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ALLIANCE PLEA BY TORY M.P.

SUPPORTERS of the SDP/ Liberal Alliance have been urged to support the Conservatives in a Conservative and Conservative marginal seats.
The plea comes from Grantham M.P. Mr. Douglas Hogg who told a meeting at St. Andrew's Church on Thursday evening that the existence of the Conservative Party is under threat because of the incoherence and extremism of Mr. Foot's Labour Party. Most of its more prominent members are former Labour supporters who have renounced that Party.
"If the SDP/ Liberal Alliance is to have a long-term political future it can only be by replacing Mr. Foot's Labour Party as a party of Government.
"There is no way in which the SDP can reasonably hope to replace the Conservative Party as the Party of the centre and centre right. Accordingly the SDP/ Liberal Alliance must concentrate on destroying the Labour Party."
It made no sense for an SDP/ Liberal Alliance supporter to vote for the Alliance candidate in any Conservative or Conservative marginal seat, said Mr. Hogg. "To do so could only decrease the number of Conservative members and enhance the standing and power of the Labour Party."
"This is precisely contrary to the national interest; it is also contrary to the interests of the SDP/ Liberal Alliance," he added.

Spotlight on the young students

The educational needs of the 16-19 age group in Lincolnshire have been put under the spotlight by a special County Council working party.
Among the major recommendations in its report — to the Education Committee are that more courses for 16 to 19-year-olds should be available within the County and that there should be closer working between schools and Colleges of Further Education.

A-B TAKES STOCK OF NEW SYSTEM!

A REVOLUTIONARY new system to aid storage and distribution has worked well at Aveville-Barford's Grantham plant.
The DS2000 was originally developed by B.L. Systems of Bedford for two firms — Barford's and Coventry Climax. Both wanted a sophisticated management system which would make significant contributions in curbing operating costs and improving customer service.
The installation of the computerized system at Barford's helped achieve a 20 per cent reduction in stock levels in just two years, and increased "first time pick" rates to 90 per cent, reports the manufacturer.
Barford's hold more than 70,000 components at the major machines on a daily basis. There are between 15,000 and 20,000 transactions per day, with an average of 10 items per order from around 6,000 customers.
DS2000 also led to a 10 to 15 per cent saving in transport costs and a 250 per cent increase in productivity per man, claims B.L. Systems. A further feature is that on-line responses is just one to two seconds.
DS2000 controls inventory, order processing, sales forecasting, stock replenishment, component locations and invoicing. The system, which is now generally available, is designed to be operational within a few weeks.

THE new distribution system at Aveville-Barford, where on-line response is between one to two seconds.



What searching for a challenging crossword, he caught sight of a magazine article which gave interesting information on a new franchising approach to accountancy.
That article resulted in the 32-year-old accountant leaving a practice in Nottingham where he had spent most of his working life, to sign on as one of the new breed of accountants, who have embraced the franchising method as a new step for their future.
With financial support from his local branch of Barclays Bank, Ray has now opened offices in Nottingham as part of the Regional Business Services associated network.
Ray, together with his wife Toni, and daughters Katie (16) and Michelle (five) will continue to live in Grantham, where he is a supporter of the local football club.
The business covers an area from Mansfield to Melton, including Grantham.

BUSINESS NEWS



Retain it, Council is advised

A bid by the Grantham Community Enterprise Agency for office accommodation in Grantham appears to have failed.
North Kesteven District Council were told that the manager of the agency, which forms part of a community enterprise programme administered by the Manpower Services Commission, had acquired if the Council would agree to rent them an office in Money's yard, recently vacated by the South Lincolnshire Archaeological Unit, their requirement being for use as a sub-agency office from which activities in the Grantham area could be controlled.
The policy and resources committee recommended that the Council not to let the office but retain it for possible future Council use.

Going where passengers are

A bus detour through Croxall Bishop while flood prevention works were carried out could lead to changes to the daily Barton bus service.
Instead of using the main route, buses had to go through a housing estate and residents asked the council if arrangements could be made for the bus to use the route at certain times as passengers used it.
The bus company said that it would consider a change of route if the idea is supported, and Croxwall Bishop parish council are now seeking suggestions from residents as to the best time for the alternative route.

Gas fines go up to £1,000

Maximum fines for breaking gas safety regulations have been more than doubled to £1,000. Points of law include using only competent people to install or service gas appliances or systems and not "doing-it-yourself" if you are not qualified.
Copies of the leaflet "Help Yourself to Gas Safely" which outlines the law and provides further practical information, are available at local gas showrooms.

Careers office in jobs search

GRANTHAM Careers Office will be playing a leading part in the County Careers Service's Job Search canvas from Monday to Friday. The Grantham office is one of 10 County sub-offices — and seven sub-offices — taking part in the canvass, in which local employers will be contacted to be told of the many talents on offer and the advantages of recruiting young people.

ARE MINERS FALLING OUT OVER VALE?

FOLLOWING the decision to start mining the Vale of Belvoir coalfield with a pit at Asfordby, welcomed by Leicestershire miners, comes a call from N.U.M. members in Nottingham.
They want a pit at Langar, but the Duke of Rutland is lending the opposition to such a move. The Duke, who regards the Asfordby mine go-ahead as premature, says the South Nottinghamshire miners are being "selfish."
"For them to agitate for more mines in the Vale is ridiculous," he said. "The energy situation has changed dramatically over the past four years."
The Asfordby decision had more to do with providing jobs than coal, he claimed, so, if there was another pit: "What are they going to do with the extra coal — dump it in the fields?"
Local miners' leader Mr. Jack Jones said was "jumping on the bandwagon of the success that Leicestershire miners have achieved."

Gerald, the mechanical man, retires

WHAT a doctor is to a patient Gerald Peake is to a car. After 47 years as a mechanic at Guildhall Motors of London-road, Grantham, he reckons he's learned all there is to know about the running of a car.
But Tuesday marked the end of an era and the beginning of a more leisurely life for Gerald who lives at Welby. He spent after all those years of starting service, and his reward was a carriage clock — presented by the Royal Masonic Hospital.
A collection for the organ fund of Grantham church raised £80.
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WINEMAKERS MEETING

The Grantham Amateur Winemakers held their monthly meeting on Thursday at the Blue Ram, Westgate, Grantham. There was a demonstration of starting a gallon of fig and banana wine which was very interesting and informative. There was also a raffle and refreshments were served.
The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 12th, at 7.30 p.m., at the Blue Ram, Westgate, and visitors will be made very welcome.

Mr. G. Roberts

Labour's only candidate in Grantham St. Wulfstan ward in the District Council elections next month is Mr. Graham Roberts, not Mr. R. Graham, as stated in last week's issue.

Defective tyre

Using a car in Grantham with a defective tyre cost Youth Opportunities worker Julie Bernadette Marshall, of High-road, Barrowby, a £20 fine at Grantham court.

Speeding on bike

Motorcyclist Kevin Oliver, of Skillington-road, Stoke Newchford, was fined £50 at Grantham court for speeding in South-parade, Grantham.

SMALLEY EXCAVATORS

delivered the last three "Smalley 5" excavators from an order for 30 machines, complete with spares, for the Ministry of Defence. Smalley 5 excavators have been used by defence establishments since the late 1960's. A previous order for two machines was delivered in August, 1982.
The machines supplied are standard machines with the addition of lifting eyes to give the facility for helicopter transport. They boast fast, efficient digging to 8ft. 6in. depth, 18ft. unloading height, 300 degree slew, high manoeuvrability. The air-cooled diesel engine is mated on fuel and easy to maintain. The whole package is less than 6ft. wide with a tail swing and may be towed behind a Land Rover or small truck.

SUBSIDY

The Young Workers' Scheme subsidy is still available to provide up to £10 per week towards the wages of young people under 18 years who have not previously had a full-time job.
"I would ask all employers who provided work experience under the Youth Opportunities Scheme to consider the merits of the Young Workers' Scheme. They should remember that those young people who have taken part in the various elements of the Youth Opportunities Programme can bring experience and enthusiasm born out of having worked, and now they need a full-time job," said Mr. Gardner.
He asks that employers who have vacancies should contact their local Careers Office, whose staff will be pleased to discuss the scheme.

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OBITUARY

Mr. C. Hewerdine

Mr. Cyril Robert Hewerdine, of 10 Welby, Everard College-street, Grantham, died in Grantham Hospital, He was 78.
Mr. Hewerdine was a veteran of both world wars, serving in France in the 18th War with the 1st Northumberland Fusiliers and from 1942-1943 with the R.A.P.C. in London, where he lived for many years before returning to Grantham in 1976.
The funeral service was conducted by Capt. Jack Underwood, Cremation followed at Grantham.
Mourners included Mr. H. W. Hewerdine, son, Mrs. D. Hewerdine, daughter-in-law, Mr. S. Hewerdine, son and Mrs. J. Hewerdine, granddaughters, Mrs. D. Sanders, sister, Mr. and Mrs. P. Brandreth, nephews and niece, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. S. Atwood and Mr. G. Meadows, family friends.
Funeral arrangements were by Messrs. Johnson and Son, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham.

Mrs. K. Harrison

Mrs. Kathleen Mary Harrison, a resident of St. Andrew's Nursing Home, Ewerby, near Stamford, has died there, aged 75.
The funeral service at the United Reformed Church was conducted by the Rev. T. Macdonald with Mr. Philip Lamb at the organ. It was followed by cremation at Grantham.

Mourners included Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. S. Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. E. Harrison, sons and daughters-in-law; Barbara, Tracy and Michelle Harrison, granddaughters; Mrs. E. H. Ward, sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Harrison, brother-in-law; and Mrs. D. Mortimer, nephews and nieces; Mrs. R. Thorswill, niece; Mrs. F. Harcourt, cousin; together with members of the United Reformed Church and other neighbours.
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Mr. C. Wilcox

Mr. Cyril Wilcox, of "Wu Yau", 19 Swinhill, Harlaston, died in Grantham Hospital. He was 78.
Mr. Wilcox spent seven years in the Coldstream Grenads before joining the Hong Kong Police in 1928. He retired as Assistant Commissioner in 1959 and made his home in Harlaston.
During his retirement he was involved with the activities of the Civic Trust. He also maintained an active interest in the Hong Kong Police Association, Chinese and Polish councils, and several Masonic Lodges.

The funeral service at Harlaston church was conducted by the Rev. A. Swindells, assisted by Canon C. G. C. Robertson, a former Rector of Harlaston. Cremation was at Grantham, the ashes being interred later at Harlaston.
Mourners included the widow Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wilcox, son and daughter-in-law, Mr. Richard Michael Wilcox and Mr. Peter James Wilcox, grandsons, Sally Jean Wilcox, granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilcox, brothers and sisters-in-law, Mrs. T. Shanahan, Mrs. and Mrs. F. Peaston, nephews and nieces, Mrs. H. Warren, sister-in-law, Miss B. Widdowson, nieces, together with many friends and Masonic brethren.
Funeral tributes were received from the Family Donations in lieu of other tributes have been sent to the Royal Masonic Hospital.
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