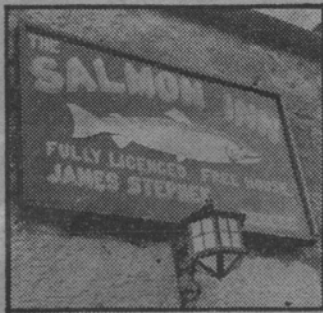


The squire buys The Salmon for his workers



SO THEY CAN MEET IN COMFORT

SPORTSMAN, shipowner and squire, Major Gustav Renwick, of Holystone Grange, near Rothbury, wants the workers in the rural communities of Coquetdale to be able to drink in comfort. So he has bought Holystone's old Salmon Inn.

The Salmon, which has three-foot thick stone walls, and a "priests' hole" in the wide chimney of the room used as a bar, lacks comfort, in Major Renwick's view.

The inn, therefore, will be renovated and improved.

So far, however, there have been many complications. Approach has had to be made to seven different authorities, and now final permission is awaited from the last—the Ministry of Town and Country Planning.

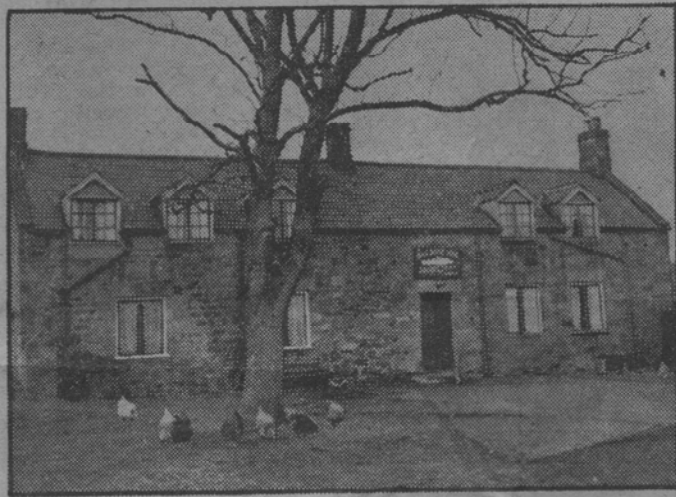
'NIGHT OUT'

Major Renwick has 6,000 acres of land in the area, and a good many people are dependent on him for a living.

They should be able to have a "night out" at the "local" in congenial surroundings, he contends.

Farm workers in the scattered communities around Holystone must use Major Renwick the Salmon for a drink or travel some distance to the nearest public houses at Harbottle or Thropton.

Landlord of the Salmon is 60-year-old Mr. James Stephen, who is employed at Major Renwick's kennels at Holystone. He is helped in the running of the inn by his wife.



UNDER THE SIGN OF THE SALMON at Holystone, renovation work will be starting soon to make the inn more comfortable for the tenants on Major G. A. Renwick's estate

'HISTORIC'

"This place could be improved," Mrs. Stephen told the "Journal" yesterday. "We had electric light installed last year. Before that we had cylinder gas and the rest of the village had paraffin lamps. The kitchen and the larder are on either side of the building."

"I believe Major Renwick contemplates joining the bar on to the kitchen. The inn, however, is scheduled as being of historic interest. I don't think the front of it will be changed."

An old painted sign showing a salmon hangs over the entrance to the inn, and on the outer walls hang coconut shells, in which food is placed for the birds.

The bar—minus beer pumps—has a timbered ceiling, and a stone floor.

Holystone has nine buildings, including the inn, and a population of 18, but the inn is used by farm hands over a much wilder area.

They have been content to play dominoes and to throw darts there, mostly at the weekends. Now that Major Renwick has decided on improvements they welcome the move.



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