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**COMMON LAND.**—The working of the law on Common Land was explained to members of Austwick Parish Council, at which Mr. B. Braithwaite-Exley presided, by Mr. H. Jordan, a Settle solicitor. Following the talk, it was decided to register as Common Lands, the Village Greens, Austwick and Wharfe woods, and the small field at the Wash Dub. It was decided that the right of Austwick rate-payers to take turf from 50 acres of land on Ingleborough, be not registered, as the Council thought this had not been used for many years. Suggestions for a name for the new Council estate of four bungalows and four flats were discussed, and the name Orchard Leigh was proposed, and the name is to be forwarded to the Settle Rural District Council. The use of the car park was discussed, and it was decided to ask the Rural Council for a bylaw prohibiting the use of waggons parking on the new car park in the Main Street. Mr. Braithwaite-Exley reported on the Sports Advisory meeting he had attended at Settle. The subject of the footpaths on to Norber was raised, and after discussion, it was agreed to write to the authorities at Wakefield, asking that the footpath through Mr. P. McAvoy's fields be deleted. Flooding had been widespread in the village, it was stated. The floods at Tennil Lane and at Suncroft were mentioned, and the Clerk was asked to write to the river board about the flooding at Harden Bridge. Questions were asked regarding the culvert at the bottom of Slaindale. It was stated that the railings around the culvert were dangerous.

**WEATHER IN SEPTEMBER.**—Mr. G. Holmes, in the following weather report for Austwick in September, states that the month was the wettest September for 10 years. Rain fell heavily on several

**Clapham**

**FOOTBRIDGE SUGGESTED.**—At the Clapham Parish Council's meeting, letters were read from Mr. G. B. Drayson, M.P. for the Skipton division, and the Ministry of Transport, which suggested that a footbridge may be put across Clapham Beck, near the New Inn, Clapham, thus enabling pedestrians, especially children, to avoid the potentially dangerous corner on the main A.65 Keighley-Kendal road near the New Inn. Mr. H. R. Burns and Mr. G. Newsholme were elected to the board of Clapham School Managers, and both were elected to serve on the Settle and District Education Sub-committee. Miss Leadbeater and Mrs. J. Brookes were elected trustees of Clapham United Charities. Amongst other matters discussed were flooding, litter and the rubbish tips in the area.

**-FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1970.**

**CLAPHAM FOOT  
BRIDGE CLASH**

**Settle Rural Council  
and Ministry**

Settle Rural District Council have made up their minds. They want a footbridge at Clapham to be sited opposite the barn, near the school in the village. If necessary they will demand a public inquiry.

The Ministry of Transport have informed the authority that they plan to erect a footbridge as part of the existing trunk road at Clapham.

At Wednesday's annual meeting of the Council a letter, outlining the plans of the Ministry regarding the footbridge, was read.

It stated that in earlier correspondence it was explained that legal and financial difficulties would arise if the footbridge was to be built near the school, and the unavoidable statutory processes this would involve could only lead to further delay.

However, they had re-examined the whole position in conjunction with the County Surveyor to see if these problems could be overcome or minimised, and had decided that the delay involved in building near the school was likely to be such that they should find it difficult to justify spending public money to provide a footbridge at a time when the need for it had been considerably lessened by the imminence of the bypass.

The letter continued: "It seems to us that this is reinforced by the view expressed by the local education authority during our re-appraisal that they could see no reason why the footbridge should not be provided on the site originally proposed, that is to say near the existing road bridge, provided that certain constructional safeguards were met, and that a bypass of the village was imminent. "In these circumstances, and in

view of the fact that our recent survey showed that a footbridge built near the road bridge would benefit the greater number of people, we feel that it will be better to proceed with the scheme as originally planned, and without further delay, and we have instructed our agents, the West Riding County Council, accordingly."

**PEOPLE AND PETITION.**

Mr. G. H. Newsholme (Clapham) said that the proposal for the footbridge to be sited opposite the barn had been favoured by local people and the head master of the village school, as well as the Rural Council. A petition, signed by 100 local people, favoured this proposal.

Because the Council's recommendations had been ignored by the Ministry of Transport, Mr. Newsholme thought they should protest strongly to the Ministry, and that copies of the letter should also be sent to the local Member of Parliament, the County Councillor for the area, Mr. B. Braithwaite-Exley, and the West Riding County Council Highways Committee.

Mr. Newsholme stressed that they should inform the people concerned that they were not satisfied with the Minister's decision, and if necessary they should call for a public inquiry.

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**A CLAPHAM BRIDGE  
CONTROVERSY**

**Ministry asked to  
explain siting**

The Ministry of Transport is to be asked by Settle Rural Council to meet and explain the reasons for the Ministry's decision on the siting of the proposed Clapham footbridge.

This was suggested by Mr. G. Newsholme (Clapham-cum-Newby) after councillors had debated a letter from the County Council intimating that if the Ministry's decision was carried out, the new footbridge would be situated 30 feet downstream of the road bridge parapet. The letter added that the County Council were only acting as agents for the Ministry.

"This smells death to me," declared Mr. Newsholme. "I would rather we had no footbridge at all than the scheme which is suggested. We should write to the Ministry and ask them to send someone with the power to say 'yes' or 'no' or to decide whether or not there will be a footbridge at all. We should also ask Mr. Drayson to attend a joint meeting.

"The people of Clapham have made their choice and are wanting a public inquiry," he continued. "They would even go to the lengths of sitting on the A.65. What we want is a fresh start."

"Much time and money have been spent on discussing this," declared Mr. R. H. Brueton. "I am sick of hearing about Clapham footbridge."

"Everything wants doing right," pointed out Mr. Newsholme. Mr. J. J. Reid (Ingleton) suggested that 90% of traffic might use the proposed by-pass, but Mr. Newsholme said that this was a separate issue.

"The future of the by-pass has not really been decided on yet and there are still going to be three means of access to Clapham," he added.

Mr. B. Slinger (Bentham) stated that he thought the best place for the new footbridge would be at the top-side of the road bridge. Although he agreed with Mr. Slinger, Mr. S. D. Smith (Wigglesworth) reminded the council to support the wishes of the people.

"Why not ask for three bridges?" remarked Mr. Reid at the close of the debate.

**Farm workers seek rise  
of £4 17s. a week**

Farmworkers are to ask for a wage rise of £4 17s. a week and a cut from 43 to 40 hours for a five-day week.

The National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers has told the Agricultural Wages Board that it will put in a claim for an £18 minimum wage at the board's next meeting on August 26.

The present minimum wage is £13 3s. for a 43-hour week which was fixed on February 2 this year after a 15s. increase and a cut of one hour was awarded by the board.

A new feature of the claim, which follows a decision taken at the union's biennial conference in May, is that the workers want the 40-hour week to be worked from Monday to Friday.

For any work done at weekends in future they want to be paid at overtime rates. This proposal is certain to meet strong resistance from the farmers. The National Farmers' Union said that the new claim would cost the industry £100 million a year.

The wage rise and hours cut in February was considered to be "totally inadequate" by the farmworkers. A spokesman for them said that the new claim was "a continuation of the union's efforts to close the gap between the average earnings in agriculture and other industries." He added: "The farm labour force in England and Wales reached a record low of 323,200 according to the March agricultural returns.

## SUED FOR RETURN OF £1,000

### Settle J.P. in Civil Court action

A well known Craven business man, Mr. John Ingham, J.P. of Langcliffe Place Settle, figured in a Civil Court action at Leeds Assizes this week when he was sued by Walter Pollard, of The Lines, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, for the return of £1,000 alleged to have been obtained by fraudulent misrepresentation.

Mr. Pollard alleged that Mr. Ingham, as a director of British Tool Co. (Leeds) Ltd., and Chairman of the Summerfield Engineering Co., Ltd., Macclesfield, persuaded him to invest £1,000 in 7½% Preference shares by saying the business was in a sound and satisfactory financial position and had good prospects.

After giving Mr. Ingham the money, said Mr. Pollard, he found the representations to be untrue. In less than two months a receiver was appointed to manage the company's affairs.

Mr. Ingham, in evidence, said that early in 1947 he was introduced to Mr. Bedell and was impressed by him. The British Tool Co., (Leeds) Ltd., was formed, and he and his family invested about £12,000 in the company.

Mr. Ingham said he was repeatedly told by Bedell that the company was doing well. He saw Mr. Pollard and asked him if he would care to invest £3,000 and become a director. Pollard decided to invest £1,000 after being told that production was pretty well at full stretch at Macclesfield and the prospects were good.

Mr. Ingham stated that it was subsequently discovered that Bedell had deceived him all through, and he called for Bedell's resignation, which was sent. Had he thought the company was not going to do well he would not have tried to get money from Pollard or anyone else. Bedell had repeatedly said that costings showed a substantial profit, whereas there had been a considerable loss on most of the articles produced.

Mr. Commissioner Gentle gave judgement for £1,000 and costs, and interest, in favour of the plaintiff.

## Court action over a cow

A claim for damages arising out of breach of warranty on the sale of a cow at Skipton Auction Mart was heard by Judge B. E. Rice-Jones at Skipton County Court on Tuesday.

The plaintiff was Norman Reddough, of Bent Farm, Sutton-in-Craven, and it was alleged that on October 10, last year, he bought a newly-calven Ayrshire cow at Skipton Auction Mart from Arthur Staveley, of Skirden Hall, Bolton by-Bowland, for £57.

Under the conditions of sale of the Auction Mart Company the cow was warranted by Staveley to be sound, but after milking on return to his farm, Mr. Reddough found that the left hind quarter of the cow had not milked "clean." The cow was examined by a veterinary surgeon, who gave a certificate that the cow had fibrosis of the left hind quarter of the udder. The cow was returned to the Auction Mart and was subsequently sold in dispute for £35.

The claim was for £22 6s. respecting the difference of the price paid by Reddough for the cow and the price subsequently realised when returned to the Auction Mart, plus two guineas for the veterinary surgeon's fee, 10s. carriage and 14s. for keep.

Staveley, in evidence, contended that he did not know there was anything wrong with the cow when he sold it.

Mr. Lee, of Clitheroe, who represented Staveley, stated that the conditions of the Auction Mart Company required that in a case of complaint the seller should be furnished with a veterinary surgeon's certificate. In this case Staveley had only been sent a copy of the veterinary surgeon's report.

The judge, who adjourned the case until the next court, commented that from a warranty point of view there had been a breach of warranty.

## SHEEP INJURED BY CAR

### Court told of weak brakes

At Settle Court on Tuesday, Harry Lord (23), postmaster, of the Post-Office, Austwick, was fined £5 with £2 2s. costs for driving a motor car with inefficient brakes on the Keighley-Kendal Road, near Settle, on January 7. A summons for driving a car without due care and attention on the same day was dismissed.

Lord, who was represented by Mr. H. Wall (Keighley), pleaded "Guilty" to having inefficient brakes, and "Not guilty" to driving without due care and attention.

Superintendent T. Denvir said that about 3.30 p.m. on January 7, John Leeming, a farmer, of Huntworth Farm, Giggleswick, was driving a flock of 83 sheep along the foot of Buckhaw Brow in the direction of Clapham. He was riding in front of the flock on his cycle and he had a sheep dog at the rear. When he approached the entrance to Catteral Hall he saw a motor car approaching him from the direction of Clapham. He dismounted from his cycle and signalled to the driver to pull up. The car continued and went through the sheep, swerved across the road and hit the gate post at the Catteral Hall entrance.

In evidence Mr. Leeming said that the car would be 100 yards away from him when he first signalled to it to stop. He estimated that his speed was 40-45 m.p.h. Seven sheep were injured, one had died the following morning and three had to be slaughtered.

Herbert Stillman, of 4, Tarn Villas, Ilkley, said he was travelling behind the flock. His car was stationary when the incident occurred. He was of the opinion that the defendant's car was taking the corner rather fast. He was a reasonable distance ahead of the sheep when the farmer signalled to him.

In reply to Mr. Wall, the witness said that the signal would have indicated to him that there was something round the bend which would make it necessary for him to slow down and exercise caution.

P.C. Mackley said that he arrived at the scene at 3.40 p.m. He tested the defendant's brakes and found that travelling at 20 m.p.h. the hand brake had no effect, and it took them 20 yards to pull up using the foot brake.

Lord said that he was travelling at 30-35 m.p.h. when he first saw Mr. Leeming waving and he did not at first realise what the waving indicated. The sheep were about 10 yards in front of him when he first saw them and they were moving towards him. He changed into third gear and applied his brakes immediately but was unable to stop.

Addressing the Bench Mr. Wall said there had been no evidence presented that Lord had been driving without due care and attention and the fact that he went on the road knowing his brakes were inefficient did not make him guilty of that offence.

For exceeding 20 m.p.h. with a heavy goods vehicle on the Keighley-Kendal Road, at Settle, on March 2, Mark H. Illingworth, 40 year-old motor driver, of 7, Scarr View, Cowling, was fined £1. His licence was endorsed.

P.C. Hartwell said that the defendant's speed varied between 30-35 m.p.h. When told by the Constable that he would be reported he said "I'll report you."

## MARTS AND FAIRS

**SKIPTON, Monday.**—Supplies consisted of 83 newly-calven cows and heifers, 11 rearing calves, 109 store pigs and 264 store sheep. There was a fair attendance of buyers. The demand for dairy cattle continues to be steady, with the exception of smart young cows showing plenty of milk, which met a very fair trade. Rearing calves in fair request. Store pigs met a dear trade. Store sheep in moderate request. Prize awards: Cows, Mr. W. Wrathall, Skipton, and Mr. W. E. Greenwood, Arncliffe; heifers, Mr. Wrathall and Mr. J. H. Howard, Heslaker. Cows made to £57, heifers £72, rearing calves 57s. 6d., store pigs £17 10s., gilt in pig £31, half-bred hogs to 86, horned hogs 62s. 6d. Fat stock allocated for the Ministry of Food comprised 100 cattle, 66 calves and 44 pigs.

**GISBURN, Thursday.**—At the weekly prize sale of newly-calven cows and heifers there was an improved attendance of buyers. A firmer demand was experienced, especially for the best class, and a good clearance was effected. Prize awards: Cows, Mr. J. Pratt, Stirton, and Mr. H. Maude, Bradley; heifers, Mr. Maude and Mr. A. L. Dean, Barrowford. Cows made to 56 gns. and heifers 55 gns.

**HELLIFIELD, Monday.**—Improved show of 50 newly-calven attested cows and heifers forward to a moderate attendance of customers. Trade slower, with only the very best young cattle in moderate demand. Older cattle changed hands at prices in buyers' favour. Prize-winners were: Heifers—1, Anthony Boothman, Bracewell; 2, W. Wrathall, Skipton. Cows—1 and 2, W. Wrathall, Skipton made to £75, heifers to £77.

**BENTHAM, Wednesday.**—Good show of 50 attested and 80 non-attested newly-calven cows and heifers, which met a good trade throughout. Attested average, £54; non-attested, £43. Chief prices: Attested—Mrs. Dowbiggin, £76; E. Lund, £71; J. Dowbiggin, £76 and £80; G. Bateson, £79; E. Atkinson, £86. Non-attested—J. Newhouse, £73 10s.; J. B. Sutcliffe, £74; E. Cockett, £69.

## Austwick

**FIELD CLUB'S PLANS.**—At the annual meeting of the Austwick Field Club, on Saturday, officers and committee for 1950 were elected. The treasurer showed that receipts equalled expenditure for the past year, and that there was a substantial bank balance. Three full day excursions were arranged: Moughton, May 13; Malham Tarn, June 3, and Smearsett, July 22. Tuesday evening meetings to Oxenber were to be for spring flowers, May, birds and their song, May 23, and the old walls, July 18. It was decided to alter the winter evening meetings from Saturday to Thursday, either the first or fourth evening of the month.

**EASTER MESSAGE.**—The Cross and Resurrection are a challenge to the self-seeking, materialistic life which is so prominent a feature of this age. This view is emphasised by the Rev. J. J. Clack (Vicar) in the current issue of the Parish Magazine. "We shall never effectively help to solve the economic problem until we begin to solve the moral problem in ourselves by becoming dead to self and alive to Christ."

**EMPHASIS ON YOUTH.**—The Rev. C. F. Goodchild, Diocesan Youth Chaplain, was the preacher at evensong on Palm Sunday. Afterwards he addressed a gathering of young people at the Vicarage, describing what membership of the Church involved according to the Lambeth Report.

**NEW MEMBERS.**—Settle branch of Toc H were guests of members of the Austwick branch on Friday, when two new members, Messrs. W. Heselden and T. Wildman, were admitted to the Austwick roll. The invitation ceremony was performed by Mr. E. J. W. Douglas (Settle), and Mr. G. Whitfield (Austwick) presided. Afterwards there was a quiz, the questions being put by Mr. Douglas and the Rev. J. J. Clack (padre).

**WOMEN LEGIONERS.**—Over £11 was raised by a bring and buy sale organised by the Women's Section of the Austwick, Clapham and district branch of the British Legion. The sale was held in the Parish Hall and the proceeds were for Legion funds. Mrs. T. Hargreaves (chairman) presided. Stallholders were: Mesdames A. Foster, E. Procter, G. Rossitor. Goods were auctioned by Mr. A. Foster. Doorkeeper was Mrs. W. K. Mattinson.

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## Farm workers' wages increased

The Central Agriculture Wages Board for England and Wales yesterday confirmed an increase of 8s. a week in the national minimum wage for male agricultural workers, 6s. for women, and proportionate increases for young workers. They also confirmed an additional five days' holiday with pay. This will cost the farmers £16.5m. a year.

The farmers had offered an extra 2s. a week on condition that the workers forgo an additional five days' holiday with pay.

## Eldroth

**Y.F.C. OFFICERS.**—The Lawkland and district Young Farmers' Club held their annual meeting in the Public Hall, Eldroth, recently. Miss A. Cornthwaite presented the balance sheet which proved satisfactory. Mr. J. Foster-Beaver was unanimously re-elected president, and other officials appointed for the ensuing year were: Chairman, Mr. John Bell; Vice-Chairman, Miss Ella Harrison; secretary, Mr. Roy Taylor; assistant secretaries, Miss Margaret Burns and Mr. Jim Simpson; treasurer, Miss Anne Cornthwaite. Press correspondent, Miss Annie Booth. Regional committee—Crossfield Cornthwaite, Jim Simpson, Anne Cornthwaite and Margaret Burns.

# Old Farmer George rings the bell with a fortune

OLD hill farmer George Staveley has left a village gasping.

He had a reputation as a hard working, thrifty man. His only luxuries were his pipe and an occasional drink.

Now the quiet widower has rung the bell — leaving most of his £100,000 estate to a tiny village church.

He has earmarked £1,000 to buy a striking tower clock for St. Peter's Church in Stainforth, near Settle, Yorkshire. And another £1,000 to mend three bells that don't peal properly.

## Ordinary

Apart from £4,000 and some property, all of his £102,000 goes to the church — which hasn't even got a vicar. The last one retired a few months ago.

Tom Cardiss, 56, farm helper and a friend of George, who died three months ago aged 84, said: "He was just an ordinary old sheep farmer type. I never guessed he was so wealthy and I knew him 30 years.

"He went to harvest and special services at the church but I wouldn't say he was a big churchman."

August 3, 1979

# ASSURANCE OVER VILLAGE GREEN

FEARS that the character of Austwick's village green could be affected by proposed alterations at the Game Cock, were somewhat alleviated at the recent parish council meeting, when members were told the result of a meeting between council and brewery representatives.

The alterations were the subject of a long debate — as they had been at the parish council's previous meeting when fears were voiced particularly about the effect of removing the conservatory from the front of the building.

However, at the last meeting, members were told that the brewery representatives had given the assurance that this area would not provide a place for tables and chairs — which would have meant that drinks could have been

taken outside — but would be a paved area for tubs of shrubs and plants.

## DINING ROOM

The apparent lack of dining facilities following the alterations would be remedied by alterations to the plans which would now provide for a dining area, the wall of which being insulated to prevent noise spreading through to the private dwelling next door.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee held a site meeting yesterday at which parish councillors were present to put their views forward.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee while in the village was invited to inspect another site — Chapel House, where the public footpath had been blocked and where, despite informal liaison with the National Park's office, nothing had been done. A letter was also sent to the National Park Officer requesting that enforcement

proceedings should be taken to remove the obstructions and to make sure that the path was passable.

The village green by-laws had been inspected following a recent incident on the village green involving motorcyclists. The clerk was asked to forward a draft set of by-laws to the Home Office for their comments. If approved, the parish council will examine them and discuss their merits.

## BILL

An itemised bill is going to be asked for from the North West Electricity Board as members felt that £29 seemed exorbitant for cutting off the supply to the bus shelter.

It was reported that all the members of the parish council had signed their acceptance at the meeting held in the chairman's garden in June. Mr B. Braithwaite-Exley was re-elected chairman, and he welcomed a new member of the parish council, Mr E. Booth from Wharfe who, as a member of the farming community, would be a great asset to the parish council.

The next meeting was fixed for September 17.

# Farmers to fight Settle by-pass

A group of farmers are to fight against the route chosen for the proposed Settle by-pass, which could put one of them out of business.

At least four farmers will be affected if the by-pass goes ahead on the preferred green route, and like the family who we reported are due to lose their home, they only learned of the decision through the columns of our newspaper.

Mr. Alan Booth has farmed at Lane End House Giggleswick, with his wife for 13 years. Their son, who also works at home, is keen to follow in his father's footsteps, but if the by-pass goes ahead he may never have the chance.

Theirs is a small dairy cattle and sheep farm of only 97 acres. The green route would cut right through three of their meadows and two

pastures, and considerably reduce the extent of their farm land, making it too small to be economically viable.

Mr. Booth said he was already short of land, and had the annual problem of trying to find additional grazing land. Compensation would not help at all, and the by-pass plan could put them out of business. He pointed out that all the farmers who would be affected on this route were genuine farmers who were trying to earn a living from the land.

Emanuel and Nora Johnson have a much larger farm of over 200 acres at High Paley Green, but

they could stand to lose even more land to the by-pass. The green route would cut in half their best meadow a few hundred yards from the farm buildings, and also pass through two other home meadows, and the cow pasture.

When the various routes were first suggested, all the farmers voted for one of the alternatives, and Mrs. Johnson also wrote to Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for the Environment, and the Department of Transport. Since then she has seen Skipton M.P. John Watson twice, and intends to press for a public enquiry.

## DETERMINATION

Her determination springs from the fact that the Johnson family have farmed at Paley Green for over 160 years, and their fore-

fathers also lost land when the railway cut through at the bottom of their garden. With a son, daughter, and son-in-law all involved in the family farm, they are anxious to keep it a thriving business.

Farming neighbours, Mr. Richard Hargreaves, of Close House Cottage, and Mr. William Dugdale, of Close House Farm, live in tranquility about a mile off the Giggleswick to Lawkland road and they too will be affected by the by-pass.

Both will lose land, and sufficient inconvenience in their work, but perhaps more importantly the road will shatter the peace of the secluded homes. The railway is literally a stone's throw from Mr. Dugdale's garden wall, and the by-pass is scheduled to pass between the two.

Mr. Hargreaves was concerned not only about the road itself but also about the many people who would travel on it, bringing little and disturbance to the area.

Mr. Dugdale said; "As it now this is the most peaceful place on earth, but we will be sitting right on top of the bank by the road. I don't know if I could live with that, and I might have to think about moving." Mr. Dugdale, and his wife Eleanor, also have a son who is interested in farming.

All the farmers said that engineers had visited their farms since the decision was announced, and told them that boring tests would begin in April, and continue through May and June.

At the last meeting of the Settle National Farmers Union branch, a committee was formed to approach the existing Ribblesdale Protection Association for help in fighting the by-pass proposal.

Mr. P. H. Weston, of Rathmel said; "We have got to fight again as we did in the 70's to save our sector of the valley." Mr. L. Booth of Feizor, said he couldn't see the point of the bypass when it would not be taking quarry traffic out of the centre of Settle.

Skipton solicitor Mr. J. F. Mewies, said that if the farmer failed to reach an agreement with the Department of Transport, and the Government tried to make compulsory purchase orders, they would definitely be able to appeal.

## Farm losses

Settle N.F.U. is calling for its members to supply details of losses and damages in December and January for assessment by headquarters.

Mr. P. H. Weston said at the branch's meeting last week that hundreds of yards of walling must have been swept flat when the River Ribble overflowed in early January. He thought members with justifiable claims should submit them to the secretary, detailing their losses.

It was reported that half-weight grading of lambs was to be phased out at Hellifield Auction Mart, as the present trend was to sell live weight, and let the butcher decide the quality.



Barn at Lawkland Hall from a drawing by Mary Farnell, 1988.

## Austwick rings the changes

Austwick Parish Council would like a smaller telephone directory covering Craven, and some of the neighbouring parishes in the Lancaster telephone area.

Concern was also expressed at the council's monthly meeting at the ugly structure which had been erected near Norber Syke by the Water Authority.

The clerk is to ask for some form of screening or camouflage for the structure which is in an attractive area of the National Park.

Although they had a few reservations, the council were in favour of the proposed footpath diversion at Dry Rigg Quarry. It was agreed to point out to the National Park officer the nearness of the proposed route to the old quarry face.