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EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY WORKERS

10 THE European voluntary workers, all Ukrainians, are likely to leave their hostel, Harlow Grange, Harrogate, in the near future. Harlow Grange, it is understood, will then be de-requisitioned.

Although neither this information nor the date on which the evacuation of Harlow Grange will take place has yet been officially released, there is every likelihood that the move will occur during the next few weeks.

The valuable agricultural labour force represented by the Ukrainian volunteer workers who have us. The 80 Ukrainians at Harlow Grange are to be absorbed by nearby camps, notably the large hutted camp at Scriven Hall, Knaresborough.

20 Before being converted for use as a European Volunteer workers' hostel, Harlow Grange was used for some time by German prisoners of war.

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5 February 1949

An E.V.W. from Scriven Camp, Potkonjas Dusan, aged about 30, was thrown from his cycle in a collision with a car turning out of High Street into Whiteley's Yard, Knaresborough, on Monday night. The cycle was damaged, but Dusan was unhurt.

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5 March 1949

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E.V.W.s CELEBRATE AT SCRIVEN PARK CAMP

Lithuanian Independence Day a sad memory for exiles

THE celebration of Independence Day among the Lithuanians at Scriven Park E.V.W. camp, Knaresborough, on Sunday, was not a particularly happy occasion.

Exiled from their homeland by foreign aggression and in many cases separated from their families, these Displaced Persons could look back to 1918 – the year when Lithuania became an independent state – with nothing more than the sad memory of their former liberty.

10 “We are firmly decided to endure present and future privations in order that one day we may regain our freedom.” So said Mr Trilupaitis, a camp spokesman, in an address to a gathering of more than one hundred people at the camp. “We trust in the strength of the great western democracies,” he continued, “ and in the Almighty, who did not vainly create the call for liberty in human nature.”

Nevertheless, Independence Day was marked in traditional style, with folk dancing by Lithuanian men and women in the colourful costumes of their native country. A play depicting Lithuania’s struggle for freedom was written, produced and acted by members of the camp.

Among the several visitors to the camp on Sunday were Major B. D. Phillips (Labour Officer of the West Riding Agricultural Executive Committee, Harrogate), Mr R. Chapman (hostel officer from the W.R.A.E.C., Harrogate), Mr Thompson (headmaster of Knaresborough Modern School), and Father p. G. McNally (St Mary’s, Knaresborough).

23 April 1949

“With proud thanksgiving” —



—Knarborough will remember her dead of the last war, when the 1939-45 plaque on the Castle Grounds War Memorial is unveiled by Lady Evelyn Collins at 3-15 p.m. to-morrow (Sunday) in the presence of members of the British Legion and Women's Section, representatives of the Urban Council and townspeople. The service will be conducted by the Vicar of Knarborough (Canon B. K. Kissack), and the Silver Band will lead the singing of the hymns.

The plaque, seen above being fitted by Mr. C. Naden, is cast in bronze and bears 48 names, including those of two local girls who died as a result of war service.

The full list is as follows:

Andrews, J., Gunner.
 Barber, J., Flt. Sergeant.
 Bowers, R., Fusilier.
 Bradley, A., Guardsman.
 Brand, J. J. A., Private.
 Briggs, Allen, Private.
 Broadbent, E., Sergeant.
 Calvert, E., Sapper.
 Cartwright, R. V., Flying Officer.
 Coleman, N., Flt. Sergeant.
 Conboy, P., Private.
 Cooper, T., Private.
 Crossland, B. C., L. Sickbay Att.

Duncan, F. M., Sapper.
 Evison, E., Private.
 Franks, W. H., Flt. Sergeant.
 Gillies, D. W., Sergt. W.O.
 Hargreaves, H., Gunner.
 Hewson, B., Sergeant Pilot.
 Holgate, D., Seaman.
 Hood, A., L.A.C.
 Johnson, W., Private.
 Kemp, W. E., Stoker.
 Kirk, J. J., Corporal.
 Lawrence, E., Captain.
 Linden, A. B., Private.
 Luby, A. (M.M.), Corporal.
 Milner, J. A., W.O. Navigator.
 Mitchell, J., Sergeant.
 Moore, L. A.B.
 Norton, C., Gunner.
 Parker, D., Flt. Sergeant.
 Pedel, G. W., Private.
 Raper, G., A.C.I.
 Rigby, C. N., Private.
 Roche, P., Private.
 Smith, C., Private.
 Smith, J., Private.
 Stockburn, F., Private.
 Stockburn, H., Corporal.
 Taylor, H., Sapper.
 Tetley, L., Lieutenant.
 Thompson, F., Guardsman.
 Thorpe, K., Sergeant.
 Whincup, A. E., Private.
 Whitaker, W., Private.
 Whiteley, Margaret, Private.
 Wroe, J. L., Flying Officer.

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2 July 1949

HONOUR FOR KNARESBOROUGH WOMAN

MISS Winifred Jacob Smith, younger daughter of Mrs Jacob Smith, Somerley, Knaresborough, will be travelling to London this week to attend the Royal garden party at Buckingham Palace, on Thursday.

Miss Jacob Smith, who, last week, received an invitation to attend from the Lord Chamberlain, will be going as a representative of the Women's Land Army. She has been connected with the Land Army since its inception, and is now County Organiser for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.

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30 July 1949

Former Knaresborough Teacher Retires

Yesterday Mr Sidney W. Wilkinson, a former Knaresborough resident, and brother of Mr W. B. Wilkinson, of Knaresborough, retired from teaching at the Malton Handicraft Centre, after over 30 years as instructor.

Altogether, he has taught for more than 40 years at schools and centres in the North Riding. Many years ago he was on the staff of the old Wesleyan School, Knaresborough. For some time he has served on the county staff as technical and manual instructor.

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A keen sportsman, Mr Wilkinson was formerly a playing member of Malton Cricket Club.

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22 October 1949

BRIGADIER TELLS VETERANS

GIVE SOLDERS MORE INCENTIVE, MORNING TEA

"I SHOULD like the soldiers of today to do three years with the colours and nine with the reserves," declared Brigadier General G. S. Brunskill, speaking at the jubilee dinner of the Harrogate and District Branch of the South African War Veterans' Association, at the Somerset Hotel on Friday.

10 "And pay them what they want," he went on. "An officer cannot train a soldier whose heart is not in his work."

In saying this, Brig-Gen. Brunskill was echoing the words of Major F. A. Johnson, who spoke of the "poor pay" in the Army, and said that there was not enough incentive to make a soldier take up his career in the Army these days.

"Why can't a soldier have tea in the mornings?" queried Brig. Gen. Brunskill. "And why should a chap have to have water for his dinner? I would never have let him. After a meal that you or I would think quite sufficient, a soldier today will go along to the N.A.A.F.I. and spend a shilling or two on a couple of cups of sweet tea and half a dozen or so buns. The soldier would not have to pay for what the Army does not give him."

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5 November 1949

REMEMBRANCE DAY – Ex-Servicemen and women and members of other organisations in Knaresborough are to parade at 2.30pm in the Market Place tomorrow, before marching to the Parish Church for the Remembrance Day Service, at which the preacher will be the Rev. G. W. Younge, Rector of Kirk Deighton, Army chaplain and former prisoner of war. The parade will be marshalled by ex-Sgt. C. S. Simpson and led by Brigadier G.S. Brunskill.

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COLLECTION OF WASTE PAPER TO END

AFTER being in operation for nine years, during which time more than nine years, during which time more than £1,500 has been contributed to the relief of rates, the collection of waste paper by Knaresborough Urban ~Council is soon to be officially discontinued "for the time being". This is recommended in a minute of the Public Health and general Purposes Committee which will come before the Urban ~Council for approval at its meeting on Monday.

Mr W. Jennings (Sanitary Inspector) told the "Knaresborough Post" this week that since 1941 waste paper collections had shown an average yearly profit in Knaresborough of £200, or approximately a 1d rate.

Fall in price

The Urban Council, he said, had only begun the commercial sale of waste paper for re-pulping during the war years, and had no long term contracts for its disposal. The price had recently fallen by two thirds due to the preference of paper firms for imported foreign pulp which had now become available. Collection by the Council was no longer a commercial proposition, and householders were now recommended to burn all their waste paper.

- 10 For the year ended March 31st 1949, the cost of waste paper collection was £531, which included an outlay of £59 on a baler and weighing machine. Receipts were £652.

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12 November 1949

Civil Defence no joke

An appeal for all former members of the Civil Defence services in Knaresborough to re-enrol when recruiting for the new organisation opens at the Council offices on Tuesday was made by Coun. J. Coles, at Monday evening's meeting of the Urban Council.

- 20 Coun. Coles said he was serious in his appeal. He thought people were apt to take the new service as a bit of a joke. They were wrong to take that view, much as they did not want war. Unless the Civil Defence was well organised, the country would be paralysed in the event of an attack, probably without warning, by V. Bombs, etc.

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12 November 1949

A double "21st" at Scriven

- 30 ON Monday, in the green and red curtained, trophy hung Women's Institute Hall, some 140 members celebrated the 21st birthday of Scriven Women's Institute, and the 21 years in office of Mrs Jacob Smith, a founder member of the Institute, the treasurer for eight years and the President for the last 13 years.

"In all the 21 years I have never once missed a monthly meeting," Mrs Jacob Smith told me proudly. Members showed their appreciation of all the help, advice and good humoured leadership she has given to the Institute when they presented her with a navy calf handbag, a fountain pen, a hand-made tatted handkerchief, and a lovely bouquet of red carnations.

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19 November 1949

CIVIL DEFENCE

IN the first two days of the Civil Defence recruiting appeal, there were eight enquiries at Knarborough Urban Council offices and a few members of the public enrolled.

10 First to complete an enrolment form at Nidderdale Rural Council offices this week was the Chairman of the Council (Capt. W. H. Featherston). At a special sub-committee meeting on Tuesday, it was decided to make facilities available for enrolment in the rural area at the following places: Police Station, Boroughbridge; Police Station, Ripley; and police house, Upper Poppleton (6-8pm Tuesday and Thursday evenings until December 22nd). Enrolment can also be made at the Rural Council offices, High Street, Knarborough, during normal office hours.

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19 November 1949

KEEP THE W.L.A.

20 It is difficult to see why the W.L.A. should be disbanded, writes Dennis Peek in "Farmer and Stockbreeder." It would be far better if the whole organisation were to be taken over by the NFU. It would be able to carry on an essential service and give the land girls some assurance that, if the Government does not appreciate them, the farmer who has worked with them all these years knows their true value.

On all counts this decision is to be condemned. The farmer loses valuable labour both on stock, which girls handle so well, and in the field, where he is unable to cope with the pressure of work at peak periods. The girls lose the advantage of a useful, healthy and reasonably well paid temporary occupation. An all of us will be without one of those links between town and country industry and agriculture, the table and the farm which are essential if we are to maintain that unity of effort which has been built up so carefully in times of war and is being so easily lost in times of peace.

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26 November 1949

CIVIL DEFENCE APATHY

Civil Defence recruiting in Knaresborough and throughout the rural district is not merely dying (as it is reported to be in some areas); it has expired.

Since the appeal was launched last week, there have been several inquiries at the Knaresborough Urban Council offices, but only two men have enrolled. One has volunteered for the wardens' service and the other will serve in whatever section he is required. In addition, one man has volunteered at Knaresborough police station for the special constabulary.

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Nidderdale Rural Council officials this week reported: "No enrolments; no inquiries."

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26 November 1949

GERMAN CLEARED OF POACHING ALLEGATION

A summons against Manfred Ackart (27), a German ex-prisoner of war, now living in Knaresborough, for trespassing on land in search of pheasants, was dismissed by Knaresborough magistrates on Wednesday.

10 Mr W. L. Denton (prosecuting) said the offence was alleged to have taken place on South Docken Bush Farm, Brearton, where defendant was employed by Mr H. Ingram. On November 1, a gamekeeper looking after the shooting rights on the farm, noticed there were several snares laid in the hedges. He saw Ackart come into the field, let out some hens, and then take a pheasant out of one of the snares. Ackart was seen to kill the pheasant.

Mr H. E. Crane (defending) told the court that Ackart was an ex-German prisoner of war who had married an Englishwoman and settled down in Knaresborough. He was in this country under a licence which could be revoked, and therefore the allegation was extremely serious from his point of view.

Snares for rabbits

Mr Crane contended that defendant had merely set rabbit snares, which he was entitled to do, having received his employer's permission. "It was a 1,000 to 1 chance that a pheasant was caught in one of the snares," he added.

20 Giving evidence on oath, Ackart told the court that he killed the pheasant because he thought it was in pain after being caught in the snare. He emphatically denied having taken any pheasants previously.

Dismissing the case, Mr E. Alton (chairman) said the Bench could not allow costs against the prosecution.

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10 December 1949

CIVIL DEFENCE

30 The following were appointed members of the Civil Defence Committee at Wednesday's meeting of Nidderdale Rural Council: Capt. W. H. Featherston, Major E. Ambler, Col. S. Rhodes, County Coun. A. C. Crowther, Brigadier Brunskill, Coun. J. H. C. Hodgson, Coun. J. Cooper, Major Whately Thompson, and Coun C. Denby Yewdall.

