Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough.

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The Rev. A. W. Skeens (Vicar) officiated.

Given away by her father, the bride was dressed in a queen's blue costume and hat to match.

Mr Norris Taylor was best man, and the groomsmen were Mr Frank Denison and Mr Noel Midson (brother of the bridegroom).

**SCHOOLBOY HARVEST CAMPS**

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**08.04.1942**

**Boys Will Do Men's Job**

We have heard of the "back-room boys" and the "back garden boys", this year a huge agricultural war effort is expected from public and secondary schoolboys.

A memorandum has been sent to headmasters suggesting three ways their boys can help the farmers.

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These are: (1) in organised parties working from schools in term time; (2) harvest camps for the holiday, and (3) the loan of individual boys to farmers for holiday work.

Wages will be paid at the rate of 8d per hour for boys of 16 and over and 6d per hour for under sixteens.

Mr R. R. Hyde, Chairman of the Harvest Camps Committee, stated recently that it is hoped to provide 500 camps for 30,000 boys this year. As regards individual placings it is hoped to increase the number.

10 Farmers are urged to make their needs known as soon as possible and are reminded that boys generally need some short instruction in handling implements and doing what may appear to the farmer to be a simple job.

## **R O U N D A B O U T**

**29.07.1942**

### ***The Princess Royal Inspects A.T.S. – Land Army Girls***

#### **YORKSHIRE LAND GIRLS**

20 There are between four and five thousand land girls working (or waiting for jobs) in Yorkshire. Work in the land army is physically hard, but for girls who like an outdoor life it is ideal. In the beginning farmers were not at all keen on the girls and did not believe they would be of any use. However, they soon changed their tune, and girls are now continually relieving men who join the Forces.

30 Yorkshire girls are most enthusiastic, and there are always plenty of recruits. It is an exporting county, and as many as between 100 and 200 girls are sent weekly either in Kent, Lincolnshire, Devonshire or Cornwall. They go away fully equipped with uniform, which consists of a hat, two shirts, one pullover, one pair of breeches, two pairs dungarees, one overall coat, three pairs stockings, one oilskin (or mackintosh), one pair shoes, one pair leather boots, one pair leggings, and one armet. A supplementary issue of uniform is sent to every volunteer after one month's service. Every member of the Women's Land Army is entitled to certain replacements after each twelve months' of service.

Girls work on farms and gardens, at tractor driving, rat catching, drainage and forestry.

Interviewing is all done by voluntary representatives, who visit the girls in their various jobs.

The girls are having a thoroughly healthy, happy time on the land. Some of the heavy work on the farms may seem a strain at first, but to overcome this is merely a matter of knack, which can soon be learnt. A good deal of the work mastered will be of great value after the war.

## 10 THE HEADQUARTERS

The Yorkshire Land Army headquarters is in Harrogate. It started with four rooms and now occupies two large houses.

Miss Jacob Smith is the county secretary, and has a staff of 23.

The work is all planned by a voluntary committee, which includes Lady Katherine Graham, the chairman; Lady Bingley, vice chairman; Lady Celia Coates, vice chairman; Mrs Dunnington Jefferson, vice chairman; Lady Mountgarret, hon. Treasurer; Mrs Campbell Fraser, distributor of Land Girl magazines.

Lady Mountgarret gives up four or five days a week to the work, and Mrs Campbell Fraser does the same.

Uniforms are dealt with in one of the main departments and this is supervised by Mrs Cuthbert, daughter of Lady Celia Coates. She has a staff of seven. A tremendous number of W.V.S. members go each day and pack the parcels, also the youth group from the Grammar School assists.

Two tons of uniforms are packed up in parcels and sent off to the numerous volunteers weekly.

The uniform is most attractive, and we have every reason to be proud of our Yorkshire Land Girls, who display it to advantage.

