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Wrecked building 'tragedy for district', says trustee

BY OUR LEYBURN CORRESPONDENT

FIFTEEN children from Gunnerside Primary School will make an eight-mile trip this morning down the valley to Reeth Primary School where special arrangements have been made to give them lessons. Their own school was wrecked by fire early on Saturday morning.

School dinners will be served to the children, and they will be run home again at night. How long this arrangement will last for the eight boys and seven girls of the tiny Gunnerside school is uncertain.

Damage estimated at several thousand pounds was done to the 128-year-old school. A trustee last night described it as "a tragedy for the district." The building's future is undecided at present.

The school is owned by the Gunnerside Methodist Trust, and is let to the North Riding Education Committee. Water to fight the blaze had to be piped from the Gunnerside Beck, and firemen from Reeth and Richmond brigades damped down all night. The cause was said to be an electrical fault in the roof.

A near-by farmer, Mr. Matthew Rutter, heard roof slates cracking and spotted the blaze. His two children, Ian, aged eight, who attended the school, and Jean, aged four, slept through the fire, although their house is only 50 yards from the school.

Station Officer I. Clementson, of Reeth, was in charge of the Reeth brigade at the fire. He retired from the service yesterday.

MUKER FARMER WEDS IN ARKENGARTHDALE

Mr. T. Alderson and Miss Ivy Harker

The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale, on Saturday, of Mr. Thomas Alderson, only son of Mr. S. Alderson and the late Mrs. Alderson, of Rash View, Muker, and Miss Ivy Harker, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harker, of Eskeleth, Arkengarthdale.

The bridegroom is a well known farmer and an active member of the Swaledale Agricultural Society. The bride is a member of Arkengarthdale Women's Institute, and takes an active part in the church and social life of the dale.

The Vicar, the Rev. Gareth Jones, officiated, and Mr. Amos Alderson was at the organ. Given away by her father, the bride wore a full length dress of lace over white taffeta with full length figured net veil and headdress of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of red roses, lilies of the valley and white heather.

Her cousins, the Misses Audrey and Anne Barningham, were bridesmaids. They wore dresses of coral pink spotted net over taffeta, with flowered headdresses to match, and carried bouquets of pink carnations and blue scabious.

Mr. Ernest Alderson, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man, and Mr. T. B. Harker, bride's brother, was groomsman. The ushers were Mr. John Hunter and Mr. Arthur Barningham.

The reception was held at the Church School, and the honeymoon is being spent at Roker.

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