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THE NEW CAMP SCHOOL.

THE opening of the new Camp School at Barley on Saturday marks another stage in the development of Nelson's educational system. There are some people who think it has gone far enough, but we may take it for granted there will be further extensions in the future. Nelson, from its earliest days, has always been in the advanced line in education. When the old Technical School in Market Street was first established, the Town Council of the day came in for much criticism for its extravagance, and public prophecies were made that it would prove "a white elephant." It made no difference to the policy of the Council, and as the years proceeded the Technical School thoroughly justified itself, so much so that it became far too small for the number of students who were anxious to join it, with the result that a new Secondary School was erected, which is also full to overflowing. In the realm of education there are bound to be new proposals instituted in the future, and public authorities like Nelson will have to keep themselves abreast of modern requirements. It has to be said in favour of Nelson ratepayers that they are for the most part in sympathy with the progressive policy of the Town Council. They are not scared, as in some quarters, about the cost that is involved so long as they are convinced of the importance and the demand for this public service. The Nelson Camp School is in an ideal position at Barley, and it is hoped that it will fulfil all that is expected of it. We live in rapidly-changing days, and in whatever sphere of public life we turn we find experiments and schemes being put into operation which would have frightened an earlier generation. In the realm of education there have been tremendous changes—feeding of school children, supplying them with milk, facilities for organised games—and a score of other things. We approve of the Nelson Council being thoroughly up-to-date, and this new Camp School will be the envy of many authorities who have not taken the decisive step of erecting one.

SCHOOL CAMPS.

QUITE a number of school children have been up to the Nelson Camp School, and this week all the girl scholarship winners for this year are having a good time there. A camp school can be of great service in special areas, and it is estimated that nearly 150,000 children who would not normally have had a holiday would have benefited from the scheme of the National Council of Social Service for providing holidays at school camps for elementary school children, a movement which was started in 1935. This summer approximately 44,000 children either have or are now enjoying such a holiday. Unfortunately the weather conditions have not been of the most suitable since the innovation was made at Nelson, but the children who have been there appear to have had a most interesting as well as an enjoyable experience. They have been in charge of one or more teachers, have visited other districts of Pendle Forest, and generally have profited all round from

TABLE TALK

Speech Day.

November 18th has been selected as speech day at the Nelson Secondary School. Lady E. D. Simon, who will present the prizes to the pupils, was invited several years ago, but could not then attend because of an illness. She was for some years a member of the Manchester City Council, and is a past chairman of the Manchester Education Committee.

Nelson Revision Court.

At one time the annual Revision Court at Nelson provided most interesting news, for the political agents fought keenly to get new voters on the list, or old ones knocked off. The proceedings are more or less formal nowadays, but yesterday at Nelson tribute was paid to Mr. J. H. Baldwick, the late Town Clerk of Nelson, for the efficient way he had conducted the registration in the Nelson and Colne Division in recent years.

Late Town Clerk's Painting.

The relatives of the late Mr. J. H. Baldwick, until recently Town Clerk of Nelson, have presented an oil painting, suitably framed, of a view of Lake Killarney. The painting was executed by the Town Clerk whilst on a visit to Ireland, and it shows one of the happy artistic recreations of the esteemed Town Clerk. The picture will be treasured by the members of the Council as a memento of a very valued servant.

Income More Than Balances.

Last year's figures regarding the income and expenditure of the Nelson Corporation have just been presented to the Finance Committee, and they show that the expenditure for the year was £1,934 more than the estimate given at the time the rates were laid. On the other side of the balance sheet the income was £2,618 more than estimated, which more than balances the other side. This is a very satisfactory position, but as yet it is too early to predict what next year's rates will be.

Superannuation Scheme Approved.

The Minister of Health has informed the Town Council that their superannuation scheme being in order, he has approved it. It will come into operation from the beginning of October, and from that date every servant of the Corporation will retire on reaching the age of sixty-five years, unless the Town Council, in special circumstances, decide otherwise. Nelson have preferred the scheme to come under the 1922 Act, which provides for the payment into the superannuation fund of 10 per cent. of the wages of each employee, 5 per cent. of this being contributed by the Corporation and the other five being deducted from the employee's wages.

The Nelson Mayoralty.

Now the Nelson Mayoralty is limited to a yearly office, it is not surprising if the mind of the public is turning to a successor to Alderman J. Robinson. For the most part, the senior member of the Council—who has not hitherto held the position—is given the honour, and if custom is followed out Alderman H. W. Throup will be the next Mayor. He served Netherfield Ward from 1925 to 1931, when he lost his seat in the debacle which overtook the Labour Party both nationally and locally that year. He regained the seat the following year, so that he has been a member of the Council for fourteen years. He occupies some of the most prominent positions in the Council, and is one of the most experienced members.

The Joint Transport Authority.

The amalgamation of the transport services of Burnley, Colne and Nelson six years ago brought into being one of the most important undertakings in the county. Its buses operate from as wide

Salaries Increased.

The Health Committee of the Town Council have decided to increase the salaries of nurses at the maternity home by £15 a year in instalments.

Mrs. Moorby.

Although the late Mrs. Moorby had not been actively engaged in the work of Carr Road Methodist Church in recent years, her death will cause a great gap there. In her earlier years, by organisation and service, she rendered much valuable help, and her hospitality and generosity were features which won her general goodwill. Her father, the late Mr. John Hargreaves, was a Circuit steward, as was her husband, the late Mr. John Moorby. She had a life-long association with Methodism in this district, and her death, at the age of seventy-six, is deeply regretted.

In the Short List.

A distinction has come to Mr. Alan Smith, a former member of the Nelson Town Clerk's staff, this week. He was one of the selected applicants for the position of Deputy Town Clerk to the City of Manchester, and though he did not secure the post, it was an achievement to be left in the last five. He served his articles with the late Mr. Baldwick, and from Nelson he went to Barrow, from there to Eastbourne, and about twelve months ago he was appointed assistant chief solicitor to the Liverpool City Council. It would seem, therefore, that he is likely to go far in municipal work, and his friends in Nelson will be glad to hear of his progress. The commencing salary at Manchester was £1,250 a year.

Successful Textile Students.

In connection with the examinations in Textile Technology held by the Textile Institute during May, two students attending textile classes at the Municipal College, Burnley, have been successful. Mr. Percival A. Fawcett, of 29, Carr Road, Nelson, has attended Post Certificate Textile Classes for two years, and has passed Part II. of the Institute's examination in Textile Technology. He was admitted a member of the Institute two years ago, and has now qualified for the Diploma of Associateship of the Textile Institute. Mr. Sidney Goddard, of 35, Parker Street, Colne, has attended textile classes at the Municipal College for several years and has been successful in passing both Part I. (general subjects) and Part II. Textile Technology. He has also been a member of the Institute for two years and has now qualified for the Diploma of Associateship of the Textile Institute. The Textile Department provides special Post Certificate Classes in Textile Technology, Testing, Spinning, Dyeing and Finishing.

Long Service.

Many in Nelson will be interested to know that Mr. Wm. Roberts, of the well-known family of Roberts, concludes his service with Messrs. John Greenwood and Sons, Ltd. flour millers, this week-end. Mr. Roberts, then resident in Nelson, joined the Burnley office of the firm in August, 1881, and he retired on August 31st, 1938. When the firm was transferred from Burnley to Manchester he went with it to Trafford Park, and for twenty years he has been secretary to the company. In the early days of the Nelson Golf Club, he took a great interest in its development, whilst he was actively connected with the Nelson Conservative Club, of which he is now an honorary member. He has been a tennis player for many years, and still enjoys his games when weather permits. The Directors of Messrs. Greenwood have presented him with a solid silver rose bowl, and the staff have presented him with a solid silver snifter. With his brothers, Mr. Roberts was well-known and highly respected in Nelson, but in recent years he has not been seen much in the town owing to his

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September.

Golden August has gone to be remembered as having to justify the poetic tag, in the poetic sense, what on to September? Was appropriateness in green month as Silvery September there would be no harm course was taken, and it anything to do so. Gra with the title of Silvery, in doing so let us hope specifically practical appreciation of the compiler has not a bad reputation in the sense that last hope of the season, of its thirty days it can a up for the miserable past gone before. The present summer have been on a water engineers at the time have undoubtedly reached would allow of those waiting a protracted spell of. A rainless September is a thirty days of the best, and of the best.

The Holidays.

September's good star promised well for the ho people of Briarfield, fresh is the fact that they forecast of weather for they would like to see a full promise of favour for the the season. There are plans much of the September one in midsummer, but doubt, find the needs to adapt plans on account of the Given normal conditions, holiday works out to the places on the Lancashire people making it their effort with a few days at one resorts. At its best, the day purse comes nowhere annual, but the spirit beholds sound tradition, and rare industrial outlook succeed a really marked extent. will be confining their hold local territory, the country to offer in the way of national and the appeal of Pennine pass unnoticed.

The Family Album.

In almost every home a family album noted for it a vivid entertainment for a wet Sunday afternoons. The of the plush-backed family albums so beloved of ancestors raises a smile of generation. Yet, in the snapshot albums so popular we not, too, paying a per

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The Show.

Once again the Barrow been favoured with fine that, as promoters of many events know to their achievement in itself. J. Trafford rather than after the very mild "win been having this summer fortunate in buying such a for the Show. The Barrow long ceased to merely attract and there were many in from various parts of East the West Riding. Mr. Ha prospective Conservative Nelson and Colne, paid his the Show, whilst another

