Housewives dim gas plan

£1 A WEEK ON TOP OF THE RENT IS TOO MUCH, SAY NEWCASTLE WOMEN

By JAMES SLATER Our Municipal Correspondent

IT is not likely that Newcastle Corporation's scheme to have their tenants' gas charges collected with the rent every week will find favour.

A proposal to change the method of collection has followed discussions between representatives of the Northern Gas Board and Newcastle Housing Committee.

Letters have been sent out to about 400 tenants who use gas.

This proposes that a charge varying between 18s and £1 6s a-week should be added to the rent and paid to the rent collector.

It is considered that in this way the contrast between summer and winter bills would end.

Mr Graham King, Newcastle director of housing, said that about 1,200 council houses would be involved.

Convinced

No decision regarding the change will be taken until widespread approval has been received.

A tour of the flats in Heaton and Walker last night convinced me that support would be very slight.

A majority of the tenants are looking forward to Monday. In nearly every case refunds varying from £2 10s. to £8 are expected from the Gas Board.

Mrs. C. Scott, of Heaton Park Court, said that under the new scheme this rebate would be missed.

"I prefer to pay for my gas as I use it. Under the new proposal we would have to pay £1, and £1 a week on the rent is a big thing."

Concern

Mrs. E. Robson and Mrs. J. Stewart, both of Wardroper House, Walker, preferred the present system of meter payment.

"A lot of the people are against the idea," Mrs. Robson told me.

"We are writing to say we are not in favour of the scheme," said Mrs. M. Brewin, of Heaton.

I gained the impression that the tenants' main concern was that under the new proposal there was no way of keeping gas usage in check.

Troopers fled to be film stars

AN officer defending two Household Cavalry troopers who went off to Spain, told a court martial yesterday that three reporters were the real criminals.

He said it was regrettable they were not in the dock.

Lieutenant-Colonel Edwin Hayward was appearing for Trooper John Bawden (21) and Trooper Ian Gonella (20), nephew of the jazz trumpeter, Nat Gonella.

Both pleaded guilty to being absent without leave for a month and to conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

ESCAPE

It was said that the two went to Madrid to become film stars and to escape the "spit and polish and the long fixed hours of duty" at Knightsbridge Barracks.

Gonella, who, it was said, had been told that a further conviction would result in his discharge, was sentenced to 112 days' imprisonment and to be discharged with ignominy.

Bawden was sentenced to 112 days' detention.

Both sentences are subject to confirmation.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hayward said a film critic told Gonella that he would recommend him for a film job, gave him £100 and promised £150 to follow so that he could buy himself out.

MECCA

He spent part of the £100 taking out a girl for the evening, was late for stables and got seven days' detention.

"He brooded in his cell and decided to run away to what is, I am told, the mecca of all film stars—Madrid."

Bawden decided to go with him.

In Madrid, he said, reporters told them their stories would be worth money.

"Here was a chance to satisfy their hunger and put Knightsbridge right, so they talked—a little.

"The horrifying picture of life at Knightsbridge painted by some papers is as different from their statements and as unlike the truth as is a modern impressionist painting unlike the real masterpiece," said Lieutenant-Colonel Hayward.

DIFFERENT

Lieutenant-Colonel Hayward said he hoped the public would be told "that the major criminals in this case are yet to be arrested.

"Why should the man who made their journey to Madrid possible by giving Gonella £100 not be charged with suborning the loyalty of one of Her Majesty's troopers?" he asked.

"As regards the three gentlemen of the Press in Madrid, surely their absence from the dock is regettable."

SADDLER SENT FOR SENTENCE

Gateshead thefts

George Wilson Roy, a 28-year-old saddler, of Cathedral Court, Gateshead, was committed by Gateshead magistrates yesterday for sentence at Durham Quarter Sessions.

He had pleaded guilty to stealing a refrigerator, a tape recorder, and a washing machine.

Inspector Gerald Carr said the total value of the property in the charges was £177 9s., and £239 18s. in four similar offences which Roy had asked to be taken into consideration.

ENGINE ORDER FOR WALLSEND

Two ships

The main engines for two Port Line ships being built at Dundee are to be supplied by Wallsend Slipway and Engineering Co. Ltd., a member of the Swan, Hunter Group.

The engines — the largest of their type yet built by Slipway —will be Wallsend Sulzar 6 RD90 diesels, developing 13,800 b.h.p. at 119 r.p.m., and giving a service speed of 19 knots.

A company spokesman said yesterday that the order will "fill a gap" in production at the works.

RAIL EXCURSIONS

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Return 6.28pm

Full details of all excursions and other rail facilities obtainable from stations or usual agencies.

BRITISH RAILWAYS

Walkerville 'Mrs. Chips' says goodbye

TWENTY years of teaching at Wallsend Roman Catholic schools were recognised yesterday when Mrs. Mary P. Burke was presented with gifts to mark her retirement.

Mrs. Burke, aged 65, of Brierwood Avenue, Walkerville, Newcastle, taught at Consett for about 11 years before her marriage, and returned to teaching 20 years ago at St. Aidan's Roman Catholic School, Rosehill.

Tribute

She moved to the Holy Cross Roman Catholic Infant School, Willington Square, when it opened six years ago.

She received gifts from the children and staff of the Holy Cross School and the staff of St. Aidan's.

Canon O'Leary, in a tribute to Mrs. Burke, said she was a very effective and patient teacher who was well loved by the children, while the staff had always found her a loyal and amiable person.

SHOP SOLD MOULDY LOAF

Nine days old

Newcastle Co-operative Society apologised yesterday for selling a nine-day-old loaf of bread partly covered in mould.

The society was fined £15 in Newcastle for selling the mouldy loaf from their Forest Hall branch.

Mr. L. C. Crawford, for the firm, who pleaded guilty, said the incident was an unusual one in which by a mischance the loaf had been left lying in the shop for nine days.

DECREES NISI GRANTED

Newcastle court

Judge Fraser Harrison, sitting as a Special Divorce Commissioner in Newcastle, yesterday granted decrees nisi to the following on the grounds stated.

Rebecca Ferrell, [illegible] Street, Dunston (husband's cruelty); George Bell, [illegible] Avenue, [illegible] (wife's adultery); [illegible] ... Veronica Townsley, Hindmarch Drive, West Boldon (desertion); Norma Carr, Ridley Gardens, Swalwell (misconduct); Gwyneth Lamb, Beechdale Road, Consett (desertion); Lavinia Murphy, Spencer Street, North Shields (cruelty); Joyce Atwell, Dunmorlie Street, Byker, Newcastle (misconduct).

King's doctorate

J. Liddell, of King's College, Newcastle, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

TYPHOID 'AS YOU WERE'

Shields figures

The number of confirmed typhoid victims at South Shields remained at 20 yesterday with three cases clinically confirmed.

Four other patients in isolation hospital are thought to be "uncertain."

No further cases were reported yesterday.

Leslie Oates, aged six, has had to find a new name for his pet tortoise, Timmy. For Timmy has laid two eggs. Leslie, of Whinney Hill, Durham, has decided to call the tortoise Susan.

Dr. WARD'S COUNSEL PLEADS FOR MORE TIME

DR. STEPHEN WARD, the 50-year-old osteopath and artist, appeared at the Old Bailey yesterday to apply for his trial on vice charges to be postponed until September.

His counsel, Mr. James Burge, said: "The dice have been heavily loaded in favour of the prosecution."

Ward, wearing a dark green suit, stood in front of the dock to hear Mr. Justice Marshall grant a week's extension from the original date set aside—July 15 to July 22 — saying: "There are many considerations involved in getting the case on at the earliest opportunity subject, of course, to justice being done."

He told Mr. Burge: "I will grant an extension until July 22 with this warning: that you will have to make out a case on the basis of justice to your client if the trial is not to proceed on that date."

South Moor head to retire

Miss M. Manley, head teacher of South Moor Roman Catholic School, is to retire after serving her career at the one school, Stanley divisional Education Executive was told last night.

It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation of her long service on the committee before she ends her career next month.

County Hall gets drinks licence

A LICENCE to serve drinks in part of the new £2,000,000 Durham County Council headquarters to be opened by the Queen at Aykley Heads in October, was granted at Durham yesterday.

There was an objection from Durham Licensed Victuallers' Association represented by Mr. Richard Reed.

Functions

"If this licence is granted it will make the County Hall virtually another public house," he said.

Alderman J. Herring, chairman of the bench, imposed four restrictions when granting the application.

These were that no intoxicants would be sold for consumption off the premises and the sale should be restricted to members and employees of the county council and their guests.

Drinks should be restricted to the restaurant, members dining room and members' lounge and sold only from Monday to Friday from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Seamen risked lives for hanged shipmate

TWO Wearmouth men were praised at an inquiry aboard the Northern Star at Hebburn last night.

They and another man dived between the ship and a wharf in an attempt to rescue a shipmate, it was said.

But their efforts were in vain because John Pearson Hall, bosun's mate on the Tyne-built liner, had been hanged before he hit the water.

Mr. Hall grasped a rope when a door beneath the crew gangway opened suddenly when the ship docked in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Dived

Able-Seaman Matthew McWilliams, of Belfast, told Superintendent W. T. Baldwin, of Newcastle Mercantile Marine Office, "He was spinning round and the rope encircled his neck.

"Then someone cut the rope and he fell into the water."

The man who cut the rope, Able Seaman Andrew Shipton, and David Dixon, both of Wearmouth, jumped from the ship into the water and then third purser John Williams, of Liverpool, also dived from the quay.

Mr. Hall, aged 33, of Ludgershall, near Andover, was taken out of the water and given artificial respiration.

Dangerous

Superintendent Baldwin commented: "These three men did a fine thing.

"Jumping between the side of the ship and the wharf can be dangerous."

The inquiry was held to determine whether the entry in the ship's log about the death is correct.

The ship is docked at Vickers Armstrong's Palmers' Yard, Hebburn, for an overhaul.

YOUTH BANNED FOR 5 YEARS

Durham crash

An 18-year-old Framwellgate Moor youth was fined £30 and disqualified from driving for five years at Durham yesterday when he admitted driving a motor cycle while under the influence of drink, and driving dangerously.

Mr. Stanley Lambert, prosecuting, said that Terence Burnip, of Pinchale Road, Framwellgate Moor, borrowed a motor cycle and he and another youth rode towards Durham City.

The cycle later crashed, and blood tests showed that Burnip had been drinking.

GOOD LOOKS NOT ALWAYS THE EASY WAY TO SUCCESS

WITH the judging of pedigree livestock on traditional lines completed on the opening day, the Great Yorkshire Agricultural Show at Harrogate turned yesterday to what one might term more commercial considerations from an ordinary farmer's point of view.

By that I mean that the cattle and sheep judging yesterday was on totally different lines. The dairy cattle were judged not merely on their looks, but on their records as milk producers.

This is also the showground that pioneered contests for commercial cross-bred lamb production, where pens of lambs are first of all judged for conformation, then slaughtered and returned to the show for final judging "on the hook" for carcase quality.

In the new commercial lamb classes here, introduced as a result of the interest taken in such contests last autumn at the "Off The Grass" demonstrations on the same ground, the judges' marking put the emphasis very much on carcase quality. It accounted for most of the points awarded.

DO WELL

The champion carcase is that of a Southdown - x - Cheviot lamb from Scotland. It was in a pen entered by G. and R. Findlater, who farm at Jerviswood, near Lanark.

A Yorkshire farmer, Mr. T. Midgley, of Painsthorpe Wold, Kirby Underdale, is runner-up with one of his Southdown-Suffolk first crosses.

Both these farms are highly experienced at this type of contest at the Royal Smithfield Show and elsewhere.

Southdown crosses invariably do well in carcase competitions.

The 54 pens of lambs entered were practically all from Yorkshire itself, the three pens of Southdown and Border Leicester crosses from Jerviswood being Scotland's only entries.

Mr. W. H. Dunn, Helmsley, is second to Jerviswood's Southdown-Cheviots in the class for first-cross lambs out of mountain ewes. He was showing lambs got by a Teeswater ram and out of Dales-bred ewes.

BROTHERS

Biggest class — 18 pens of various crosses with average liveweights of up to 85lb. — was led by the Hon. G. E. Vestey's pen of Suffolk-cross lambs from the Warter estate, near York. The dams of this pen were Wensleydale-Clun crosses.

Mr. A. B. Coleman, Speeton, Filey, is first for crosses of longwool and short-wool breeds with English Leicester-x-Suffolks, and also for heavy-weight lambs of any cross.

In the inspection - cum - production classes for dairy cattle the two Moffitt brothers of Penrith and Stocksfield respectively, were again the main contenders in the Friesian breed.

George Jobson at the 'Great Yorkshire'

Mr John E. Moffitt, Pembroke House, Penrith, was first for older Friesian cows with his home-bred five-year-old Dalton Present 6th.

On Tuesday, another of his Dalton cows, Iris 18th, had beaten his brother's dual Royal Show and Royal Highland Show champion for the breed championship judged on conformation only.

Second in the production class was E. Moffitt and Son's much older cow, Hunday Princess 12th, now approaching her tenth birthday, while Mr J. E. Moffitt came again into the prize-list with the third-prize cow, the Haydon Bridge-bred Howdenside Again 8th.

Best of the young Friesian cows in this combined test was Mr Gerald Dobson's Ridgwardine Ragaffle Frances 2nd from Shropshire, followed by Mr G. W. Gill's Hillam Vixen 11th from Stillingfleet, York.

In the case of the older cows the production points were awarded on the average yield in their first three lactations. And the butterfat had to average at least 3.5 per cent.

Top for Ayrshires are Mr Michael Waterhouse, York, with the young cow Fourth Milestone Carla 3rd and Mr Robert Laurie's 12-year-old Kettlestoun White Princess from Scotland. "Fourth Milestone" is the name of Mr Waterhouse's farm on the York-Malton road.

Mr and Mrs A. F. Bell, Moulang Yarm, won the class for Jersey cows that have completed three or more lactations.

Major Philip Pease, the Durham landowner who represents that county on the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society, has won the cup for the best wool fleece from sheep of any pure breed.

He was showing wool from the flock of Rough Fell sheep on his upland estate at Underley Grange, Kirkby Lonsdale.

Runner-up for the cup is Mr. A. B. Coleman, Filey, with wool from his noted flock of English Leicesters.

Best short wool has come from a farm in South Wales keeping Clun Forest sheep.

The exhibitors are T. R. Eckley and Sons, who farm in Brecon. Mr Coleman is top for long wool with his Leicesters and Major Pease for mountain wool with his Rough Fell.

The 'bingo king' cashes in before work

THE only time 61-year-old Mr. Thomas Pigg, of Montrose Crescent, Gateshead, has ever worked in the daytime was when he was working a double shift during the last war.

Last night, he completed 47 years' service on night shift in The Journal dispatch office.

Mr. Pigg, departmental overseer, started working for The Journal in 1916 when he was 14.

"I didn't know I would be kept on night shift all this time," he said. "But I kept on being moved up as other people left, and now I am quite used to it."

FULL OF FUN

Mr. Pigg, who is full of fun, is known to his colleagues as the "bingo king."

One explained: "He has won three major bingo prizes."

He added: "Tom is a great fellow to work with."

MR. THOMAS PIGG
47 years' service.

Livestock marts

FATSTOCK GUARANTEES

Provisional rates of guarantee payment for next week are: Grade 1 steers and heifers, home-bred and attested imported, 45/6 cwt (imported, other than attested, 22/-); Grade 2, home-bred and attested imported, 20/6 (imported, other than attested, 17/-); sheep, 2/4 lb; pigs, 10/2 score deadweight or 7/5 liveweight.

These rates will be adjusted if this is necessary to keep the average return to producers (including the guarantee payment) within the following range: [illegible]

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NEWCASTLE

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... to 95/-, porkers to 27/- (26/6), cutters to 25/- (24/9).

Cattle: Betsey Red House, PH £7 4/-; Lough House Estates, HH £7 10/-; Dewlaw, HH £7 5/-, C £6 3/-.

Sheep: Dewlaw, XL £7 19/-; Rosedean, XL £8 6/-; Lough House Estates, XL £7 17/-, HHS 95/-; Todridge, XL £7; Marley Cote Walls, XL £8 2/-; Ouston Springs Farms Ltd., XL £8; Rosedean, XB 90/-; [illegible]

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T. AND I. MAUGHAN AND CO. LTD. had 146 pigs, including four fat sows. A large show of pigs, with several pens of very good porkers and cutters, met a similar trade to last week. Top price, 27/6, was paid several times for both pork and cutter pigs; sows a similar trade (19/- per score).

Porkers sold to 27/6 (averaged 25/-), cutters to 27/6 (24/-), bacon weights to 22/- (21/3); sows to £18 10/-.

PONTELAND

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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

RIVER TYNE (From Lloyds)

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BLYTH

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Elliott Automation add to stake in Europe

LEON BAGRIT
...million projects.

SIR LEON BAGRIT, chief of the Elliott Automation group, spoke last night of the company's projects and interests in Europe.

"They are running into many millions of pounds," he told a Journal representative.

The group announced yesterday that it was adding to its European stake with the acquisition of Vynckiere Freres and Origeon-Page in a shares and cash deal.

Sir Leon explains that these acquisitions are part of the board's plan for manufacturing units within the Common Market.

Sales forecast

THE new acquisitions operate in the Netherlands, West Germany, France, and Belgium.

Sir Leon says the companies are giving Elliott Automation a large manufacturing potential.

He thinks that group turnover will go up to around £35,000,000 a year and "make a major contribution to group profitability."

Overseas manufacturing, says Sir Leon, helps in the end to promote sales of Elliott Automation United Kingdom products.

"It acts as an introduction to our big range," he says.

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... who are the only ... multiple food store ...ed outside London, ... 981 branches. New ...nts being planned ... bring the total to ...

African venture

BRITISH Nylon Spinners, the joint enterprise of I.C.I. and Courtaulds, have bought a site near Cape Town, South Africa, to build a nylon spinning plant costing around £3,500,000.

A great deal of the raw materials will be supplied by African Explosives and Chemical Industries, the South African enterprise in which I.C.I. are teamed with the De Beers organisation.

The new factory will be equipped to provide for the spinning of two types of nylon yarn and 'Terylene' polyester fibres.

When the plant is in full swing, its output of 5,000 tons of spun nylon a year will save South Africa around £3,500,000 in foreign exchange.

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Commodity prices

Gold: 250s 4½d per oz (up 1½d). Silver: spot 111⅛d per oz, forward 111⅜d per oz (no change). Tin: Turnover 170 tons; spot £901 15s (down £3 10s); forward £902 5s (down £2 5s). Copper: [illegible]. Lead: Turnover 1,150 tons; spot £64 17s 6d [illegible]; forward £64 12s 6d (down 3s 9d). Zinc: Turnover 2,025 tons; spot £73 11s 3d (down 7s 6d); forward £73 8s 9d (down 5s).

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