

under the late Mr George Knight. Mr Buck was also a former bellringer, organ blower, and chorister at Knaresborough Parish Church.

Canon B. K. Kissack (Vicar of Knaresborough) officiated.

The mourners were: Mrs Buck, widow; Mr and Mrs Iveson, son-in-law and daughter; Mr and Mrs F. Slinger, son-in-law and daughter; Mr and Mrs L. Akroyd, son-in-law and daughter; Mrs (Betty) Buck, daughter-in-law; Mr Henry Buck, brother; Mrs Nattress, sister; Mr and Mrs Cable, brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Mrs Hodgson, cousin; Mrs Colloy; Mr Whitaker; Mr Spink; Mr Wheelhouse; Mrs Fred Herrington; Mrs Stocks; Mrs Stacey.

10 Wreaths were sent by: Mrs Buck, May and Louis; Francis, Robert and Annie; Florrie, Frank and family; Harry, Jane and John; Mrs Buck and Peter; Residents of Scriven village; Betty and Peter.

Messrs Taylor and Hogg had charge of the arrangements. Motors were supplied by Messrs Dibbs.

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26 February 1946

Soldiers' Theft From Car

20 Two young soldiers stationed at Scriven Park, Knaresborough, Norman Tolley and Douglas Raven, pleaded guilty to a joint charge of stealing a despatch case and contents of the total value of £10, the property of Thomas R. Rees, civil servant, of 77 Valley Drive, Harrogate.

30 Supt. Cockroft said Mr Rees was being driven from Harrogate to York in an R.A.F. car on Sunday night, and as the car was passing through Starbeck, two soldiers signalled for a lift. They were taken to Knaresborough, and got out of the car in High Street, walking away up Commercial Yard. As soon as they had left the car, complainant missed his despatch case, which had been in the back of the car. He made a search for the men, but could not find them. Information was given to the police and P.S. Goddard and P.c. Fenlon visited Scriven Park. They saw Raven waling up the drive, but he jumped over a fence and got away. Tolley was interviewed, and denied any knowledge of the affair. It was noticed that he was wearing spectacles, and complainant was unable to identify him. Further enquiries showed that he did not usually wear spectacles. His hut was visited, and some of the property from the despatch case was found there. He then said, "That's done it." Other articles from the case were found in his pocket. In the early hours of Monday morning, Raven was seen, and denied having been in any car. He was found to be in possession of a razor blade similar to some which had been in the case. The men were charged, and Tolley replied, "I'll take the rap for it." Raven said, "It's up to you to prove it." Defendants later made statements in which they admitted having been

in the car. Trolley said he took the despatch case when they left the car. They went up Commercial Yard and examined the contents of the case. They took some, and left the remainder and the case in the yard. He would not have taken the case if he had not had some drink. Raven said Tolley was carrying the case when they left the car. He took a towel and three pairs of socks, but threw the socks away when he heard that the police were making enquiries. Supt. Cockroft added that the case and some of the contents were later found in Commercial Yard. All the property had been recovered with the exception of the socks mentioned by Raven.

10 P.S. Goddard said both men were quite sober when they returned to camp at 11.30pm.

Tolley said he had had "a fair lot of beer," and did not know what was happening. He denied having put spectacles on as a disguise.

Raven said he did not know there was a case in the car until he saw Tolley walking away with one.

Tolley, who was reported to have three previous convictions, and to have been in an approved school, was sent to prison for one month. Raven, who had two previous convictions, was fined £3 and 7s. 6d costs.

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SKYRME-WALKER

Miss Alice Walker, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. E. Walker, 21 Hambleton Terrace, Knaresborough, was married at Knaresborough Parish Church, on Saturday, to Mr Eric William Skyrme (Parachute Regiment), only son of Mr and Mrs C. W. Skyrme, Cirencester, Gloucester.

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30 March 1946

Searchlight Site – Reminders of the war continue to disappear from Knaresborough and its vicinity. Rapid progress is being made with the demolition of air raid shelters in the town, and just outside, at Farnham Lane end, the site of the old searchlight

station has once again been incorporated in the field from which it was separated at the beginning of the war. The fences have been restored, and the land ploughed up.

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20 April 1946

Street Groups – The committee of the street groups section of Knaresborough Savings Committee has received with regret the resignation of the hon. Secretary, Miss N. Nuttall, who has done excellent work in this capacity for the past five years. The new street groups secretary is Mrs Rex, of “Camelot”, Greengate Lane, and Mrs Mather of 12 Aspin Lane, has been appointed records secretary. There are a few
10 vacancies for group secretaries in the town, and any willing to help are asked to send their names to Mrs Rex.

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18 May 1946

On Forestry Committee – Mr J. P. Bradford, estate agent for Viscount Swinton, of Swinton Castle, Masham, who has been appointed a member of the Regional Committee of the North East Conservancy Area of the Forestry Commission, is the son of the late Mr and Mrs G. Bradford, of Scriven, and brother of Mrs R. W. Baul, Whincup Avenue, Knaresborough. He is an old boy of King James’s Grammar
20 School, and has been agent for the Swinton estate for 22 years. He served in the R.N.A.S. in the 1914-18 war. For 18 years he was a member of Masham Rural Council, and he has held a number of other public offices in Wensleydayle.

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25 May 1946

REGISTRATION FOR THE SERVICES

Young men born between July 1st 1928 and September 30th 1928, both dates inclusive, are to register under the National Services Act on Saturday, June 1st. Men who registered under the Boys and Girls Registration Order must register again.

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8 June 1946

SMITH-CLARK

Miss Marjorie Clark, only daughter of Mrs M. J. Clark, Church Row, Beckwithshaw, and of the late Mr H. Clark, was married at Beckwithshaw Church on Saturday, by Canon J. W. Akam (Vicar) to Cpl. Alfred John Smith, second son of Mr and Mrs K. P. Smith, 71 Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough.

The bridegroom, who is in the Royal Corps of Signals, has just returned after four years' service overseas.

10 The bride, who was given away by her mother, wore a white net dress, trimmed with camellias, net veil with camellia and diamante head dress, and carried a bouquet of pale pink roses and lilies of the valley. The Misses Pauline and Diane Gebbard were bridesmaids, and they wore dresses of white net over pink underslips, trimmed with rosebuds, rosebud head dresses and carried Victorian posies of mixed flowers.

Mr George Smith was best man and Mr Hubert A. Smith groomsman.

The service was choral, the hymns being "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us," "O perfect love," and "Love divine, all love excelling."

Blackpool was chosen for the honeymoon, and the bride travelled in a pale blue dress, camel coat with nigger brown accessories.

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8 June 1946

JET PLANES OVER KNARESBOROUGH

V-DAY FLY-PAST

A fly-past by a formation of 500 m.p.h. jet propelled Meteor aircraft, fresh from the London V-Day parade, is expected over Knaresborough this Saturday afternoon, between 4 and 4.30pm.

30 The machines will be from No. 263 Squadron, Church Fenton, commanded by Squadron Leader Jack Brandt, D.F.C., who is to lead them in the flight over London in connection with the great victory parade there. After refuelling, the aircraft will return North to fly over Leeds, and Squadron Leader Brandt has promised to bring them on to Knaresborough, in response to a request from a friend, ex-Flying Officer John Henry, of Waterside, a former Typhoon pilot now demobilised.

Squadron Leader Brandt took part in the defence of Singapore, and later was engaged in operations from this country. He was shot down over France soon after D-Day, and lived with members of the Maquis in Paris until the Liberation of the city. His squadron shot down many flying bombs, and in the closing stages of the war operated with success against German jet planes.

Village Festivities

No official Victory Day celebrations have been arranged in Knaresborough itself, but many of the surrounding villages are organising festivities. In most places there will be sports for children and adults, fancy dress parades, cricket matches, teas for young and old, whist drives and dances. A number of villages are to begin their programmes with brief thanksgiving services.

Most shops will be closed on V-Day, though food shops are arranging to open during the morning.

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FORMER KNARESBOROUGH ASSISTANT PRO.

Middlesbrough Golf Club has appointed as professional a former assistant professional at Knaresborough Golf Club, Wilfred Atkinson, son of Mr and Mrs E. Atkinson, of Old Scriven.

Atkinson, who has been serving in the Army during the war, was assistant at Knaresborough under Walter Bowman for four years until his appointment in 1935 as assistant professional at Fulford, York.

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KNARESBOROUGH

Owing to the bad weather which developed in the afternoon, the flight of Meteor jet planes from Church Fenton aerodrome over Knaresborough, had to be cancelled, much to the disappointment of residents, who had looked forward to seeing some of these famous aircraft. No official celebrations had been arranged in the town, but one or two shops and private houses put out flags. Messrs Sturdy's landing on Waterside was decorated, and a float bearing a number of flags was put on the river.

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SCRIVEN

In spite of the bad weather, the whole of the programme for Old Scriven and Greengate Lane was carried through as arranged, except that the tea had to be transferred indoors, to Mr Clapham's barn.

The celebrations began with an excellent fancy dress parade, which was judged by Major T. W. Slingsby (Scriven Park). Mrs J. S. Whitaker, Mrs G. F. Weatherill and Miss E. Weatherill. The following awards were made:- Children: 1, Ian Harrington (Scarecrow); 2, Mary Bowe (South Sea Island girl); 3, Evelyn Sewell (Red Cross nurse); 4, Jackie Mills (Cherry Ripe). Adults: 1, Messrs E. Atkinson and J. Smith (bride and bridegroom); 2, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Weston (looking for a house); 3, Nurse Sewell (Mother Shipton); 4, Mr H. Sewell (Charlie Chaplin).

The parade was followed by a short meeting on the green, at which Mr D. E. White, chairman of the committee, welcomed the returned Servicemen and thanked all who had worked for the effort. Major Slingsby, Mr Lewis Leckenby and Capt. R. Outhwaite also spoke, Major Slingsby calling for a brief silence in memory of two men from the village who gave their lives in the last war, Guardsman Arthur Bradley and Pte. Thomas Cooper. Thanks to the speakers were expressed by Mr J. S. Whitaker. Mr White presented to Major Slingsby a red, white and blue bouquet for Mrs Slingsby, who was absent through illness, and also presented a bouquet to Mrs Atkinson, senr., for her kindness in allowing meetings to be held at her home.

Tea was provided, and sports were held on the green. The prizes for the fancy dress and sports were distributed by Major Slingsby.

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to those in common use today, became standard in 1876. The practice of painting them red commenced in 1874—previously the majority had been green.

Proposed Dental Clinic

The former Civil Defence cleansing station in Chain Lane, Knaresborough, which the West Riding County Council recommends should be converted into a dental clinic.

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CHARGES FOR P.O.W.s EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE

In accordance with the Government's decision earlier this year that the rate of charge for prisoners of war employed in agriculture shall be equivalent to the minimum wage rate fixed by the Agricultural Wages Board for regular adult male workers, charges for such labour will be increased from July 14 1946, to conform with the increased rates of wages payable to agricultural workers as from that date.

The revised rates of charge for such prisoner of war labour will be as follows:

- 10 Hourly Rates – (a) Ordinary time: 1s. 8d per hour for all hours worked up to 8½ on Mondays to Fridays inclusive and 5½ hours on Saturdays. (b) Overtime: For hours worked in excess of those set out in (a) above 2s. 1d. Per hour Monday to Friday, and 2. 6d per hour on Saturday. Any work on Sunday and public holidays will be charged at 2s. 6d per hour.

- Rates for Billeted Prisoners – 80s per week of 48 hours (except in weeks in which certain public holidays fall, when the hours are less). Hours of work defined as overtime employment by the Agricultural Wages Board will be charged for at the rate of 2s. 1d per hour on weekdays and 2d. 6d per hour on Saturday afternoons, Sundays and public holidays. The deduction allowed to farmers for the provision of board and lodging will remain at 23. 6d per week.
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WEDDING

WAKEFIELD-WALDRON

The marriage took place quietly at Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W., on Friday, of Mr George F. Wakefield, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Henry Wakefield, of 7 Alexandra Place, Scriven, Knaresborough, and Miss Winifred I. Waldron, only daughter of Mrs Waldron of Lane Head House, Glossop, Derbyshire.

- 30 Mr Wakefield, who began his journalistic career on the former "Harrogate Times" is now a member of the Hansard staff of the House of Commons.

Miss Waldron has for the past seven years been a Health Visitor in Sheffield and district, and for four years during the war was a member of the Mechanised Transport Corps.

The bride wore a two piece suit of sapphire blue, with white hat and accessories and a spray of tea roses. She was attended by Mrs Jean Winder, wearing a nigger brown ensemble. Mr L. A. Giles was best man. Both Mrs Winder and Mr Giles are colleagues of the bridegroom on the Hansard staff.

Until the rising of the House of Commons for the Summer Recess, Mr and Mrs Wakefield are at 52 Rosecroft Gardens, Whitton, Twickenham.

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL STAFF CHANGES

Mr Frank Hodgson, of Cockermouth, has been appointed to the vacancy on the staff of King James's Grammar School, caused by the resignation of Mr R. B. Whellock, who is to take up a post as biology master at the John Ruskin Grammar School, Croydon, in September.

Educated at Cockermouth and Leeds University, where he obtained his degree with honours in zoology and botany, Mr Hodgson later served with the R.A.F., returning to the university on demobilisation to take a teaching diploma. He has represented Leeds University at Rugby football.

20 Mrs J. Fairclough, who has been a temporary member of the staff of the school for the past two years, has retired, and her place is being filled by the appointment of Miss Dickinson, at present teaching at the Bridlington School for Boys. Miss Dickinson graduated at Leeds University with Honours in history.

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CLAPHAM-BROOKSBANK

30 At Knaresborough Parish Church on Tuesday, the marriage took place of Miss Jennie Brooksbank, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Brooksbank, Wayside, Ripley Road, Knaresborough, and Mr Harry Clapham, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. Clapham, 6 Greengate Lane, Knaresborough, late of Hazelheads Farm, Old Scriven. The ceremony was performed by Canon B. K. Kissack (Vicar of Knaresborough).

Given away by her father, the bride wore a pale blue two piece suit with navy accessories, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and fern. She was attended as matron of honour by her sister, Mrs Laidlaw, who wore a blue two piece suit with

navy accessories and had a bouquet of sweet peas and fern. Mr Frederick A. Clapham was best man.

For travelling on the honeymoon, which is being spent at Morecambe, the bride wore a dark blue coat over a blue suit, with navy accessories.

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3 August 1946

10 **Masonic Hall** – Knaresborough Masonic Hall, York Place, used during the war as a first aid post and W.V.S. headquarters, has now been de-requisitioned, and work is proceeding on the restoration of the premises to their former state.

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17 August 1946

OBITUARY

MR G. BARNFATHER

20 The funeral took place on Thursday of last week of Mr George Barnfather, aged 64, of 6 Union Street, Knaresborough, an old member of the staff of Harrogate and District Co-operative Society. A service in the Congregational Church, with which Mr Barnfather had long been associated, preceded the interment at Knaresborough Cemetery.

Mr Barnfather had been employed by the Co-operative Society for some 32 years, and for a period during the 1914-18 war, after service in Malta, was manager of the Knaresborough branch. Between the wars he was at the Regent Parade, Harrogate, branch, and at the Starbeck branch, returning to the Knaresborough store during the last war. He had been a deacon and treasurer of the Congregational Church for many years, and formerly took part in amateur theatrical productions associated with the church.

30 The service in the Congregational Church was conducted by the Rev. H. R. Jones and the Rev. E/ H. Holland, of Liverpool, formerly minister of the church. Mrs J. Carson was at the organ, and the hymns were "At Thy right hand" and "For ever with the Lord."

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24 August 1946

SCRIVEN GIRL FOR CANADA

One of a party of British girls who sailed from Liverpool for Canada last week-end was Mrs Connie Zadworny, grand-daughter of Mr J. Smith, of Old Scriven, Knaresborough, who is going to join her husband, Mr E. F. Zadworny, a former member of the Canadian Army, in Timmins, Ontario. With her travelled her baby daughter, Katherine Anne, aged five months.

10 Mrs Zadworny, who was educated at King James's Grammar School, Knaresborough, was formerly on the nursing staff of the General Infirmary at Leeds. She then became a ward sister at the Yorkshire Home, Harrogate, and during the later war years was nursing in London and the South. Her grandfather, who has lived in Scriven for over 40 years, is to join her in Canada as soon as he can obtain a passage.

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24 August 1946

Wants News of Knaresborough. – We have received a letter from a former Knaresborough man now living in British Columbia, asking for news of the old town and enquiring about various local personalities. The writer is Mr Fred Appleton, radio engineer, who lived in Scriven before he went to Canada in 1905. Mr Appleton mentions Parr's stationer's shop and Arnold's (Hall's?) gun shop among the places he remembers, and asks if Mr R. Holmes still keeps a grocery store, also if a Mr George Knight is still associated with Parr's/ Mr Holmes retired from business some years ago, and Mr Knight, who was an apprentice at Parr's, is now in business at Carlisle. Mr Appleton, whose address is Box 96, Roseland, British Columbia, Canada, would be glad to hear from "some of the old-time folks."

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21 September 1946

SQUATTERS AT BOROUGHBIDGE

A WAR Department Nissen hut at Spring Gardens, Boroughbridge, has been taken over by a family of "squatters" from Scotland. They are Mr W. Meek, an invalid ex-soldier and prisoner of war, his wife, their five sons (aged 6 and a half to 13 and a half), and baby daughter.

The children have brought with them a family of white mice and a tame pigeon. Since the family took possession, the electric light has been cut off by an official, and they are using candles. Cinders gathered from a nearby disused roadway are being used as fuel for the stove in the living room of the hut.

Discharged from the Army on medical grounds about a year ago, Mr. Meek is in training as a bricklayer at a Thorparch Government Centre. He is billeted at Castleford. Joining the Army soon after the outbreak of war, he gave up his home at Knaresborough, sent his wife and family to Ireland, which is Mrs Meek's home, and put his furniture into storage. He was wounded and taken prisoner in 1940 while serving in the 7th Argyles in France. When he was discharged the family went into rooms in Edinburgh, and he worked there until going for training to Thorparch. Since then he has been making vain efforts to find a Yorkshire home, and has spent his weekends hiking about the country in search of accommodation.

For a year Mr Meek's name has been on the waiting list for a house at Knaresborough, but there was no immediate prospect of anything, he told a Press representative, "My position was desperate," he continued. "My wife was worrying about the future, and we had the children to consider. Our chances of getting house

of our own were remote, and there was the problem of our furniture, which had been in store for seven years. AS I shall be at Thorparch until January this was the only alternative.”

They were joined on Thursday by another family of squatters – Mr and Mrs C. Alabaster and their two young children, aged 2 years and 9 months respectively. Mr Alabaster is a Canadian from Ontario. He joined the Forces in 1941 and was on the ground staff of a Canadian Bomber Group stationed in Yorkshire for 2 years. His wife is a Yorkshire woman from the Northallerton district. She came to a furnished house in Minskip near Boroughbridge last November, and her husband joined her in April
10 after demobilisation in Canada. Since that time he has been employed at the Harrogate G.P.O.

Mr Alabaster said, “We had to leave the house in Minskip and no other accommodation was available.”

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28 September 1946

Knaresborough Men’s Long Service

Two well-known Knaresborough railway officials, Mr J. W. Cail, of Rockville, St Robert’s Road, locomotive depot supervisor at Starbeck, and Mr T. Chapman, of 21
20 Park Grove, chief clerk at Knaresborough passenger station, retire from the service of the L.N.E.R. Company today.

24 years at Starbeck

Mr Cail has had a total of 51 years’ service with the company. He was first employed at Stanhope, County Durham, in 1895, and was on the footplate of engines, first as fireman and then as driver, for 25 years. During this period, he was for three years chairman and delegate of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers, and for ten years chairman and instructor of the Locomotive Engineers’ Improvement Society. In the latter capacity, he gave valuable instruction on the construction and working of steam engines to men preparing for examinations.

30 In 1920, Mr Cail was promoted locomotive depot supervisor at Wet Auckland, and two years later, he was transferred to a similar post at Starbeck, which he has held ever since. His father, Mr J. Cail, also had a long record of service (45 years) with the L.N.E.R. as guard and driver.

From Junior to Chief Clerk

Mr Chapman who is retiring for health reasons, has been in the railway service for 39½ years. A native of Leeds, he started his career with the old North-Eastern

Railway Company as a junior clerk at Malton in 1907, and later serviced as a junior in the Chief Passenger Agent's office at York and in the Trades Advertising dept. He then went as clerk to Weaverthorpe, and served at a number of stations and in the Leeds and Hull parcels offices before the 1914-18 war. He joined the R.F.A. in September 1914, served in France and Belgium, and on demobilisation in 1919, returned to the company's service, going to Hunmanby as clerk. After periods at Bridlington, Hull, Leeds and Burton Salmon, he went on to the relief staff of the District Passenger Manager. He came to Knaresborough as chief clerk 16 years ago.

10 During the last war, Mr Chapman was in the Home Guard. He is a member of the Knaresborough Conservative Club and the British Legion. In his younger days, he was a keen footballer and cricketer.

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5 October 1946

KNARESBOROUGH MAN'S NEW POST

From University to Industry

AFTER a very successful University career, followed by six years of war-time service in the scientific branch of the Admiralty, Mr Basil G. Wilkinson, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. N. Wilkinson, York Road, Knaresborough, has accepted a post as assistant manager with a Lancashire textile firm, Messrs A. S. Orr and Sons, Ltd., of Bamber Bridge, near Preston. He took up his duties there this week.

- 10 Mr Wilkinson was a pupil of King James's Grammar School, where after taking the Higher School Certificate, he was awarded a County Major and a State scholarship. He went to Downing College, Cambridge, with a Schreiner open scholarship, and gained a first class in the Natural Sciences Tripos. He was awarded the Frank Smart studentship in botany and the Pilley scholarship, and received his M.A. degree in 1941. He was engaged on post-graduate research work at the University before joining the Admiralty scientific staff.

Received Duke of Kent

- 20 During the war he was in charge of lonely stations in the North of Scotland, Fair Isle, Iceland and the Shetlands. At one of his stations, he received the late Duke of Kent, who visited the island on a tour of inspection just before his fatal air crash. For the last nine months he has been on the staff of the Shirley Scientific Research Institute, Didsbury, Manchester.

While at Cambridge Mr Wilkinson was captain and secretary of the Downing College football team for two seasons, and played cricket for University teams. He also turned out at football for Knaresborough Town. He served with the University motor-cycle patrol on special duty before going to the Admiralty.

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5 October 1946

- 30 **Squatters At Starbeck Camp**

Knaresborough Families First In

Two families from Knaresborough started the "squatting" movement in Harrogate on Friday by moving into two Nissen huts at the camp in High Street, Starbeck, recently vacated by German prisoners of war. They found water laid on, but no heating or lighting arrangements.

IN one of the huts when a Press representative called, was Mrs I. Allen, wife of C.Q.M.S. Donald Allen, a regular soldier stationed in South Wales. She has been living with her three children, Frederika (aged eight), Frances (three) and Denise (20 months) in rooms at Knaresborough, where she paid 30/- a week for one bedroom and a share of a living room. Eight weeks ago she was asked to find other accommodation, as the owner wished to sell the house. On Friday, she packed up her goods and chattels, and with the help of the children carried them across the fields to the camp, where they got through a gap in the barbed wire and climbed over a wall. Arrived at Nissen hut, she removed a pane from one of the windows and lifted one of the children through into the hut to slip the bolts of the door. She took bedding and tinned stuff with her, and they are living on cold food for the present, there being no facilities for cooking.

The other squatter family consists of Mr and Mrs F. Cowley and their seven children, Josephine (12), Richard John (11) Christopher David (9), Alexander Gordon (7), Francis James (5), Marion Frances (4) and Michael Colin (22 months). Mr Cowley is an ex-Serviceman, invalided out of the Army with chest trouble in 1943. Until recently, he worked as a boiler washer on the railway, but he had to give up that work for health reasons, and is at present unemployed. The family formerly lived in four rooms in Knaresborough, paying 10s a week. A court order for possession was made, they were given until next Monday to leave.

A civilian caretaker was put on to patrol the camp during the day, and the police were informed. Mr J. M. Dodds, Town Clerk of Harrogate, has approached the Ministry of Works, who are still responsible for the camp, but the ministry had no statement to make. It will be recalled that the Town Council is applying for sanction to convert as many of the huts as possible into temporary dwellings, and to install washing and sanitary facilities.

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9 November 1946

STACK "BONFIRE" AT KNARESBOROUGH

FIREMEN'S ALL-NIGHT TASK

MEMBERS of Knaresborough N.F.S. were engaged all night on Tuesday in dealing with a stack fire in a field off Manor Drive, Chain Lane. Despite a prompt turn-out, the firemen were unable to save the stack, which contained about six tons of wheat, and damage estimated at just over £100 was done. The stack was the property of Miss D. Jacob Smith, of Park Corner Farm, Scriven. The crop, the produce of 41 acres, had been harvested with the greatest difficulty during the spell of very wet weather, the field having to be cut by hand by German prisoners.

The outbreak is believed to have been caused by spark from a bonfire.

The alarm was given at about 7pm, and when the firemen arrived, flames were leaping higher than nearby houses. The outbreak was brought under control by about 10pm, but the firemen remained on duty through the night and were unable to leave until 7am on Wednesday. They had to fork over all that remained of the stack and keep it well damped down.

Residents in the neighbourhood were full of praise for the work of the brigade. One told our representative that after the alarm had been given, it seemed only a matter of seconds before the firemen were on the scene and had water on. Actually, the men were on the job in four minutes.

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23 November 1946

GERMANS IN ROAD TRAGEDY

Driver Exonerated

“FOR some unknown reason, the cyclist turned into the lorry before it was fully past.” This comment was made by the York District Coroner, Mr E. T. Heap, at an inquest in Harrogate on Thursday, where he returned a verdict of “Death by Misadventure” on Johann Schueller (38). A German P.O.W. corporal, who died in the Harrogate Hospital on Tuesday as a result of a collision between his cycle and a lorry at Scriven earlier in the day.

Dr J. V. Wilson said the cause of death was the combination of a fracture of the pelvis, hemorrhage and shock.

Giving his evidence through the interpreter, Lieut. A. W. Snowman, of the Enniskilling Fusiliers, the driver of the lorry, another German, Johannes Kirsten, who was exonerated from blame by the Coroner, said he was driving out of the P.O.W. camp at Scriven at about 10 to 15 m.p.h., when he saw Schueller on a cycle 30 yards ahead. He gave Schueller a wide berth, but when he got to the junction of Scriven and Greengate Lane, he heard the crack of something striking the lorry. He found Schueller lying on the road, and took him back to the camp.

In answer to the Coroner, the witness stated the lorry was covered, and that therefore the passengers saw nothing of the incident.

Mr J. T. Bradley, works foreman, Fisher Gardens, Knaresborough, corroborated that the cyclist was given ample room. At one moment the cycles was level with the lorry and at the next, he had turned into it. He (witness) shouted to the lorry driver and the vehicle pulled up in seven yards. The witness said he could give no reason why the cyuclist should have swerved, but he agreed with the Coroner that if Schueller had meant to go down the turning, he would have turned at about that point. AS it was, the machine caught the rear of the lorry.

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7 December 1946

GREYHOUND TRACK AT CONYNGHAM?

Local Ex-Serviceman's Plan

10 **A plan for a greyhound racing track in the grounds of Conyngham Hall has been suggested to Knaresborough Urban Council by a young local ex-Serviceman. Sponsor of the scheme is Mr G. F. Eshelby, of Riversdale, Greengate Lane, who aims to provide an attraction which in addition to its entertainment value would also help in the relief of rates. Mr Eshelby's letter to the Council has been before the Conyngham Hall Committee, which is to invite him to attend a meeting and submit further details.**

DISCUSSING his proposal with our Knaresborough representative, Mr Eshelby, who recently returned from service overseas with the 17/21st Lancers, and who hopes to stand for the Council next March, said he thought the purchase of the Conyngham estate by the Council was a splendid investment and one which, properly handled, could yield a very good return, both financially and as an amenity.

Fountain and Flowers

20 "My idea," he said, "is to provide entertainment of a lively nature in the town, and at the same time to bring in revenue towards the relief of rates. I propose, if permission is obtained, to build a greyhound track on the land to the right of the drive to the Hall, between the drive and the woodland. The place would not be unattractive. It would have a white clubhouse and white fencing, with plenty of flower beds and a fountain. There would be a Tote. I want the council to let me the site and to make themselves responsible for the car park, which should provide a good return. The parking fees should be reasonable. I suggest sixpence.

30 "The people connected with me," went on Mr Eshelby, "are fully conversant with the running of greyhound tracks. They already own and breed greyhounds and are capable of vetting dogs. It is our suggestion that half the dogs should be owned by the track, and the remainder privately owned, to encourage people in the district to take part in the sport."

Three Evenings a Week

Asked how often meetings would be held, Mr Eshelby said it had been suggested that there should be racing on three evenings a week (Monday, Wednesday and Saturday) in summer, and on Saturday evenings in winter. The course would be floodlit. Application would be made for a catering licence and a liquor licence for the evenings in question.

Mr Eshelby said that all the necessary materials for the track could be obtained at once, plenty of ex-Army stuff being readily available. Local labour would be used in the erection. "All we want is the word 'Go.' He added. "I think it would be a wonderful attraction for Knaresborough," said Mr Eshelby. "If we are allowed to proceed with the scheme, I propose to devote a proportion of the profits to the building of a sports stadium for the boys of the town, if possible in Conyngham Hall grounds. I intend to engage some of the finest instructors in the country to coach boys in all forms of sport, and within five years I hope to be in a position to throw out a challenge to any town in the British Isles to compete with us."

- 10 Mr Eshelby was born in Knaresborough and has been in business in the town for 17 years. He was in the Army for 4½ years, during and war, and spent 3½ years abroad, in North Africa, Italy and Austria. During the latter part of his service, he was on the staff of a big sports stadium in Milan. Since returning home, he has resumed his former business and has also started a new venture, a school of motoring.

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P.O.Ws AS CHRISTMAS GUESTS

100 Men from Scriven Camp Invited Out

- 20 MANY families in Knaresborough and district received German prisoners of war as guests into their homes on Christmas Day. The men came from the P.O.W. camp at Scriven Park, and it is understood that in all about one hundred were invited out for the day.

The remainder of the men were allowed liberty from camp during the day, and in the evening they put on an impromptu concert, including items by a P.O.W. band, and also enjoyed a cinema show.

