

The late Mrs S. Moore

Midlothian County Councillor

The funeral of Mrs Sarah Moore, J.P., member of Midlothian County Council and Convener of the Public Health Committee, which took place at West Calder on Saturday, was attended by members and officials of the County Council, by members of North and South Midlothian Divisional Labour Parties, and by a great gathering of the people of the district for which she spent herself.

As a mark of the regard in which she was held in the district, Mrs Moore was affectionately known to everyone as "Ma".

Vivid personality

She had been a member of the Council since 1929 and her vivid personality, with her ready wit and eloquence and her great fighting spirit, made her one of the outstanding figures in the Council Chamber (writes a correspondent).

She was keenly interested in public health, education, and all that concerned moral and social welfare. Better housing, meals and milk for children, day nurseries and nursery schools, better conditions for Council staff and workers, such as scales of salaries and a superannuation scheme, homes for young children and the aged (apart from the old Poor-Law Institution), projects which were openly derided as wild-cat schemes by the older regime in 1929, she lived to see accepted by the majority.

Village named after her

Her untiring exertions in fighting for houses for the people were not confined to her own district, but they brought into being the village of Moorelands, which was named after her at the desire of the inhabitants.

For the past 27 years, Mrs Moore served as a member of the Executive of the North Midlothian Divisional Labour Party, and she was for many years president of the Edinburgh and South-East Scotland Labour Women's Advisory Council.

Mrs Moore was also a member of the Licensing Appeal Court, of the Joint Committee for Midlothian and Peebles Hospital, of Saughton Prison Visiting Committee.

She is survived by six daughters and three sons.

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