

'Radio Lough Neagh' suggested

AN INDEPENDENT radio station for the Lough Neagh area, with a view to covering the link-ups, is suggested in a report on the development of the area prepared by the Ulster Youth Club.

The report by the club, which has been submitted to the Ulster Minister for Education, suggests that a radio station should be set up in the area, which would not only be a valuable asset to the area, but also a valuable asset to the Ulster Youth Club.

The club, which has been set up in the area, is a voluntary organization, and its main object is to provide a centre for the youth of the area, and to provide a centre for the youth of the area.

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He said that nine men were sent to hospital, and the others allowed home after treatment. Among those who received treatment were several of the mine rescue men.

At the pithead the police and mine rescue units set up caravans to contain the rescue operation.

Mr. Fred Warburton, secretary of the Scottish (North) area of the Coal Board, travelled from Alloa to the colliery.

Clergymen also went to the mine to comfort the relatives.

200 yards from safety

The lumes overcame the mine when they were only 200 yards away from the foot of the pit shaft and safety.

"The men had made their way down the shaft, and they would have reached safety and fresh air," said John Hamilton (38), of 4 North Street, Belfast.

Another rescue worker said that the men were only 200 yards from safety when the lumes overcame them.

Message from Robens

A message was received from Lord Robens, the Coal Board chairman, north in America.

"I have heard with deep regret of the accident at the colliery. Five, in your seven men have lost their lives. I have been in touch with my officials and have satisfied myself that everything possible is being done to rescue the men who still remain missing."

A small fire is believed to have broken out in the Dyarrs Pit about 1952 there was an underground fire, which was extinguished, when no one was injured.

The Michael colliery is one of the top priority pits in the country, producing 3,500 tons a day.

The Coal Board are investing £100,000 in new roads along the River Forth to a large field of untapped reserves, and during the next few years it is expected to produce around a million tons a year.

Protestant Unionists to 'keep in the fight'

THE PROTESTANT Unionists, in a statement today, warned the official Unionist Party that they intend to "keep in the fight" for the West Belfast seat at Westminster.

The defeated Unionist candidate in the last election, Mr. Jim Kilfedder, has said he will not go forward as a candidate for the seat, but the Unionist Party is in the process of selecting a candidate.

They said last week that they would make an "all-out effort" to regain the seat from the official Unionist Party.

They say they wish to make it clear that they were in the field first — as long ago as May last year — and they intend to keep up the fight.

Publicise good in youth: Plea

MRS W. J. HAUGHTON, president of the Ulster Girl Guides Association, has urged young people to publicise the good things they are doing in their lives.

She said that the opening of the new youth centre at Lorne, which was held on Friday, was a tremendous opportunity for young people to show the good things they are doing in their lives.

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Fire on new tanker

FOUR fire-fighting units fought a fire at the Muzgrave Channel in Belfast last night on board the 10,000-ton tanker *Mirva*, which was launched on Wednesday.

Part of the straining and a pile of rags caught fire in one of the holds, but no damage was caused to the tanker. Workers tried to extinguish the blaze but it was not brought under control until the arrival of the brigades.

Sailor taken off trawler

A SHACKLETON from RAF, Ballyvaughan, took off early today to accredit a helicopter from Antrim, which was called to pick up a sailor from the Dutch trawler, *Jan Van Der Toorn*, off the Tynemouth.

Stringing along with Stan Stennett

Comedian Stan Stennett entertains some of the children at the 18th anniversary show of the ABC Majestic Minors. Stan, who is at present appearing at the "Belfast Telegraph" Hotel Home Exhibition, was one of the artists who appeared at the Majestic Cinema, Lisburn Road, Belfast. On the right is Mr. David Slane, manager of the cinema.



SOVIET SPY HAS CONFESSED, SAY SOUTH AFRICANS

A SELF-CONFESSED Soviet spy—using a false name and posing as a Canadian citizen—has been arrested in Johannesburg, South Africa—his first arrest of an alleged spy.

Major-General H. J. Van Den Bergh said the man was posing as a Canadian named Edmund Trinka when arrested by the authorities.

Trinka had revealed prime Minister John Vorster announced the first news of the arrest last night, but gave no details. It was his true name was Yuri Nikolaevich Lognov and that he was in fact born in Moscow in 1933.

The man had also confessed that he was a fully-trained, long-term Russian spy attached to the KGB—the Soviet intelligence service—under a special mission.

£5,000 each for Aberfan families

THE ABERFAN disaster fund is to pay £5,000 to each family which lost children in the tip slide, and it is hoped that the village will be a happier place in the future.

A provisional £100,000 is also to be made for injured children, and provision will be made for disaster widows and their children.

The Fund's management committee made the decision to pay out the money after a four-hour meeting at Merby yesterday with representatives of the charity committees.

The committee also decided that next of kin who were dependent on adult relatives killed in the disaster may benefit.

A statement issued after the meeting said the sum set aside for this was substantial.

One of the subjects discussed at the meeting was the petition presented by Aberfan's bereaved mothers asking that each bereaved family should be given £5,000.

Mr. Gerald Davies, secretary-treasurer of the fund, said the money would be paid as soon as possible, but it was difficult to say when—as you can visualize a certain amount of investigation will be necessary.

Doctor leaves £31,000

DR. HUGH JAMES RITCHIE, of 24 Harbortown Drive, Belfast, who died on February 12, 1968, left an estate valued at £31,322. Duty—in Northern Ireland—£4,407. £26,915—Mr. Thomas Brown, of Lisbane, Saintfield, Belfast, who died on March 21, 1968, left an estate valued at £1,231. £1,231—Mrs. Charlotte Pridmore, of Edenhallwood Lodge, Londonderry, who died on September 26, 1968. Duty in Northern Ireland £220. £1,011—Mrs. Clara Annette Brown, of 24 Sandford Drive, Bangor, who died on October 8, 1968, leaving a duty in Northern Ireland £313.

Driver wins appeal

RONALD EDWARD REID, 33-year-old, has been an engineer, of Abetta Parade, Belfast, appealed successfully at Recorder's Court against a £30 fine and conviction for dangerous driving.

Effective control must be based on understanding and this is often gained through learning by experience. This is true of driving a car, playing football, raising the roof, curing diseases or running a factory.

"Of course," he declared, "it has long been possible to drive a car, play football, raise the roof, cure diseases or run a factory, but it is only in the last few years that we have had the opportunity to learn by experience."

Mr. Reid's appeal was successful and he was acquitted.

Unloading of cattle in city street criticised

THE UNLOADING of cattle in Welsh Street in the markets area of the city has led to complaints from residents who claim that the practice, which takes place twice a week, is a risk to public health.

The Markets area Citizens' Association plan to present a petition to the City Council asking for the unloading of cattle in Welsh Street to be discontinued.

The Association, which is at present collecting signatures for the petition, also wants a pedestrian crossing in Cromac Street, near the Post Office.

Mr. Bridget Feeley, hon. secretary of the Association, said today: "The unloading of cattle on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Welsh Street constitutes a serious risk to public health in this district."

"We can't understand why Belfast Corporation prosecutes workers in the public shambles for violations of byelaws while allowing this state of affairs to continue in Welsh Street. We cannot open our windows at night because of the awful stench."

Mrs. Feeley claims that the unloading of cattle can be conducted from the other side of the yard where there are no houses and the risk to public health could be reduced.

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PLANNING 'FACES MANY IMPORTANT CHALLENGES'

IN ANY operation as big as physical planning, far more is needed than mere professional skill, a planning expert said in Belfast today.

Mr. J. B. McLoughlin, director of the Leicester-Leicestershire Sub-Regional Planning Study, was speaking at the town and country planning summer school at Queen's University which is being attended by planners from over 35 nations.

Mr. McLoughlin, who was presenting a paper, "A Systems Approach to Planning," said planning was currently facing a number of important challenges.

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American 'thank you' to Mr. Presents'

AN AMERICAN visitor who won £10 at the "Belfast Telegraph" Ideal Home game, has written from his home in California to thank Mr. Presents.

Mr. Presents, who was the American who got to hotels and on tours, so the £10 was especially welcome.

"Belfast and the 'Telegraph' will always hold a special place in our memories of Belfast," says Mr. Caldwell.

"Our reporter and photographer were most pleasant, thoughtful and personable. Their article reporting my win was interesting and highly reported," says his letter.

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Belfast wedding

Mr. George Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lloyd, 85 Sunningdale Park, Belfast, and Miss Catherine A. Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Scott, 11 Ardmore Drive, Belfast, after their wedding in Malone Presbyterian Church, Belfast.

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