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The story on this page is a story of Christianity in action. "National Christian News" is out to push facts like these into the public glare.

Why? Because the Risen Christ is alive in the world, and His people are on the go.



Peter Woodard—

They told him:

"Don't send sick child to London."

He sent her, and prayed.

Now, little Yan has a chance to live

A CHRISTIAN saw this little girl dying in Mussoorie, Uttar Pradesh, India. She had water on the brain. When he heard about the case, Peter Woodard, of Ockenden Venture, knew that only an immediate operation could save her life.

Woodard also knew that in India arrangements would take too long. She must be taken to London.

He wired to say the little girl was coming by air. Ockenden flashed back: "Don't." There were too many formalities.

Woodard ignored everybody and everything.

He put her on the plane.

Yangzom, a Tibetan refugee aged about eight, was on her way to a life saving operation at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, London.

A delicate operation was

carried out by a team of surgeons to insert a valve which will drain fluid to relieve the pressure to her brain.

She is now recovering and later this month will go back to Mussoorie to rejoin her friends there at a special school for children who escaped the Chinese occupation of their homeland.

Fees waived

Mr. Woodard, who is brother of Dr. Christopher Woodard, chairman of the Ockenden Venture, said: "I sent her against all instructions. I knew a bed would be found for her and it was. I prayed hard all the time, and just didn't worry about expense.

"All doctors' fees have been waived. Ockenden

and Save the Children Fund are paying the air fares.

"When she was in London she had a relapse before the operation. I dashed from Delhi to see her, with the prayers of hundreds of Tibetans and friends behind me, and I found her better.

"Her parents are thought to be in Nepal, but there is no news of them. The little girl suddenly comes out with amazing remarks in English, as if she had unconsciously learned every English word spoken to her. She is very intelligent. When I fetched her from hospital at Mussoorie to go to London a little Tibetan boy in a wheel chair wheeled himself down the corridor to say goodbye, and he wept bitterly."



YANGZOM IS SEEN HERE PLAYING WITH A WHITE TOY MOUSE WHICH MR. WOODARD GAVE TO HER. HE RUNS A SCHOOL FOR OLDER BOYS IN MUSSOORIE, UNDER THE OCKENDEN VENTURE. AGED 52, HE HAS GIVEN UP AN ELIZABETHIAN MANSION HOME IN NORTHANTS TO DEVOTE THE REST OF HIS LIFE TO WORK WITH TIBETANS NOW LIVING IN INDIA.

COMMENT

If you shouldn't ask a man to drink and drive, what should you say about this? →

EVERYBODY north of the border will tell you that Bell's is one of the better whiskies.

The chairman of Arthur Bell and Sons Ltd., who distil the stuff at Perth, is Mr. W. F. Farquharson. He makes what we guess to be a good living out of whisky. In the same way the directors of car firms make themselves tidy profits.

But if you put whisky into a man, and a man into a car, he is liable to write himself off.

Mr. Farquharson's firm has a slogan. They put it on their advertising posters and onto their bottle labels. It is "Afore ye go." It is a comfortable Scottish saying, and it implies that before you see your friends off, the most hospitable thing you can do for them is to give them a drink of whisky.

In view of the fact that most people going places nowadays go by car, Mr. Farquharson was recently asked if he didn't think the time had come to scrap this slogan.

The man replied: "I am not in favour of people driving cars if they have been drinking. On the other hand, there is no obligation on any person whatsoever to drink and drive. For every person injured in a car accident through drinking there are in all probability 10 pedestrians injured through carelessness in crossing roads and suchlike. We have used the slogan for the past 25-30 years and it has really become a household phrase, so it would be very difficult to change."

What now?

What can we say now to Mr. Farquharson? His slogan is proved to be good for sales. If you tell him he ought to drop the slogan you are really saying that he ought not to sell whisky so well. It can't be his fault that people drink and drive, any more than it is the fault of the car makers. If he stops making whisky somebody else will certainly start.

Business ethics approve his slogan. The campaign against drinking and driving doesn't. But don't condemn Mr. Farquharson. We're all involved in this tug of war between doing what is profitable and doing what is right.

The shopkeeper exploits the commercialisation of Christmas with the best of them, and the Christian shoppers who tut-tut about it spend large sums of money to keep up with the Joneses in the Christmas cards they send and the presents they buy.

Often we can only do what is right by one group, at the expense of another. Mr. Farquharson has his shareholders and employees to think about, as well as those who drive cars.

The sayings of Jesus make hair-raising reading in a society like ours: Take no thought for the morrow . . . if you have two coats give one away . . . you can't serve God and aim at your fortune . . . whoever wants to save his life shall lose it . . .

On the face of it, it seems the honest alternatives are to heel-toe out of the Christian life, or quit making money.

Materialism

Archbishop Temple said the Christian religion was the most materialistic in the world.

But there is materialism which ruthlessly smashes through life; grasping, scouring, greedily snatching. Very poor people, with little to their names, are occasional examples of this.

And there's Christian materialism, we dare suggest. This wisely gets, wisely gives, and gently stewards what God provides. Some rich people try to live it out.

Jesus said it was easier for a rich man to pass through the eye of a needle than to enter heaven.

Mr. Farquharson, and many, many, in his shoes, deserve more sympathetic understanding than condemnation.



Letters

URGENT APPEAL BY N.S.P.C.C. DIRECTOR

THE N.S.P.C.C. is in need of special and immediate help and I would like, through your columns, to appeal to your readers for support in caring for needy British children.

The N.S.P.C.C. is an entirely voluntary organisation. Last year, it helped over 120,000 children of whom 75,000 had been neglected and over 9,000 had been the victims of assault or ill-treatment. It is a tragic fact that almost half the number of children helped by the society are under five years of age.

Many appeals are addressed to the generous British public, but I earnestly hope that this one may find a special place in their hearts because the need is great—and urgent! Any contributions which your readers may send to me will be promptly and gratefully acknowledged as will all offers of help.

(REV.) ARTHUR MORTON
Director

N.S.P.C.C.,
1, Riding House Street,
London, W.1.

We have recently found it necessary to extend the training period for our inspectors from six months to a year. There was also an urgent need to establish an Emergency Relief and Welfare Department, as well as a research department in child welfare.

These facts, coupled with the expiry of the lease on our old and inadequate headquarters building, forced us into the additional heavy expense of a move to new offices. Our new headquarters has a 940 year lease and accommodation for our foreseeable needs, but we must now raise £250,000—in addition to our normal income.

Adkins provokes Joy . . . and anger

IT is a long time since I read a sports column so down-to-earth and provocative as that by Ernest Adkins on your back page each month.

Most sports writers are suffering from the same malady as afflicts professional football—a desperate desire for sickness, speed, and the appearance of dash. Mr. Adkins appears to use his head; an old fashioned virtue—but welcome!

S. CROXTON,

Dewsbury Road,
Leeds.

AS a regular reader of "Christian News" I am pleased with the forthright and constructive manner in which articles generally are presented. However, Mr. Ernest Adkins usually manages to exasperate me when writing about soccer!

His latest column prompts me to wonder just how much he is in touch with the sport. Much of it is nothing less than sensational nonsense!

It would have been almost impossible to "dent the strongest bucket" with the strong boots of yesteryear—much less with the lightweight boots universally worn today.

No one in his right mind would wish to continue any practice that would involve injury, but just how would changing the shoulder-charge rule end any injury caused by an accidental kick from these boots?

Then again, to suggest that the "mortality rate" should be kept at its present minimum by changing the rules is rather ridiculous. The rules relating to dangerous play are already strong. How the rules are to be observed cannot be legislated.

As a player of many years' experience, might I suggest articles more inclined to promote a clean, healthy interest in a sport which does still instil the value of many rivalry, and above all, sportsmanship.

GEORGE G. SHUTTLEWORTH,
Grange Lane,
Sutton Coldfield.

Adkins writes again —
back page.

Depressing, but brave

IT was depressing to read the Roman Catholic priest's view that yet more people will abandon the Christian Church within the next few years. But I see what he means, and I fear he is right. I am astonished at the strange ideas which some people have about what Christianity is, and it must be that as their superstitions are demolished so they will become disillusioned with the Church as they thought it was.

This will be especially true of the Roman Church, and he is a brave priest who can see it coming.

WATCHMAN,
Croydon,
Surrey.

SLUM-HATER OF NOTTING HILL

A TRAIN driver, his wife and six children last week moved from the £4 10s. a week Notting Hill room where they had lived for five years into a four-roomed flat with a garden, at the same rent.

Spacious

Another man whose flat had been costing him half his £15 wages went with his wife and four children to a new home, £3 a week cheaper.

A family of five left a damp, rat-infested basement, where they shared a lavatory with 20 other people, for a spacious council house in the north.

The Notting Hill Housing Trust, now one year old, was at work. This lusty infant among Britain's 1,100 non-profit-making housing societies is already one of the best known.

Anger

In the last six months a hard-hitting advertising called Bruce Kenrick, a campaign — "A time for honest anger! . . . the slums of Notting Hill are immoral — a blot on the conscience of us all" — has netted £50,000.

With that and £250,000

to follow in local authority mortgages and conversion grants for the houses it buys, the Trust is poised on the brink of a major breakthrough in rehousing the needy. It has already bought five houses and rehoused 58 people; now it is to buy 100 more houses as fast as possible to provide homes for hundreds more at rents they can afford. It is also helping to found similar societies in Birmingham, Liverpool, Belfast and Glasgow.

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A large part of the steam for all this has come from a chunky, smiling Scot 44-year-old Presbyterian minister with some hard experience of slumland in India and Harlem, and a driving urge "to make Christianity visible."

When Kenrick arrived in Notting Hill early in 1963 to work with a local group ministry he found Racism, families of eight in one room, marriages foundering: an area where girls became prostitutes to get a room of their own.

Two local Lousing societies were — and are — doing fine work, but cater

only for those who can afford to pay an economic rent. Armed with a lot of good advice and an impressive list of sponsors, the Notting Hill Housing Trust was born.

Just how fast the Trust can press ahead depends on the speed with which local authority cash is made available: progress so far has been disappointing. Notting Hill is part of the wealthy Royal Borough of Kensington: which social workers hardly describe as the most progressive, sympathetic and fast-moving of housing authorities. "If the borough moves quickly," says Mr. Kenrick, "600 people could be rehoused within a few months."

Evil

He sees the housing problem as an immediate evil wants to do himself out of a job rapidly and move on. "There are no ecclesiastical strings to it," says Mr. Kenrick, "but the Trust is quite specifically a Church show."

Colin McGlashan, "The Observer."

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Celebrating a hundred years' war

AFTER 100 years of CHRISTIAN ACTION, The Salvation Army is about to publish a depth report on social problems. It will be a valuable document for every practising Christian, because it comes from a body with a deep reach into the most desperate conditions of modern life.

Thousands of Salvationists from all parts of the world will be paying a visit to London to share in the Army's centenary celebrations in the summer.

As part of the centenary, which will feature mass meetings with bands from many countries, a vast programme for the modernisation of buildings and services that will cost about £3 million is being launched.

Announcing this, General Frederick Cutts, the international leader, said, "It will be a hundred years next July since William Booth, a Methodist minister, began work in the East End of London with regular open-air meetings. From that humble beginning we have become one of the largest international religious and welfare organisations, working in 86 countries in more than 17,000 centres, with 1,638 homes and centres in this country."

"So many delegates are coming from so many countries to London next summer that the celebrations have to be spread over nine days. Hundreds of men and women are gladly spending all their savings to come.

ABBEY SERVICE

"There will be a series of gatherings at the Albert Hall, a field day at Crystal Palace, and finally a service at Westminster Abbey."

General Cutts said: "We already know from our centres that there are still thousands of homeless men and women. Youth has many problems and we are working on those. Better provision has to be made for old people; our over-sixties organisation is growing rapidly. Among many other problems there is that of alcoholism, the numbers under treatment having trebled in six years."

In addition to the need to modernise some of their buildings, the Salvation Army requires additional homes and centres in about 17 cities, including Aberdeen, Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Rochdale, Southampton and Southport.

"A Hundred Years War"—An account of the work of the Salvation Army 1865-1965, is published by Hodder and Stoughton at 25s. Author: Bernard Watson.

And now—"away in a suitcase . . ."

A "CHRISTMAS '64" service at Antley Methodist Church, Accrington, presented the baby Jesus in a suitcase, which served as a cot.

It was an idea of the minister, the Rev. J. Fletcher Richardson, to present the Christmas story in modern dress.

The shepherds were depicted as shift workers, the wise men as statesmen and Mary and Joseph as an every day house-hunting couple.

Twelve members of the congregation took part

and much of the dramatic service was ad-libbed, as there was no script and each period of the drama was introduced by a relevant carol.

Explaining the service, the Rev. Richardson said: "There is nothing blasphemous in placing Jesus in a suitcase even as there is nothing sacred about a manger. The purpose of the service was not to shock but to probe. A lot of parsons hit out at the commercialisation of Christmas, but I believe that the Church itself should do more to stress its relevance."

CHRISTIAN UNIONS UNITE

AFTER discussions between the Printing and Allied Trades Christian Association and the Advertising Christian Group, it was decided that the two organisations should amalgamate. Following the merger there will be one committee.

It is felt that this step will be to the advantage of the work that both groups are seeking to do. Those in the new association will continue to seek to bear witness to Christ in their profession, to encourage fellow-Christians, and to promote the needs of world-wide literature evangelism.

Those who are able will offer professional advice and help to the Church, and it is hoped that more progress will be made in the provision of instruction for clergy and laymen to enable them to produce better publicity material. It is felt that all members of both groups will wish to support the new association.

All Christians employed in printing and advertising or their many allied trades who are interested should write to: The General Secretary, 21, Marlow Road, London, S.E.20.

I.T.A. order cuts in 360 screen advertisements

OF 3,000 scripts submitted by would-be advertisers to the Independent Television Authority, 360 had to be changed before they could be shown.

The advertisements mainly concerned medical products and goods for children.

According to the I.T.A. advertising code medical advertisements must not feature doctors or nurses, or claim that a drug has passed hospital tests, that it can effect cures or has "superlative" qualities.

Advertisements showing bad manners by children and any showing children close to unguarded fires or medicine bottles are not allowed. Direct appeals to children—to their loyalty or

snobbery—must not be made.

Ridicule

Advertisers cannot imply that children will be ridiculed or held in contempt if their parents fail to buy particular products.

Cigarette advertisements are now voluntarily banned by the companies themselves before 9 p.m.

Manchester Festival

A festival of music, verse and drama opens at Manchester Cathedral next month (March 28). Aims are: (1) to make use of the Cathedral and its resources in the interests of the wider life of the community, and (2) to link cathedral and city closer together.

The prayer

At the dedication service of a new Reformed Church in Lausanne (Switzerland) the pastor told his congregation that the only person who so far had regularly prayed in the church was a Muslim workman. While workers were finishing the building, the man spread his mat and said his prayers.

—SURGEON

A SURGEON, writing in the "Medical News," says that a natural healer who touched the hands of a child with acute leukaemia developed the symptoms of the disease but recovered when the child died.

Mr. Griffith Evans, who says he has been investigating long-term remissions of leukaemia attributed to prayer, also mentions a case in which a patient's remission of symptoms, after prayer, lasted 13 years.

He says he was told in a London children's hospital that the only two long-term remissions of leukaemia this year had both followed prayer—in one case the Roman Catholic sacrament of anointing the sick, and in another the ministrations of a spiritual healer.

Effective

He submits that a *prima facie* case has been made out for the effectiveness of prayer in leukaemia and calls for an unbiased investigation. The Scientific Research Committee of the Churches' Fellowship for Psychological and Spiritual Studies should be given a watching brief over the investigation, he says.

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"Free" air means sea air for O.A.P.s

FREE air costs a minimum of a penny a time when Wokingham petrol pump attendant Mac McGuire is on the job.

The money goes the way of the rest of Mac's tips—into a fund that takes old age pensioners on an outing to the seaside.

Last year 28 pensioners went on his trip to Hayling Island.

"Sometimes I have to remind regulars about the fund," says Mac. "But mostly they put in sixpence or a shilling—or even more. Strangers are glad to give something, too. I never get a refusal."

This year will be the eighth time Mac has given the pensioners a treat. He allows them five shillings each for lunch and waits on them while they relax on the beach.

"A lot of old people are too poor to have as much as a day by the sea—let alone a week's holiday," he said. "I make inquiries in the district to find those who are really in need and invite them to join us."

'B and K in new kill-faith drive'

—Report

ACCORDING to a United States Senate Internal Security Committee report, Russia's new leaders have launched a fresh onslaught on religious belief.

The campaign was ordered by ideological experts of the Communist Party's Central Committee and will be directed by an Institute of Scientific Atheism.

The institute's principal task will be to set up atheist seminars and to train anti-religious teachers.

Chairs of Scientific Atheism are to be created at leading universities and there will be clubs for young atheists.

Senator Thomas Dodd said the Soviet Constitution theoretically guaranteed freedom of religion.

But this guarantee was rendered meaningless by counter-measures, "including the wholesale confiscation of Church property, the all-pervasive State supervision of residual religious activities and the imprisonment of recalcitrant clergymen."

That religion had survived so many years of persecution, Senator Dodd said, was a testimony to the power of faith.

Cool rule goes

Kelham Theological College, Lincolnshire, has dropped its rule that men students for the priesthood there should take a cold shower each morning.

The college has been run by the Society of the Sacred Mission for 70 years. Men there are still not allowed to become engaged while they are students.

R.C. preacher in Anglican Church

AT the invitation of the Rector of Bexhill and with the approval of the Bishop of Chichester, the Rev. Michael Richards, who is on the staff of St. Edmund's College, Ware, preached at the parish church of St. Peter, Bexhill.

This was one of the first occasions for a Roman Catholic priest to preach at an Anglican church following the changes in discipline decided upon by the Roman Catholic Bishops of England and Wales in the light of the Vatican Council's decree on ecumenism.

Fr. Richards spoke with the approval of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark, in connection with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Together

ROMAN Catholics, Anglicans and Free Church members prayed side by side at Shoreham-by-Sea Sussex in the week of prayer for Christian unity.

All denominations agreed to take part in a joint service at the suggestion of the Rev. Fr. Dermot Machale, of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

What's an hour worth ?

Depends what you do with it! An hour can mean the success of your fund raising campaign if it's spent at an exhibition of T. E. Webb & Co. Ltd's 1965 Christmas Card range.

These exhibitions are designed to give you and your Committee a preview of the wonderful new collection of Christmas cards and other fund raising items.

DETAILS OF EXHIBITIONS

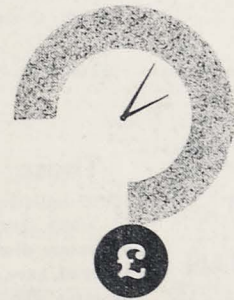
- LONDON 90 Judd Street, W.C.1. 16th-19th February
- SHEFFIELD Channing Hall 23rd-24th February
- COVENTRY Warwick Road Congregational Church 26th-27th February
- BIRMINGHAM Imperial Hotel 2nd-3rd March
- PLYMOUTH Pounds House Hotel 9th-10th March
- EXETER Rougemont Hotel 12th March
- CARDIFF Park Hotel 16th-17th March
- SOUTHSEA Queens Hotel 23rd-24th March

All exhibitions are open 10.30 a.m.—8.30 p.m.

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See next month's issue for details of exhibitions in Edinburgh Glasgow Stoke-on-Trent Newcastle-on-Tyne



YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE HEART

SCIENCE and rationalism, divorced from human values, can produce ruthless efficiency . . . it is not enough to have the mind of a scientist if we do not have the heart of a humanitarian.

—Lal Bahadur Shastri, Prime Minister of India.



When a man becomes a moron

A LONG sentence of imprisonment may ruin a man's personality so that from a human being he just becomes a moron.

—Mrs. F. McNeille, secretary of the Margery Fry Memorial Fund.

Too, too holy wedlock

CLERGY ought to be celibate because no decent right-minded man ought to have the effrontery to ask any woman to take on such a lousy job! It is thoroughly un-Christian.

—A vicar's wife in Wigan, Lancashire.



As I was saving to Aaron . . .

NOW that the West has largely abandoned Christianity and its great hero as a consolation and a reinforcement for a way of living and dying, the need for creating other gods becomes more urgent.

—Cassandra, "Daily Mirror"

£301,739, but . . .

I DON'T know what I shall do with my share. I have everything I want.

—Mrs. Fay Freedman, wife of a man who won £301,739 on a football pool.

£221,616, but . . .

I DON'T know what I'll do with the money — I don't want a big car, or anything like that. If I can take a quiet walk in the country, or read a nice book, I'm satisfied with life.

—Mr. Joseph Almond, a 77-year-old Hove man who won £221,616 on a football pool.

QUOTING

Able to love

MENTALLY handicapped children are as human, and as real, as capable of love and life as any of us; more capable, perhaps, than many of their more normal brothers and sisters of enriching it.

—Consultant psychiatrist, writing in a Sunday newspaper.

Down, fido . . . !

I HATE all human beings. I will leave my money to animals.

—London woman who left £130,000 to animal societies.

BAN MAN

I WOULD ban all evangelical campaign: that set as their first objectives conversion or revival, on the grounds that both these words are incorrigibly misunderstood.

—Dr. Donald Soper, Methodist minister of Kingsway Hall, London.

Passive violence

PERSECUTION, bullying, intimidation, humiliation and cruelty are forms of mental violence, and it is well to remember that the suffering thus caused may exceed that caused by physical violence, though not a hand has been raised to strike.

—I.T.A. code on violence in television programmes

Those wicked colonialists

THE initiative, the knowledge and the wealth, which alone have enabled the traditional evils of poverty, disease and ignorance to be successfully attacked, have for the most part been supplied, not by those who suffered from these handicaps (for they were in no position to help themselves) but by alien authorities exercising, for the time being, domination over the less-developed areas of the globe.

—"A Review of Colonial Research, 1940-1960" Stationery Office.



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ON THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTERNOON THERE WAS A CONGREGATION OF 12 AT THE CRYPT SERVICE. A WEEK LATER THERE WERE 13. IT WAS EXCELLENT, SAID ONE OF FR. LEE'S HELPERS.

"It it goes on like this, one more each week, in a year we shall have a congregation of over 50." The Chinese are known to be philosophical as a race. Fr. Lee is Chinese himself, but he is not as philosophical as that. He was disappointed.

Then, on the third Sunday, there were 19 people at the service, and on the fourth, 27, and on the fifth, 35. He had been right. His work was going to be, to use his own word, "contagious."

The Rev. S. Y. Lee arrived in London in May, sent by the Chinese Anglican Church in Hong Kong. He is licensed to St. Martin-in-the-Fields (in whose crypt the Sunday services are held), with a ministry and a mission to all the Chinese in London and England generally, and to restaurant workers in particular.

There are about 10,000 Chinese in London alone, and 60 to 70 per cent of them are restaurant workers. It is a formidable brief, but it does not seem to daunt Fr. Lee.

He is a small man, who speaks good, rapid English and is so impressively buoyant that, at any moment, you expect his trimly shod feet to break into a twinkling dance to match his eyes, which snap with fun and energy.

To serve

His ordination is fairly recent. Before it, working backwards, he was general secretary of the Hong Kong Christian Council, an evangelist and church school headmaster in Borneo, and an agricultural officer in Hong Kong — he took a science degree at the University of Canton.

Working forwards, he has come "to serve the Chinese people, and to share their suffering, and to love them, and to teach them about the love of God."

It is the language of the Acts, but it is in no way incongruous in the room at Dean Street (the Church of St. Anne's, Soho) which is open as a social centre to the Chinese every afternoon except Sunday. They can bring their troubles and find a good cup of China tea.

New missionary society

THE United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is the name of the new missionary society which has come into being as the result of the amalgamation of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel with the Universities' Mission to Central Africa.

The S.P.G.'s areas of activity have been the West Indies, Africa, India, Pakistan, the Far East and Australasia. The dioceses supported by U.M.C.A. were Zanzibar and Dar-es-Salaam, Malawi, Zambia, Masasi, South West Tanganyika and Lebombo.

The working operations of the two former societies are amalgamated at home as well as overseas.

The children's organisations of the two societies — King's Messengers (S.P.G.) and Coral League (U.M.C.A.) — have joined forces under a new name, Adventurers. Similarly the S.P.G. Fellowship and the Friends of U.M.C.A. have combined to form the Friends of U.S.P.G.

FATHER LEE'S MISSION TO THE WORLD OF FRIED RICE

By Nesta Roberts

(by permission—the Guardian)

The troubles are those common to strangers in London, exacerbated by the fact that the Chinese, essentially a sociable people, find English reserve to them colder than the winter climate, soul-destroying, and that the language problem is particularly intractable.

Most of the London Chinese speak Cantonese, most of those who have settled in the North of England speak the Hakka dialect.

enough money to return home and set up in business. Part of Fr. Lee's task is to make them see that this, more often than not, is an illusion, and that it would be more realistic to try to save enough money to bring over their families and make a home in England.

No stranger

England is not strange to him. He first saw it in 1957, when he came over for a World Council of Churches conference and spent three days in London. "I went to Hyde Park and saw the chestnut trees and remembered the song I learned at school in Hong Kong, 'Under the spreading chestnut tree!' Then I walked over London Bridge, and remembered 'London Bridge is falling down.' But it is not London Bridge that falls down. It is Tower Bridge."

He came again in 1961, this time on a month's lecture tour. Now he is here to work. He appears to have no doubts, no misgivings, no problems. "There is no difficulty with accommodation. I can always sleep where I am, and eat where I am. These things are not important to me. I hope I shall be useful."

Rooms

Fr. Lee commands both, as well as Mandarin. He interprets for them in the courts, and at the doctors' surgery, and the hospital. He steers them through the mysteries of national insurance and national assistance and helps them to find jobs and rooms.

The last is the most difficult. "Last week I walked six hours a day for two days with a man who could not find anywhere to live. My toes were bleeding but we got a room in the end."

Few of the Chinese have wives and families in this country. Like many immigrants, they nurse the hope of making

PSORIASIS

- PSORIASIS forms a white lustrous scale on a reddened area of skin. Both the scale and skin are always dry unless broken or brought away by too much scratching or combing. In most cases the reddened skin is of normal temperature and the scale thick and raised on the skin, especially on the scalp, elbows and knees. Where the skin is of a finer texture, as on the body, scaling takes place as thin flakes or a light powder.
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METHODISTS AND ROMAN CATHOLICS OF CAVERSHAM.

1964

AS we look back on 1964 what is it that we shall as Christians and citizens remember?

As citizens there comes to mind a hotly contested General Election — six people voting a different way could have changed the Reading result. With the possibility of another election this year all parties will have their eyes on Caversham, for here we probably have an above the average proportion of thoughtful voters who do not permanently line themselves up with one party. Such voters would appear to pay heed to the policies of the parties as they concern a variety of social issues.

What will seem to many the indecisiveness of the Conservatives over such matters as the Wolfenden Report, and capital punishment (in spite of the last Conservative Home Secretary having courageously admitted that he has changed his views) must have cost them dear.

On the other hand the present Government must realise that educational policy is likely to prove for them an even more expensive matter when it comes to losing votes in districts such as Caversham.

Last year all three candidates met together on a church platform to answer questions. We appreciated their co-operation in doing this and they will be invited to answer questions again in this way. The "Bridge," which holds no brief for any one party will do all that it can to see that national and local matters are thoroughly debated.

In this respect we hope that the elected councillors for Caversham and Thames wards will follow the example of Mr. Emery and accept the invitation of the "Caversham Bridge" to use this paper as a means of expressing their views.

Our only regret is that when all six councillors concerned were invited to a reception in October at the launching of this paper, while we were privileged to have the Mayor and Mayoress and Mr. Emery present, Coun. Bristow alone of the councillors for these two wards responded.

We would remind them that the Christian Church in Caversham is no inconsiderable body, and while we repeat that we hold no brief for any one party it is the concern of Christians to think seriously about political matters, whether they are of local or national importance.

And one local matter which we hope our elected councillors will be giving consideration to is the acuteness of the traffic problem at the foot of Caversham Bridge. This has got much worse in 1964. What action is contemplated?

As Christians we shall think of 1964 as a year of growing friendship between the Churches of which this paper is a visible monthly sign. But there were other achievements, such as the production of a pamphlet explaining the position of historic Christianity in relation to Mormonism, and there were ecumenical developments in relations between the churches and many of the schools of Caversham.

What of the future? Perhaps the most obvious and urgent task is the development by all the churches of some combined scheme to help those in need of practical aid of some kind or other. The meeting at St. Anne's Hall in the week of prayer for Christian unity was designed especially with this in mind.

Now it is up to all who profess and call themselves Christians to show the love of God in action by their love for their neighbour.

John Grimdale

THIS IS THE MAN WHO DREW BILLY BUNTER

WHEN I called on 80-year-old Mr. Chapman recently, he had not long returned from a 16 mile bicycle ride. He often takes long cycle rides, frequently to Woodcote, where he lived for some years and of which he has very happy memories.

He is a man who enjoys the countryside and considers Berkshire one of the prettiest counties. This in spite of the fact that he was born in Norfolk, only coming to Berkshire with his family when he was 16.

By
Roving
Reporter

But although he paints lovely pictures of the country around here, it is not for this that he is chiefly known.

Many people in Caversham are aware that Charles Henry Chapman is chiefly famous as the illustrator of the ever-popular "Billy Bunter" books.

Began young

Even the younger folk in Caversham will know of Billy Bunter who recently found himself on television, and Mr. Chapman tells me that he has just been doing some work on a book still awaiting publication, though the author himself died a little time ago.



Photo: Fred Walker.

With Billy Bunter looking over his shoulder, Mr. Chapman strums a tune in his favourite armchair.

principally sum of 1d. for pupils, 2d. for masters.

So it is not surprising that even during his apprenticeship with an architect he cherished dreams of being an artist, and it was not long before he was literally knocking at the doors of Fleet Street with a bundle of drawings under his arm.

Billy Bunter

This was, he says, the heyday of such productions as "The Magnet" and "The Gem," and many other publications which we look back at nostalgically.

So having once established himself as an illustrator with no little talent, commissions came rolling in, culminating in what might be termed a permanent appointment with Billy Bunter and the Famous Five of Greyfriars School which lasted until the last war when the paper shortage caused a temporary abandonment of such characters.

Choirman

Fortunately Mr. Chapman himself had his architectural training to fall back on for the time being, but it would be true to say that he has never retired from illustrating, and quite recently

produced some work for "Punch."

To the congregation of St. Andrew's he will be a familiar figure, though he tells me he is not able to appear in the choir as frequently as he once did.

He is immensely proud of his connections with the church, and with his old church at Woodcote, where he was churchwarden.

He is equally proud of his connection with the medical profession; two of his daughters are senior sisters and a third only gave it up to come home and look after her father on the death of Mrs. Chapman. One job she doesn't have to do, however, is to provide her father with things to keep him occupied. The paintings on his sitting-room wall testify to that, as do the banjo in the armchair, and, of course, the banjo.

He has travelled frequently but, unlike the inventor of Billy Bunter who lived in France for many years, he himself prefers this country and says he can never have too much of it.

His alertness to what is going on around him would put many a younger person to shame, and there are few subjects on which he does not converse, in many cases with very decided views.

THE CALL TO A MINISTER

THE announcement that another Baptist minister will shortly be arriving in Caversham may prompt some of our readers to wonder how a Baptist Church finds a new minister.

Whilst Baptists believe that the minister is appointed by divine authority the actual call comes from the membership of the church.

The mechanics of "calling" a minister vary but in the case of the local church the method adopted was somewhat novel in that it is being tried experimentally in only two areas of the country.

The deacons of the church consulted the Area Superintendent, the "bishop" in Anglican parlance, and he supplied the names of ministers who were desirous of a change and whom he considered would best meet the needs of the church.

Short List

From this "Short List" the deacons selected a minister who appeared to meet their requirements most closely and he was invited to a meeting for an informal exchange of information and views.

He was also given the opportunity of inspecting the church and manse and of touring the district.

After these preliminary discussions both diaconate and minister were in favour of proceeding further the latter would be invited to preach on a Sunday "with a view."

Secret Ballot

The church members were suitably informed and, following the potential minister's "public appearance," a special church meeting was called to pray about and discuss the pastorate.

After deliberation a secret ballot was taken and this indicated a majority in favour of inviting the minister, who had been presented to the membership by the diaconate, being invited to the pastorate.

The church's decision was communicated to the minister who, after prayerful thought, indicated that he accepted the invitation.

Had he decided not to accept, negotiations would have been terminated and the process repeated with another candidate from the "short list."

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NEWS ROUND-UP

Stocktaking at St. Barnabas

THE New Year provides as good a time as any for looking backwards—and forwards. At St. Barnabas, as we look back over 1964, we are conscious of a steady and not totally imperceptible development in certain directions.

Statistics relating to annual totals of communions made are referred to elsewhere in this edition. How many people make their communion at the Great Festivals of the Church's Year is interesting and not by any means irrelevant—but what is far more important in assessing development in the local church is the growth or otherwise of the number of communions made on an average Sunday.

A LONG LOOK

We have been taking a long cool look at the quite ordinary Sundays of 1964, and we find that, in comparison with similar Sundays in 1963 a 15 per cent. increase is evident. This is good, but by no means a cause for complacency, when we consider that the total number of people from Emmer Green who worship Sunday by Sunday, either at St. Barnabas or elsewhere, cannot be more than five per cent. of the whole population of the district. This is above what is termed "the National Average"—but so what?

In some of our somewhat misleading "missionary" hymns we sing of lands with thick darkness brooding over them—but Emmer Green is not exactly bathed in the Light of the Gospel yet—if statistics are to be heeded. We may have a fairly full church on an average Sunday morning—but again—so what? The two places of worship in Emmer Green could not comfortably contain more than ten per cent. of the (growing) population.

Who's in a missionary situation? Obviously not only darkest wherever-it-is!

STREET WARDENS

So much for that particular bit of stocktaking. There are other spheres of activity in the life of St. Barnabas in which quite definite and continuing advance can be seen over the past year, and for all these we are justly thankful. These include greater lay participation in the life and mission of the Church—the encouraging beginnings that have been made as far as "street wardens" are concerned—youth stewardship—Sunday School—choir—and planned-giving in general.

So let's be encouraged by all means—but not satisfied!

More for the Branch. At a recent meeting of the Mothers' Union, Mrs. Beale was admitted to membership and we also welcomed into our branch two members who have recently moved here—Mrs. Anderson from St. Alban's, Herts., and Mrs. Garlick from Earley. It is perhaps a sign of the growing mobility of all of us that we may expect to enlarge our membership not only by new members being admitted but by existing members moving here from other parishes.

My wife and I would like to thank the congregation very much for their generous Christmas presents.—R.H.

Congratulations to Harold Woodage, one of our most devoted choir members, upon his recent promotion to Inspector in the Reading Borough Police Force.

Mothers' Union will meet at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, when the Rev. John Stevinson will speak on "Preparing for Lent."



By courtesy of the "Reading Standard"

BOYS' BRIGADE HELPED

THE Reading Battalion of the Boys' Brigade staffed a stall at the Mayor's Market on November 13.

Captain and Mrs. West of the 6th Reading Company are seen showing goods to the Mayor and Mayoress.

This Company, attached to Caversham Methodist Church, held its annual enrolment service on November 22, the service being conducted by the minister, the Rev. Ewart B. Wright, B.D.

Methodist Rally

THE Circuit Home Missions Rally will be held at Oxford Road Methodist Church on Wednesday, February 17, at 7.45 p.m. Speaker: The Rev. C. Leonard Tudor, General Secretary, Home Mission Dept., chairman, Mr. H. F. Belton, of London, and soloist; Miss Jill Ramsden, A.R.C.M.

This is the important "EXTRA" in the Home Mission programme for 1964/65 so please make a note of the date and come so that this may be a memorable Circuit event.

They are meeting on occasional Sunday nights at 8 p.m. at 38, Priest Hill, and Miss Gillian Besley, at that address, will give further details. The next gathering is on February 7 and the subject will be "Why I go to church."

More for missions. St. Peter's Missionary giving reached a total of £286 last year, an increase of £163 on 1963. The S.P.G. received £410 of this. An unusual contribution is one to the Methodist Missionary Society, which received the collection of £11 when Caversham Heights Methodist Church attended Evensong on Palm Sunday. The sum of £25 was given to the Feed the Minds campaign for Christian literature and the same amount to the overseas work of the Mothers' Union.

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'LONELY MUMS' CALL FROM ST. JOHN'S

DID you know that mothers' of young children are one of the groups of people described as "lonely" by a recent national survey?

Because they suffered from this themselves, some half-dozen people got together just over a year ago to see if they could do something about it. They had two things in common; they belonged to St. John's, and they had children under school age.

The result was the Wednesday Group, so called because it usually meets on Wednesdays, sometimes in the afternoons and sometimes in the evenings.

Our meetings have included a large range of activities. With the help of an Elizabeth Arden demonstrator, we learn to make the best of ourselves; we can now cook a variety of inexpensive supper dishes, administer

the "Kiss of Life" and make Christmas decorations.

We have had two Christmas parties for our toddlers and a summer picnic by the river and a trip to London Zoo (when greatly daring we took our husbands!); we spent an afternoon discussing several topics including the rising cost of living, we have shared our holiday photographs and joined in worship together with our children.

Our numbers have risen steadily, though of course, not every mum can come to all our meetings. But we have linked together people who have common interests and who are all restricted by having young children. In emergencies, such as when a child is ill and mum cannot get out to shop then there is always another member to whom one can appeal for help.

Are you a lonely mum, with young children? If so, do join us at one of our meetings this month (you will find the list in the diary below) or get in touch with Mrs Joan Moss, of 48, Star Road.

One member said recently after watching a TV programme about the loneliness of mothers of young children, "If only there were Wednesday Groups in every community, there wouldn't be any more lonely mums!"

A member.

DIARY

- Tuesday, February 2: Purification, 7.15 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 3: The Wednesday Group: Record Evening, 9. South View Avenue, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 10: The Wednesday Group: Film Show, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 17: The Wednesday Group: Clothing Exchange, anyone welcome, 3 p.m. Caversham Hall.
- Wednesday, February 24: St. Matthias: Holy Communion, 7 a.m. Wednesday Group, Discussion evening, 8 p.m.

Key group at St. Peter's

NOT so young—but not so old—either. A new group in connection with St. Peter's has just come into being, known as the Keys. This title has been chosen not because of any connection with our patron saint but because it is made up of those who are old enough to have front door keys—perhaps an alternative title might be the Twenties.

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NEW BAPTIST MINISTER

FOLLOWING a visit to the church in December, the Rev. L. S. Lewis was invited to accept the pastorate of the Caversham Baptist Free Church, and has now accepted the call.

Mr. Lewis entered the Baptist Ministry in 1930, and for the past 19 years has been Minister of King's Heath Church, Birmingham.

It is anticipated that he and his wife will be moving to Caversham early in April.

Former Rector has died

WE record with regret the death of the Rev. Dr. W. W. Longford, who was rector of Caversham from 1923 until 1932. Although few people in Caversham will remember him those who do so have recollections of a forceful character who in his years as rector made a strong impact on the life of the parish.

We print this tribute to him by Col. Oswald Francis:

Those who remember Dr. W. W. Longford as rector of the parish of Caversham will learn with great regret of his death on Saturday, December 19. They will remember him not only as a man of very considerable ability, as instanced by his learned and helpful sermons (he was regularly invited to preach at least once a year in

St. Paul's Cathedral) but also for his day-to-day interest in parish affairs and in visiting his parishioners whether they were newcomers to the parish or sick people.

He was a man of strong personality, and, as such, was bound to come into conflict with others of different views, but those who knew him well could not fail to be impressed by his deep sincerity and profound wisdom.

The older parishioners will reflect that when at Caversham his wife was suffering from ill health, and will regret to learn that she died some years ago. It is, however, a comfort to know that Dr. Longford very happily married an old family friend a few years ago and the sympathy of us all will



go out to his widow, son, and daughters, in their bereavement.

I feel especially pleased and honoured, though sad, to have been asked to write this obituary notice as my wife and I have kept in regular touch with Dr. Longford from the time that he left Caversham to be rector of Sephton, Lancashire, in 1932, and in fact, we received a Christmas card from him signed by his own hand on the day before he died.

POSTBAG

WHY CAN'T THE SINGLE WOMAN JOIN?

DEAR Sir, — I read with interest of the formation of St. Peter's Wives Group. If a woman has the misfortune to lose her husband she is classified and "may" join. I see no mention is made of single women.

Why are widows and single women made to feel second-class citizens? I suppose the "wives" think single women have nothing to offer. In charity one can only assume the wives of St. Peter's did not give their constitution sufficient thought.

I thought St. Peter's was forward looking. If the men and women have to be segregated why not form a Churchwomen's Guild which is supported by the Church of England.

It admits single and divorced women? — Yours, etc., K. P. BESLEY.

at 7.15 p.m. Mr. Francis Mees, O.B.E., will be in the chair and will be supported by the Mayor and Mayoress of Reading. There will be a special guest artiste of TV. fame and dancing by the Reading Branch of the Association of Ukrainians in the Great Britain. We invite you to join us on this occasion. Admission is free.

The support of every mother and father in Reading is needed! And also remember the "donkey's work"! — Please help us to ease the burden! — Yours, etc., NORMAN WITTER, Area Representative, 1, Miles Drive, Grove, Wantage, Berks.

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CAVERSHAM UNFRIENDLY?

DEAR Sir, — I was most interested in the January "Talking Point" by the Rev. John Stevinson.

I have lived in Caversham for nearly 18 years and unfortunately feel no more at home here now than when first I came.

I have made some delightful friends and acquaintances, but they are in the minority considering the length of time I have been here.

What is so very puzzling is the fact that people still acknowledge you one day and ignore you the next. People who know me perfectly well by sight and those to whom I have passed the time of day, make no attempt whatsoever to speak when next we meet. Friends of mine have had the same experience.

It seems as if people get into their own cliques and newcomers are just not welcome, although gregarious types can push their way in or start their own.

I am a rather reserved person but, being a professing Christian, realise that there must be some effort on my part to be friendly. However, only the strongest character can continue endeavouring to be sociable without receiving any amicable response.

Christian behaviour is the obvious solution to this problem, but even professing Christians are guilty of this conduct and this is just setting a bad example.

Perhaps it would be a good idea to have a copy of Mr. Stevinson's article delivered to every house in Caversham where the "Caversham Bridge" is not taken.

If it were forcefully brought home to everyone that a really unhappy situation does exist in this area, some effort might be made to improve it, professing Christians being among the first to do this. — Yours, etc., (Mrs.) S. GRINSTEAD.

Talking point

"ORGANISED attempt to oppose the influence of the Church"—so reads the headline of a local paper recently; "They oppose the Church influence"—read the headline the following week; and the week after, "No religion in schools?"

Now headlines can be misleading—but not so in this case, for such a society has been formed for this purpose. They prefer to be called "humanists."

But why oppose Christian influence? Let one of the leading personalities speak — "We consider there are many matters of social importance in which the influence of the Church is predominantly bad and in certain cases has impeded legal reform . . ." Amongst the listed items appear divorce; abortion; euthanasia and they are described as "Christian absurdities."

Now the influence of the Christian Church has, in fact, been predominantly good, particularly in view of the incontrovertible fact that the social and civil benefits enjoyed so much today are directly and indirectly accountable to the influence of the Christian Faith.

It would be interesting to know what advantages the promoters of a Godless society have to offer, particularly when it is realised that, without exception, Christian men

campaigning for and Church was inaugurated legislated the "State as told in the Book of School" and not the Free Acts.

Thinkers' Society (an atheistic organisation opposing the Church's influence in that day).

The anti-Christian did nothing to educate the poor, or abolish child labour, or reduce working hours—these reforms (and many more) were championed by Christian

As soon as men became Christians they had a social conscience and distributed to the poor and cared for the widow and orphan. This was revolutionary indeed!

Space permits only a sketchy account of the influence for good which the Christian Faith has brought into society. It is both undeniable and indisputable! Why then oppose such a good influence? And what has a God-less society to offer which can even compare with this, to say nothing of improving it? Is it possible to improve upon the precepts of "The Sermon on the Mount?"

But the Christian Faith can do even more for it can meet the inherent spiritual need of a man and transform a once useless life into a useful citizen—it can replace hatred with love and selfishness with sacrificial service.

Again the church

politicians and Christian people.

No atheistic society opened an orphanage—but Christians did!

The pending industrial revolution was not averted by political or militant action, but by the influence of the preaching of John Wesley.

Abolition of the slave trade was initiated by Christians, Wilberforce and Lincoln for example.

A Christian gentleman brought the mighty Red Cross organisation into being, and monastic and "religious" orders existed, from which the hospital system has evolved.

So the story goes on. We can go back to a Christian king, Alfred, who pioneered education in his day. This is not surprising, for the influence of the Christian Faith has been predominantly good

And to those who do not accept the Christian Faith, yet delight in performing acts of humanitarianism, it must be stated quite conclusively that they have inherited the influence of the Christian Faith resulting from centuries of Christianisation.

When the founder of the Christian Faith was born, it was pronounced, "... of His kingdom there shall be no end-who pioneered education in his day. This is not surprising, for the influence of the Christian Faith has been predominantly good that it will never be eradicated.

Pastor Robert Eeles.

DONKEY'S WORK

DEAR Sir, — I wonder how many readers know of the many children who lived in the last century, spent cold nights in barrels for their only shelter, and were neglected and deprived — until, for just a few of the many, love and care came in the name of Dr. Stephenson who founded the National Children's Home in 1869.

One of the first gifts to the National Children's Home was a donkey! The children gathered wood and, with the help of that donkey and a cart, sold it to help support themselves.

How many children are needy and neglected today? Yes, even in 1965! Far more than we care to think need the love and care of the National Children's Home. Put your own children in their place! It is a shattering thought for you mother, or you father, to imagine your child without a happy home, care and affection.

Donkey's work is hard work! And today it is certainly donkey's work to raise money to support these children.

The annual Festival of Queens in aid of this work is to be held in the Reading Town Hall on Wednesday, February 3,

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DO you know who it is who brings you your copy of the "Bridge"? If not please make a point of asking next month. Our 220 distributors want to be able to help you and we want you to look on them as a friend who comes each month in the name of the Christian Church. So if you yourself want help in any way talk to them about it. Perhaps you would like a call from a priest or minister; perhaps you would like a car lift to church, or help with shopping or baby sitting; perhaps there is some old person near you whom you know would appreciate help of this kind.

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Mrs. Mary Branch was born in Essex and came to live in Caversham nine years ago. Before her marriage she trained as a nurse and midwife at the London Hospital in Whitechapel Road. She lives on The Mount, and has a son and three daughters, the eldest of whom was recently married in St. Peter's.

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ONCE again communicants have shown a rise and in 1964 each of the four district churches was able to report an increase.

While it has to be remembered that the population of each district is also increasing it is some encouragement to report that the total number of communicants rose from 33,066 in 1963 to 35,021 in 1964.

There were also more weddings and baptisms in each district during the year—110 baptisms and 68 church weddings. Ninety-five candidates were presented for confirmation.

Christmas round the churches. Anyone looking into the four churches of the parish on Christmas Day could not fail to note the care that had been taken with the decorations. Both at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's new cribs had been made.

The striking composition at St. Peter's was the work of a group of girls at Queen Anne's School under the enthusiastic direction of the art mistress, Miss Smith.

At St. Andrew's the Large family attempted an ingenious presentation in-

side the church while con-juror Norman Kent and his family made an outside crib. Communicants on Christmas day in the parish totalled 1,446—ten more than last year.

Confirmation in February. The next confirmation will be in the parish church on Saturday, February 6, at 7.30 p.m.

We congratulate Mrs. Page on presenting her husband on Christmas Eve with a baby daughter. Capt. Page of the Church Army has been able to help us in the past year on a number of occasions, and has done

some valuable visiting on Micklands Estate.

Three more for Oxford. Last year we had pleasure in recording that three from this parish were going up to Oxford as undergraduates.

This October another three will be joining them. Philip Gibson, one of St. Peter's servers has been accepted by the Queen's College to read modern languages, and Peter Clamp, also of St. Peter's goes to Wadham, while David Ormrod, a server at St. Andrew's heads for New College. We offer our congratulations to them all.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS ARE COMBINED AT ST. ANDREW'S

THE merger between the Mappedurham Parish Sunday School and that at St. Andrew's, which took place after the summer holidays, has proved a great success. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. Norman Kent, the Sunday School now serves the whole area of Caversham Heights, reaching out as far as Shepherds Lane, and the number of children is steadily growing.

The general aim is to provide instruction for children between the ages of about four to 12 years, when they should be ready to enter a Confirmation Training Group.

Amongst the older children the work is done on a "project" basis, allowing them freedom and initiative to organise their work individually.

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During the Christmas season, parties from the Sunday School went carol singing in various parts of the district, bringing greetings from the Church to those they visited—in some cases, they had difficulty persuading people that they didn't want money!

DIARY

Tuesday, February 2: Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 7 a.m. Holy Communion; 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union meet in Hall for Discussion Groups led by Mrs. Armstrong.

Thursday, February 4: 7.30 p.m. Men of St. Andrew meet in Church for Evensong, followed by musical evening in Hall.

Friday, February 5: 7.15 p.m. Guild of St. Raphael Office; 8 p.m. District Committee meets at St. Andrew's House; 8 p.m.

Young Wives' supper dance at Grosvenor House.

Wednesday, February 10: 7.45 p.m. Young Wives' meet in Hall for a talk by a Sister from Springfield St. Luke.

Thursday, February 11: 7.45 p.m. Fellowship meets in Hall for Brains Trust.

Tuesday, February 16: 8 p.m. Mothers' Union meet in Hall to grapple with a "Study Box."

Saturday, February 20: 8

p.m. Men of St. Andrew's party.

Wednesday, February 24: St. Matthias Apostle and Martyr; 9.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Holy Communion.

Thursday, February 25: 7.45 p.m. Fellowship meet in Hall for Cheese and Wine Party; 8 p.m. Servers meet for Compline in Church.

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ANSWER TO CRIME WAVE

ALTHOUGH the congregation of St. Anne's for Christmas was bigger than ever and there were just over 1,000 communicants during the Christmas weekend, a note of sadness was felt due to the wave of crime reported by the radio, Press and television.

One is forced to comment, "What else can one expect?"

For some years now radio, Press and television have made an assault on the minds of the young especially advocating practises in flat contradiction of Christian morality and, indeed, to the code accepted by civilised peoples in pre-Christian times.

The man who does not believe in God and so fails to accept the law of God has no foundation on which to build a decent code of conduct. Ordinary human decency is not an attribute of human nature. It has to be acquired by self discipline and respect for authority. There is no substitute for the ten commandments accepted because of reverence for The Giver of these commandments.

The so-called experts who have been endeavouring to diagnose the reasons for the deterioration in public morals and the increase in crime suggest all kinds of solutions. We have yet to hear them suggest a return to the sincere effort to "Keep the Commandments."

Poor blind muddlers! They throw God over or relegate Him to a place of convenience where He will have no control over us and then they try to manufacture a substitute for Him. "When the blind lead the blind they both fall into the pit."

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December
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December
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November
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December
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December
28 Geoffrey Charles Derry and
Ann Griffiths
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December
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December
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December
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11.00 a.m. Sunday School,
Infants — Hemdean
House School
Juniors — Balmore
Hall
St. John's
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST
6.50 p.m. Evensong
11.00 a.m. Sunday School
Infants — Church Hall
Juniors — The Church

St. Andrew's
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
6.50 p.m. Evensong
11.15 a.m. Sunday School
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Rev. E. B. Wright	6.30 Rev. A. E. Emerson (2)
Feb. 21 Rev. E. B. Wright	11.00 Mr. C. A. Briggs
(3)	
Rev. D. G. Hindle	6.30 Rev. E. B. Wright
(2)	
Feb. 28 Mr. A. G. Brooks	11.00 Rev. E. B. Wright (3)
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The house itself, as many Caversham people will know, is a pleasant, roomy building standing in three acres of ground. Since Mr. and Mrs. Eley took over about 19 months ago, it has been almost entirely redecorated throughout.

There is a large playroom for the younger children and a "club house" which will eventually be fitted up for the older ones.

Bathnight

At present the boys range in age from two to 14. Recently the old coal house was turned into a laundry and, though there are ample washing facilities and baths upstairs, the "babies" are at present being bathed in the enormous sink downstairs — it is much warmer and great fun, both for the toddlers themselves and for the older boys who lend a hand

at bathtime.

Mr. and Mrs. Eley try to make it as much like a normal household as possible; the older children help with the household chores, take it in turns to say grace, and are allowed to know as much about the running of the home as possible.

At the same time, they are given every encouragement to fit into the local community life. The family attends St. Barnabas' Church, and some of the boys are members of the choir. Quite recently, along with other young people from Caversham, some of the boys were confirmed at the church. They attend local school and nurseries, where they have their mid-day meals.

Most of them have enormously healthy appetites, and gifts of fruit are quickly turned into jam and preserves.

Christmas

The older ones have other outside interests, including Boy Scouts, Cubs and swimming classes. Some of them have interested friends or relatives who take them out occasionally, or sometimes on holidays; others have adopted uncles and aunts — and there can never be too many of them.

Christmas, as in most households, is spent with the family. When I called tea table talk was all about what they are doing at school. Young Mike was rehearsing for a pantomime, Johnny and Ben were



Photo: Fred Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Eley, the houseparents take a turn with wheelbarrow races.

learning new carols, and the young ones at nursery school were doing exciting things with bits of coloured paper.

Planning for a family of 15 has to start early and a lot has to be conjured up out of a comparatively small fund, but with the help of gifts from local people, they are given a better Christmas than many of them have ever known.

It is not always realised that to many of these children this is the only home they will ever know until they marry and have homes of their own, and the sense of family is doubly important for this reason.

Satisfying

Mr. and Mrs. Eley, who have had many years of such work, find it utterly satisfying. So too, does their young assistant, Helen Ballinger who deserted

secretarial work for this job some time ago, and has no regrets. Staff, or lack of it, is one of the main difficulties, and there is a very pleasant room awaiting another assistant when she can be found. Mrs. Eley says that no special qualifications are necessary, except common sense, and a lot of affection.

Most of the children remain at the home until they leave school, and sometimes afterwards. But usually they are found jobs and accommodation in suitable homes and, of course, they are encouraged to come back or write. Just as they would in a normal home. The older ones, naturally, realise that theirs is not quite a normal home, but they are certainly not allowed to feel deprived.

Indeed, it is laughable to think that not so many years ago these children were known as "waifs and strays" — anything less like "waifs and strays" it would be hard to imagine.



Photo: Fred Walker.

Baptist youth activities

DURING the Christmas period the young people of Caversham Baptist Free Church and the branch Church at Caversham North, participated in a number of seasonal activities.

These began with an informal carol service at Caversham North when the young people of that church took an active part. Several read portions of Scripture, one read a poem and a group of older girls played a selection of carols on recorders.

There were singing items by a quartet from the main church and solos by Miss Angela Godfrey in addition to carol singing by the congregation.

On two evenings, a party of young people toured the district singing carols and collecting for the "Save the Children Fund."

With them went a portable organ which was nobly played by John Angliss and Janet Caldwell. After each evening's

effort, the carollers were entertained to supper at the homes of their leaders. In all over £15 was raised.

What is considered by some to be the highlight is the Toy Service, at which the Rev. Guy Armstrong spoke, held on Sunday, December 20, when a large Christmas Tree laden with gifts from the children and older friends of the Church took pride of place.

These gifts were later distributed to various charitable organisations, whilst the Tree was sent to Prospect Park Hospital.

It was not only children who were remembered but elderly folk as well.

The children of Caversham North Sunday School took their gifts to Dysons Wood Old Folks Home and there distributed them to the ladies, spending the evening with them during which a short carol service was held.



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Children's Toy Service at the Baptist Free Church on Sunday, December 20. The gifts were distributed to local charitable organisations.

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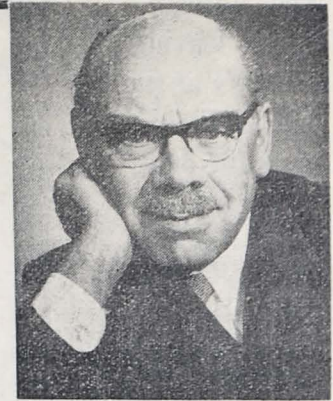
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But Mr. John English, director of the Midlands Arts Centre for Young People, is constantly warning that there is far too little talk of leisure in the way of constructive planning for the future. We asked him to comment on Sir Halford's remarks.

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THE DEVELOPMENTS IN TECHNIQUES, NEW SOURCES OF POWER AND CONTROL ARE INEVITABLY MAKING GREAT CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF MANUAL WORK, OR EVEN MACHINE WORK IN THE SENSE THAT WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD IT UP TO NOW.

It is, I think, quite inevitable that the number of hours an individual will spend in a place of work will be greatly reduced. Both America and Russia appear to be working towards a five or six hour day and a five-day week, and I suspect that we also may reach this kind of position within twenty years.

This means that during the major working part of ordinary people's lives, the majority of their waking hours will not be spent in work, and since leisure has a loaded meaning, we really need another word to describe this non-work time. The reduction in the working week is of course not the end of the story.

People now start work later in life and finish much earlier. It is fairly certain that within twenty years, most people will spend less than half of their lives making their major work contribution through industry.

Whether we like it or not, this is likely to be the keynote we are busy creating for our children and our grandchildren — a society in which for the first time in history ordinary people have the opportunity and the challenge to spend the greater part of their lives in something other than work.

Obviously such a society presents us with many dangers as well as opportunities — it could deteriorate into decadence, and

may well do this if we don't make plans now and prepare the rising generations in such a way that they may take social and personal advantage of the new opportunities.

EXPLORE

The basic idea behind the Midlands Arts Centre is that we should fit the next generations to explore the whole range of human behaviour in their non-working time. That is that they should be able not only to engage themselves in physical recreation, but also in activities

of the mind, the spirit, the creative 'magination' — in other words the world of the arts — theatre, music, poetry, painting, sculpture, crafts.

I am well aware that none of this new opportunity for living will materialise unless we all apply ourselves during our working time with much greater zest and honesty than is at present common practice.

I AM PRETTY SURE THAT MOST PEOPLE IF THEY REALLY TRIED, COULD ALREADY DO AS MUCH WORK IN A 30-HOUR WEEK AS THEY DO IN A 40-HOUR WEEK, WITHOUT THE AID OF AUTOMATION, AND I BELIEVE THAT IF PEOPLE COULD ONCE GET A CLEAR PICTURE OF A BALANCED SOCIETY IN WHICH THERE ARE IMPORTANT THINGS TO BE DONE IN NON-WORK TIME AND NOT FRIVOLOUS THINGS, THE ATTITUDE TO WORK WILL CHANGE FOR THE BETTER AND WE SHALL BEGIN TO RESOLVE MANY OF THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES OVER RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES AND THE FAIRLY GENERAL PHILOSOPHY OF DOING AS LITTLE AS ONE CAN FOR AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

Meanwhile—Down on the shop floor...

TOM CHAPMAN describes an incident which proves that far from knowing how best to use our leisure, we have a lot still to learn about talking sense to each other at work.



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A FOREMAN was heatedly debating a modification to a drawing with a colleague; there had been no indication that it had been superseded by a more up-to-date one.

The faultlay somewhere between the drawing office, the drawing stores, the inspector and the foreman himself. The job had been completed to the old specification and was therefore scrap.

The foreman, in a very loud voice, said to the inspector in the heat of the moment: "If you are to blame you can have your cards." This was heard by a busybody who immediately rushed to the shop steward and told him they were sacking the inspector.

HAVOC

The shop steward went to intervene but in the meantime the busybody had created such havoc throughout the factory that work had stopped. Crowds of workmen were gathered on the factory floor.

The shop steward, who had left the foreman to discover from the stores the latest copy of the drawing, seeing the crowd, stood on a table, addressing them to ask them to return to work.

He was promptly sacked by the foreman who saw him from his office window, for addressing a mass meeting. It is true that the shop steward was breaking an agreement addressing a mass meeting in the works but his motive was beyond reproach. As a responsible person he was calling for law and order.

But such was the management's distrust of the situation that they could not conceive that not only was it morally right for the shop steward to address this assembly to appeal for law and order, but also that he was the ideal person to make the appeal.

Hence tremendous disruption, because of mistrust and bad communication. Neither the

inspector, the foreman nor the shop steward was in the wrong.

TYPICAL

This is a typical example of what can happen on the shop floor. It gives some idea of the difficulties facing anyone who attempts the task of changing the old order of haphazard and perfunctory communication.

And yet there is no doubt that there will be increasing pressure at this level of industry arising from both the Government's economic measures and the promised industrial reorganisation. A statement of good faith of itself cannot improve communication in industry.

WHAT IS NOT UNDERSTOOD IS THAT COMMUNICATION COMES FIRST KNOWLEDGE FOLLOWS, AND WHERE THERE IS KNOWLEDGE THERE IS TRUST. THEY COME IN THAT ORDER, AND NO OTHER.

Just published

"After Death — a sure and certain hope?" is published by Hodder and Stoughton in their Christian Foundations series, at 3s. 6d. Author is the Rev. J. A. Motyer, vice principal of Clifton Theological College, Bristol. Immortality's basis in scripture is the theme in this work.

The same publishers issue "Friends of Father Joe" (4s. 6d.) Pages from the Diary of Father Joseph Williamson, who has worked for many years among the prostitutes of the East End of London.

Fewer confirmed

THE number of confirmations fell in 1963 for the second year running. The year's total was 162,738, as compared with 181,623 in 1962 and 191,042 in 1961.

The Vatican Council leaving St. Peter's at the end of their assembly last year

Photograph by Stuart Heydinger courtesy The Observer.



"Christian News" has engaged a Roman Catholic layman to keep readers in touch with trends and development in that great Christian body. He is Mr. Denis Rice, aged 31, and warden of Vaughan College, Leicester University. He is M.A. of Aberdeen University, with honours in philosophy, and was engaged in education, and social work, before taking his appointment at Leicester.

ROMAN CATHOLICS BEGIN THE GREAT HEART SEARCH

THE Roman Catholic Church is officially examining its conscience. The Vatican Council, which began in 1962, was called by Pope John explicitly to carry out a thorough Roman self-scrutiny. By bringing all the bishops of the R.C. world together, John hoped the scrutiny would have direction and weight.

Roman Catholics in England have been heartened by the interest taken in the Council by other Christians. The Church and secular Press have given the debates a coverage which could not have been predicted three years ago.

Sometimes a little too petulantly, defensive R.C.s have attacked the journalists for reading too much between the lines of the Council's discussions.

This criticism may be valid or not. But the rare sight of the Roman church examining itself in public rightly encouraged questions and predictions about what the Council may mean for R.C.s and the world. As a Catholic, I am repeatedly asked: "The Council is all very well; but what

difference will it make here, in England?"

One answer to this question is that the difference has already been made. The Church's examination of conscience could not stay locked on the episcopal benches in the Vatican. It has throbbed out across the world to the pews in places like Plymouth and Newcastle. Practices and positions never before questioned by R.C.s are now open to discussion. The questioning has started.

CRUCIAL

The future of English Catholicism rests as much on the discussion here, as on the Vatican Council in Rome.

These general terms do not convey the crucial R.C. situation in England so well as examples of present heart-searching.

1964 may be remembered as the year of THE PILL. This emphasises the danger of a total issue being confused with a partial issue.

Much of the nervous and intellectual energy concentrated on the pill would have been used more profitably in more complete exploration of the responsible use of marriage; even in exploration of birth control of all kinds. Many of us were questioning the traditional Roman arguments about contraception before we had heard of the pill. A Vatican statement specifically about the pill will not best deal with our more fundamental questionings.

An issue of equal importance is that of SEPARATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. For years now, enough sensible R.C.s have been doubting the need for educational apartheid. Their

doubts have been directed both at the official R.C. arguments in theory, and at whether the schools in practice achieve what their supporters claim.

THE SHAPE AND ORGANISATION OF PARISHES is another topic moving speedily to the fore as a major R.C. talking-point. In its trivial form, argument here gets little further than angry criticism of the priests one still finds abusing spiritual power in a scandalous way. More importantly, arguments can develop about the social witness of a parish in the contemporary world; or about the need for parishes directed at specialised groups—city workers, universities, industrial workers.

Not long ago I was described in an R.C. newspaper as "an ecumenical maniac." It is not surprising that finally I select ATTITUDES TOWARDS OTHER CHRISTIANS as a key area of self-criticism for English Catholics.

STERILE?

Some guidance has been given on Christian unity by the Vatican Council. But the guidance will remain sterile if it is not thought through by the individual layman. Rules are destructive which become a substitute for this personal realisation of God's will about relationships with fellow-men of other faiths.

In later months I hope to discuss in more detail these winds which today are blowing through lay awareness in the R.C. church in England. As a priest friend in Scotland recently said, winds may cause pneumonia, but pneumonia seems preferable to asphyxia.

WORK FOR DEVELOPERS

FOUR-FIFTHS of the British Council's work is now directed towards the developing countries, says its Annual Report for 1963-64 just published.

Most of the work is educational, and much is done to expand English language teaching. The Council's library services, which issue four million books a year, are now helping in the development of the public libraries of some Commonwealth countries.

There is a close working relationship between the British Council and the Ministry of Overseas Development, particularly in the arrangements for training overseas people in Britain and the recruitment of British teachers for overseas service.

Music tie in Tunisia

BIG new attraction at Tunisia's International Cultural Centre is a classical orchestra in which musicians from countries on both sides of the Iron Curtain play together in perfect harmony.

The conductor, Lebanese-born Amis Fuleihan, recruited his performers from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, the United Kingdom, France and Belgium, as well as from Tunisia.

There is one American—a Peace Corps volunteer who came to North Africa as an architect—until Mr. Fuleihan discovered his talent as a violinist.

Vicar's communion with Methodists

As a means towards encouraging unity between Anglicans and Methodists, the Vicar of Keyingham, Yorks, (the Rev. H. T. Horrox) received communion and preached at a Covenant service in Keyingham Methodist Church.

The event is believed to be the first of its kind in England, and was arranged with the support of the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Hull.

Young communicants take over cafe

A POPULAR cafe whose Sunday evening closing left a gap in the social life of the young people of Chesham, Buckinghamshire, has been hired in recent weeks by the Young Communicants' Guild of St. Mary's, the parish church, and opened by them after Sunday evening church services. The cafe is the White Owl, near the centre of Chesham. It holds between 35 and 40 people and is now always well filled on Sunday evenings.

The idea of St. Mary's Young Communicants' Guild was to provide a place away from church property where young people could gather, instead of standing about in the streets as had been the custom on Sunday evenings. The Guild leaders approached the proprietor of the White Owl Cafe in Church Street and he approved of their idea. A

rent was agreed on and the young people organised a series of projects to raise money (for example, a rummage sale provided £15).

The work of looking after the cafe is done by the Guild, and all young people are invited to some in. Coffee, tea and soft drinks with biscuits are sold at standard prices; nobody expects them free. The Guild members mix freely with the visitors, some of whom have subsequently shown interest in church services, particularly over Christmas.

BACKGROUND

Occasionally, but not every Sunday, individual Guild members have spoken briefly about their own Christian faith. The parish clergy attend, but keep very much to the background.

The evenings are not organised, and people come and go as they wish. The intimate atmosphere makes it easy for them simply to sit and talk. Robert Francis, a guitarist and Guild member, plays during the evening, and about ten other young people from the church are present to act as hosts.

MAKING FRESH WATER

A SMALL distillation plant which can produce about 100 gallons of fresh water from any type of brackish water has been produced by scientists at C.S.I.R.O.—the Australian Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation in Melbourne.

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**Just think of those epicurean gems
we have in the north at those
delicious high teas . . .**

ENGLISH FOOD NEEDS A TOURIST BOOST!

WHOEVER would have thought it? Someone has suggested making our food a tourist attraction. And no lesser person than Lord Geddes, chairman of the British Travel and Holidays Association. Now housewives should also have their say.

One of the sad things we Englishwomen have to face is the way that our food is always sneered at by the rest of the world—and by food pundits in this country, too! Secretly we adore our bacon and eggs, cups of tea, and fried fish and chips. And just think of all those epicurean gems we have in the north at those delicious high teas—old-fashioned toasted crumpets, kippers from Whitby with bread and butter and tea, thick rashers of fried ham and a marvellous sort of bread roll called oven-bottom cake. Not to mention potato cakes and cheese muffins.

With this sort of competition, how could sole meuniere or even moussaka compare?

Lord Geddes has a point. He thinks that British hotel chefs should revive traditional British dishes and announce them in English, not in restaurant French.

Pioneers

A few London restaurants have already started to do this. One I know offers things like pheasant pate, roast lamb cooked with rosemary and a mouth-watering, old-fashioned version of cherry pie (with clotted cream, of course). In fact, their dishes are as rich as any foreign ones, because many are English dishes revived from a more leisured past. I have known the manager go scouring the markets for real limes—when they were scarce—so he could make lime instead of French dressing for his avocado pears. Yes, I know avocados were cheating a bit!

But on a lesser scale, why

thought it? Someone has suggested making our food a tourist attraction. And no lesser person than Lord Geddes, chairman of the British Travel and Holidays Association. Now housewives should also have their say.

By **Joan Best**

not give visitors the simple English dishes which are so much better than the badly-cooked foreign ones? Those well-known Corner Houses caught on to the idea a long time ago and do a roaring trade in bacon and eggs. But the secret is that it must be cooked as it is at home—not soggy and dispirited, as served at so many dreary hotel breakfasts.

FAMILY HEALTH

FOURTEEN million families have received a copy of "Doctors' Orders," published by the British Medical Association as an extension of the campaign for health education launched by "The Family Doctor" in 1951. Though it is issued free of charge, this slim booklet contains more sound commonsense to the square inch than will be found in many a highly-priced volume with ten times its bulk.

What I like about it is the way in which it deals in simple, practical terms with hints about health, fresh air and exercise, sleep, foot care and matters of general hygiene.

Quite rightly, in my view, the major portion is devoted to driving home—again in simple terms—the importance of diet. It shows that everyday items of food provide everything we require for maintaining good health. It may shock the cranks and food faddists to be told: "Pills are not a part of normal healthy life, so

don't dose yourself"; or "If you are eating a good mixed diet you don't need vitamin supplements." But these facts are indisputable.

The housewife, the booklet stresses, holds the key to her family's health. She has to feed them, and the right foods in the right balance form the foundation of health. "Have fun with your food . . ." is one exhortation, and menus are given for a full week of balanced family meals.

It is recognised that every family has its own favourite dishes and its own pattern of eating. There is no need, it points out, to hold rigidly to the suggested menus which have been devised to give an idea of the sort of things that go to make a balanced diet.

Changes

Every resourceful housewife likes to ring the changes and give her family a "treat" or surprise, and information about relative food values in this booklet should help anyone to do just that.

The five essentials, proteins, fats, carbohydrates, minerals, and vitamins are discussed in detail so that the importance of ordinary, everyday things like eggs, peas, beans, milk, cheese, butter, kippers, herrings, sugar, carrots, cabbage, kidneys, liver, dried apricots and tomatoes is brought home without any wasted words.

Take bread, for instance. It is just as nutritious white or brown, say the doctors, so choose it to suit your taste. A single loaf gives abundant energy, protein, calcium (for teeth and bones), iron, B vitamins—besides being pleasant to eat.

I hope housewives will keep this booklet in a handy kitchen drawer so that it is always available for consultation.

Vicar's New Status for Baptism

A VICAR is to treat future baptisms in his church on a grand scale in the hope that more parents will appreciate the significance of the occasion instead of looking upon baptisms as something which is just "done."

The Rev. Donald Mills, vicar of St. Barnabas, Gillingham (Kent) says in his parish magazine that baptisms will take place on the first Sunday in the month only.

"Instead of it taking place in a corner of the church" he says "it will be treated as a major public service to which our regular congregation will be invited. In this way I hope that we can make it an impressive occasion for all who come."

In addition parents and godparents will be invited to meet the clergy in advance so that the service and significance of baptism can be explained and discussed.

Lost

"In this way, whilst no babies will be refused, I hope that we shall show that baptism really matters," says the vicar. He adds "We must face the facts. England is virtually a pagan country. The majority who bring their babies to be baptised see it merely as a mark of respectability with no deep religious significance and most parents or godparents have no real understanding of the obligations into which they enter."

"Only a few of the babies baptised go on to be confirmed, and of these still fewer become faithful communicants in the church."

Mr. Mills says the fact that baptism is sometimes refused indicates the frustration felt by so many clergy at the slow and ineffective way in which the Church of England faces up to real issues.

T.V. — by Goggles

WITTILY HOISTING THE POMPOUS

NOW that the Not So Much programme has settled down, and is not so self-conscious as it was when it started out, it has become a firm favourite for me.

The shortage of good conversation in life is one of the reasons. We know so much about history, and the mistaken views of so many once propounded with so much vigour, that we tend to be reluctant to speak out on serious issues, lest we should merely be stabbing at truth in the dark.

This programme offers us bright and witty people who don't seem to care a hang if they should eventually be proved wrong. The programme breathes as much light and fresh air as any citizen can reasonably expect from rational human beings.

Among the many pompous, self-righteous institutions which have been prettily

hoisted to the light so far is the "Daily Express." That newspaper's volte-face in the matter of commercial television interests simply had to be exposed. And after hearing Robert Pitman, "Express" by-lined so frequently, twittering in the expert grasp of Peter Hall, that's me and the "Express" divorced.

Again on B.B.C. — welcome back to Marriage Lines. True, it's probably only an insight into how ridiculous all OUR pretensions and posed dignities appear to other people. But entertainment is never better than when it's showing us ourself-righteous institutions selves in the cruel mirror of reality.

For young readers

NOT A VERY TIDY PERSON

Dear Children,

Are you a tidy person? Or does mummy have to keep asking you every day to clear away your toys when you have finished playing with them?

When I was small I was not a bit tidy, and my mummy had to tell me ever so often that if I left my dolly lying about the floor then Bruce, the dog, might bite her, or daddy might walk in and tread on her.

Mind you, I had a nice big cupboard where I could keep all my toys.

My brother had a big red bus with rubber wheels and everything given to him for a birthday present, and he was very pleased with it. The engine worked by clockwork, and when you wound it up with a key it would go for ages all round the room. But one day he wound it up too far and there was a loud crack! We sat and looked at each other, and then my brother, who was a brave boy really, started to cry.

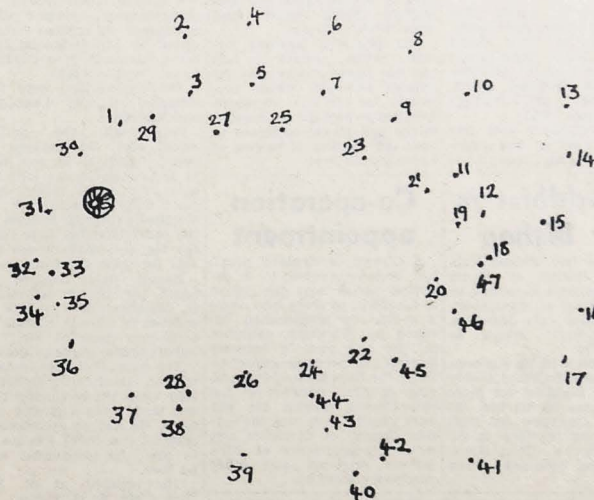
He ran to see daddy who was in the garden shed, and daddy told him that it was all right, but the spring had broken. Well, my brother was only seven and he didn't understand what that meant. But he stayed to watch daddy work on the bus, and being a clever and patient daddy he soon had the spring mended with stuff called solder.

My brother was ever so pleased. Just about as pleased as I was after the postman had stepped on a tiny doll's cot I had accidentally left on the doorstep one day (not being tidy), and then mummy mended it with glue.

Mummy and daddy were always mending things that got broken, and in our house I can tell you that was a lot of things.

AUNTIE JULIP

Now see who we have here — join up the dots from 1-47 with a pencil.



COOKERY CORNER

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2oz. grated cheddar cheese
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The centre-forward is not what he used to be

THE Englishman sheds his natural reserve only during a national emergency or at a football match, which, depending on the state of the game, can amount to the same thing.

It was half-time; the man at my elbow had seen a lot of football. "This bloke Byrne," he said, referring to West Ham's centre-forward "is everywhere except where he should be, in the middle." He found an immediate response in an even older gentleman who had pre-

Sportangle

by Ernest Adkins

viously asserted he hadn't missed a match in 40 years.

"Centre forwards!—there isn't one playing today that would have got a game 30 years ago. Well, they can't find one to play for England, can they?"

Just how valid is this criticism of the present crop of centre-forwards?

The wearer of the number nine jersey has always been the centre of attraction from the moment he steps on to the field. The schoolboy in his dreams of football fame sees himself as either a daring goalkeeper saving the game, or better still as a dashing centre-forward, winning it.

The pre-war centre-forward was indeed a glamorous personality. We poked of him spearheading the attack, or leading his forwards like a cavalry officer, all fire and brimstone.

The mental composite of our hero was of a six-footer, broad of shoulder, slim of hip; a fast and determined runner afraid of no man. He had a lethal shot in either foot and an ability to head the ball unequalled by any man on the field.

Stalked

We knew what to expect from our centre-forwards in those days, and where to find them on the field. They stalked the area between the centre circle and the goalmouth like a beast of prey.

What sporting giants they were too, including such legendary figures as Ted Drake (Arsenal), "Dixie" Dean (Everton), George Camsell (Middlesbrough), Joe Bradford (Birmingham City), and Pongo Waring (Aston Villa).

In the immediate post war years the tradition was maintained by such as Tommy Law-

Ex-Buddhist is new Bishop

The Right Rev. Roland Koh, Suffragan Bishop of Kuala Lumpur, has been appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to be Bishop of Jesselton, Sabah. Formerly known as North Borneo.

Bishop Koh is 56. He was born into a Chinese Buddhist family and was a Buddhist for more than 20 years of his life. He became a Christian in 1930, when he was baptised in St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, and he was ordained eleven years later.

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son (Everton), Jock Dodds (Blackpool), Trevor Ford (Villa), and perhaps the last of the line Nat Lofthouse (Bolton).

What happened to our hero? Surely it cannot be, as is often inferred, these days, that the modern footballer lacks the guts for the part!

No, the answer is in the involvement of new defensive techniques, particularly on the Continent, that would have cramped the style of even the best old-timers.

Blunted
Acting on the principle that if you can bar the way of the orthodox centre-forward to goal, you are more than halfway to at least not losing.

This defence in depth has in effect blunted the spearhead by sheer weight of numbers. It soon became clear to the strategists that for a centre-forward to be able to function in a crowded penalty area he must be a ball player, and a good one. Alternatively, your goal striker must be another member of the forward line.

In the early fifties we saw the Hungarians with Hidgkuti, an artist at number nine, and the prolific goal scorer Kosciak at inside-forward. France had Kopa and Spain De-Stefano, stylists and both forerunners of the new style centre-forward.

The message seeped through only slowly in England, but eventually we saw Ronnie Allen making as well as taking goal chances for West Bromwich Albion. Don Revie, with his seemingly effortless roaming took Manchester City to Wembley.

Class
The goal machine himself, Jimmy Greaves (Spurs) is very much a product of the age; an inside-forward whose main function and flair is for scoring not making goals.

Centre-forwards cast in contemporary mould include Ian St. John (Liverpool), Johnny Byrne (West Ham), Alex Young (Everton); all footballers of the highest class.

The vintage type centre-forward can still achieve a measure of success at Football League level, as demonstrated by Frank Wignall (Notts Forest), and John Ritchie (Stoke).

The species is, however, virtually extinct overseas, a fact that has apparently escaped the English selectors, whose preference for the side-whiskered type centre-forward as opposed to the ball player continues to limit our chances of success at international level.

Co-operation appointment

A Church of England priest has been appointed to a declining parish near the centre of Liverpool to bring into being a centre for co-operation between all Christian churches in the city and to increase interest in overseas churches. He is the Rev. Michael Seward, who is first warden of the Inter-Church Centre. He will work closely with the Merseyside Council of Churches and with representatives of the various Anglican and other missionary societies.

Christaction

Whatever historians may say about the political rights and wrongs of the Congo situation, it is the back cloth of some stupendous Christian living, and dying.

Men and women there have been "brought to the test" (New English Bible Lord's Prayer), and have with God's help matched and overcome the frenzy of evil. Consider Paul CARLSON . . .

"He was the one real man I met in my life . . ."

AN evacuee, who had been imprisoned in the Stanleyville Central Gaol with Dr. Carlson said: "He was a great man. An example of moral strength to all round him.

"The Simbas (rebel troops) had made him their scapegoat because they were firmly convinced he was a spy. Every day they called him out. They insulted him and beat him, but Dr. Carlson preserved an unbelievable calm.

"Once he returned after a terrible session with the rebels. They had again beaten him up. I was not feeling well that day. Forgetting his own pains, Dr. Carlson immediately tried to help me."

Marcel Dubuisson, a Belgian reporter, said of Dr. Carlson: "I have never seen a man who so cheerfully and conscientiously performed his professional duties with a firing squad waiting for him.

"I met him for the first time last Friday. We had been taken to the Victoria Hotel at Stanleyville together with many others and I don't mind admitting that I was sick with fear.

"A man speaking French with a heavy American accent sat down beside me, cracked a few jokes and examined me. He said: 'You're just suffering from a bad case of the jitters. Here are some pills.'

"We (Dubuisson and his wife) asked him about his death sentence and he said: 'Yes, I am supposed to be a white mercenary and I am due to be shot on Monday. The execution has already been postponed and this has been a bad week.'

"On Sunday and Monday we saw Carlson again. He had the freedom of the hotel. With his instruments and medicines he rushed from bed to bed treating people but, what was more, comforting them with jokes and his incredible calmness. I have never seen a man behave like that before."



Dr. Paul Carlson, an American medical missionary

Dubuisson continued: "When we were taken out of the hotel yesterday morning, shortly after the paratroopers had landed, rebel soldiers opened fire on us with machine-guns. Carlson was in our group.

"On the way to the airport somebody said: 'Carlson has been shot dead.'

"Later somebody else said: 'His head has been cut off.'

"I think he was the one real man I met in my life." Mrs. Paul Carlson was reported as saying at Bangui, Central African Republic. "My faith in God is strong enough to allow me to bear with courage Paul's death. Now Paul is in God's hands and we need no longer be anxious about his physical state. I know in the depths of my heart that one day we will be united again in Heaven."

27 wanted 1,000 pipe gift organ

AFTER offering a 1000 pipe church organ free in the advertisement columns of a newspaper 27 replies were received by Mr Raymond Dewhurst chairman of a Clitheroe Lanes, textile works.

The applications were from churches all over Lancashire and Yorkshire.

Surprisingly the position sorted itself out because the organ, which is 20 feet high, 14 feet seven inches long and nine feet seven inches wide, was only suitable for St. Matthew's Church, Preston. All the other churches were either too big, too small or not suitable for some other reason.

Having been donated the organ the church officials of St. Matthew's had to face the problem of moving it from the recreation room at Mr Dewhurst's textile works to Preston.

The organ had been installed by Mr Dewhurst's father in 1950 when the recreation room was made from a former store room. He was an accomplished organist but there was no one to play the instrument when he died.

The organist at St. Matthew's, Mr. W. B. McKay, said a professional firm of organ builders would strip the organ

Mission merger being watched

Two different church congregations in Lancaster have anticipated Church Unity by merging. A Church of England mission has merged with a nearby Methodist mission.

The treasurer of Christ Church, Mr. R. Gill, said the C.E. mission congregation had dwindled in recent years and the building suffered from vandals.

Costs were rising and they decided to unite with a nearby Methodist mission.

"The move is being watched carefully by the diocese as an effort at church unity," he said. "We are extremely pleased at the initial results."

The two mission Sunday Schools have established a happy union.

Working for the unity of the two congregations in the district is Miss E. A. Brady, a Church of England parish worker who comes from New Zealand.

Together for bible study

WITH the aim of "bringing together Christians of all denominations, and at the same time getting more people to read the Bible," a Church of England Canon and a Baptist Minister got together and introduced a Bible Week to a small Norfolk town.

Thought to have been one of the first of its kind in the country, the week was recently held for the second time.

The two clergymen are the Vicar of Dereham, near Norwich, Canon Noel Boston, and the Baptist Minister, the Rev. Denis Gosden.

The success of the two Bible weeks means that the event will probably become annual. The week was supported by Roman Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists, and the Salvation Army.

"Pay us less"

THE Bishop of New York and his two suffragans have agreed to a temporary five per cent. reduction in their salaries in order to help the Church's programme of mutual responsibility and interdependence. The pay cut will last three years.

Unlovely—yet . . .

And what can anybody tell anyhow from looking at a wife? She might be unlovely and ungainly and yet be the very earth in which her husband grows. Or beguiling enough to charm the partridges off every pear tree, but at home be a sore, costive bitch. She could be a deformed, hopeless invalid and yet charge her man's batteries and be the lambent inspiration of his every endeavour.—Lena Jeger, M.P., in the Guardian.