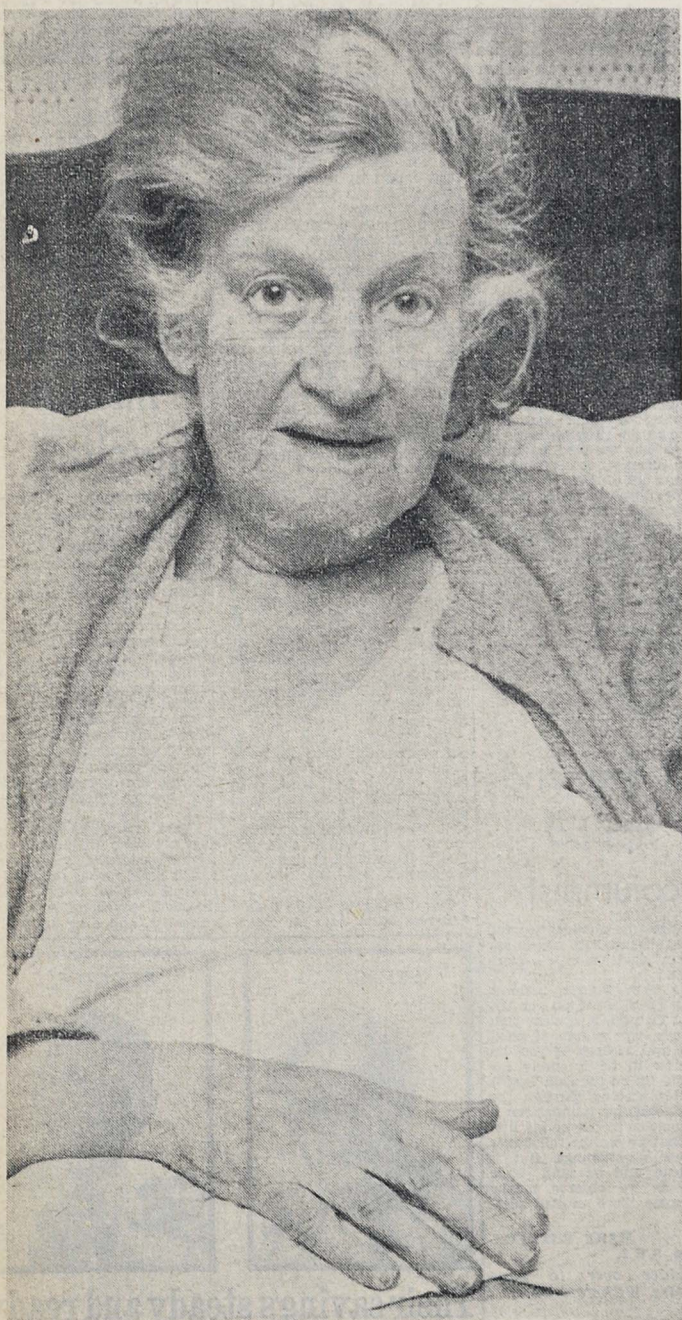


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Mrs. Emma Stevenson is 74. She lives in a basement room in the home of her teacher daughter at Upper Brockley Road, London, S.E.4. Her income is £4 a week. On that, she says, she can live comfortably.

So when she won £128 on a bingo card, she began to look around for somebody who needed it more than she.

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- £80 to a 15-year-old girl who is blind now after an operation and needs a guide dog.
- £50 to a group researching the disease muscular dystrophy.
- £50 to the Sunshine Fund for blind babies and young people.

It's not the money that matters. A lot of people give money away. It's not only the fact that this woman is poor that makes it important. What really is important about it is that from the depths of her own suffering and old age she could care about others in trouble.

Mrs. Stevenson wrote to the blind girl's mother: "I read about your young daughter and I feel so sad about her. I want to help buy her a guide dog."

ENOUGH LEFT

Mrs. Stevenson says: "I won't need the money. I have enough now to last me the rest of my life. I used to get about a bit—to play bingo and for an occasional glass of stout at the local."

Emma Stevenson isn't on her own. Lots of people have had operations for cancer. Lots of people are 74. Lots of people win a few quid at bingo. And lots of people with troubles like these retire into their shells and think only of themselves.

The difference between them and Emma Stevenson is the difference between a world where God has died, and a world where He is powerfully alive.

Don't see red!

WE must not suppose that every challenge to the existing order of society in any part of the world is a communist challenge and, as such, to be resisted.

—Mr. Michael Stewart, Foreign Secretary.

The Greatest UGH!

IF it weren't for the fact that audiences filing in to see the newest length of Biblescope tend reverently to leave their minds at home, then George Stevens' "The Greatest Story Ever Told" (Casino Cinerama Theatre) ought surely to prove the biggest set-back to Christianity since the invention of printing.

—John Coleman, in the *New Statesman*.

What a hope!

BOYS and girls must be taught the folly of expecting nothing more from life than an ever-increasing pay packet in return for less and less effort.

—Mr. Leslie Harris, President of the National Association of Schoolmasters.

Not so thick as they think

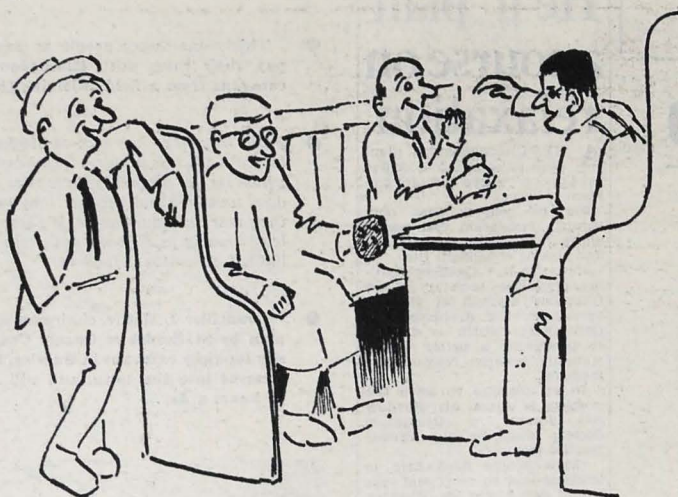
WE are told that the audience is the admass; a vast unintelligent amorphous conglomeration of humanity with no more sense, taste, or discrimination than a school of mackerel. Television, in the eyes of these critics is an inferior invention useful in keeping the peasants quiet. What nonsense!

—Mr. Kenneth Adam, Director of B.B.C. Television.

No prizes for spotting the mistake

A WOMAN I know went into hospital after a miscarriage, in a bad physical state and grief stricken at losing a hoped-for child. She was greeted by a little nurse who asked: "Is this the uncompleted abortion?" I have tried that story on all the trained nurses I know. Eighty per cent. of them don't realise what is wrong.

—Mrs. R. W. Kelly, mother of eight, and a regional hospital board member.



chatstarters

Being recent quotes which are not necessarily Christian News views, but which could start useful discussions.

ART FOR THE MASSES

WE are moving slowly, but continually, towards the ideal situation in any civilised society, where art is regarded as a social service as much as health or education.

—Mr. George Devine, artistic director of the English Stage Company.

HIGH ROMANCE

IF I had as many love affairs as I am credited with, I would be talking to you from inside a jar at the Harvard Medical School.

—Frank Sinatra.

A RIGHT TO BE PROUD

SURELY no country in history has so much of which to be proud as England when you catalogue her achievements, her contributions to the world in the last 400 years. Some people in this country at present seem either to have forgotten them or to be unaware of them, or to attach little importance to them.

—Mr. A. R. Downer, Australian High Commissioner.

Hate, Hate, Hate . . .

TODAY one can hardly turn on the television without seeing men (and women too) marching across the screen, rifles on shoulders, stiff as ramrods, frowning with propaganda-induced hatred of their fellow men.

—Daily Mail.

. . . Hate, Hate, Hate

THERE are nearly 19,000 U.S. Marines in Vietnam. The one job I want them to do is to find Vietcong and kill them. We got one today and we're going to get more.

—by General Wallace Greene, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps at Da Nang air base in South Vietnam.

Smethiquote

WE are confident in Smethwick that over a period things can be changed. There are those who want to let the thing die down in the belief that things will automatically sort themselves out. This must be resisted, for while nothing is to be gained from stirring trouble, things will not improve naturally of their own accord.

—Derrick Rowland, Vicar of St. Matthew, Smethwick.

Selmafacts

MOST of the people on both sides in Selma are professing Christians. There are more churches per capita in Selma than almost any other city in America.

—Dr. Billy Graham.

Endurers

TO hear some lawyers — and bishops — talk, one would never suspect that 93 per cent. of British marriages endure.

—The Guardian.

CHEER UP, OLD TIMER!

LET there be more gaiety in family life. Our children will gain if we cease to regard life as a grim struggle and try to make it more happy and pleasant.

—Dr. J. L. Gilloran, Medical officer of Health for Edinburgh.

For mattins read chatting?

THE day may come when churches are less a place of ritual than of public discussion and enquiry into the affairs of the spirit. When that day comes, they will start to fill up again.

—Publisher Mr. John Calder in the *British weekly*.

Roman Catholic DENIS RICE asks

WHY SEPARATE SCHOOLS FOR US?



THE contemporary "crisis" of obedience in the R.C. Church is often located in the contraception question. But R.C. discussions in Britain offer another topic of equal importance — separate R.C. education.

It is not just a question of denominational schools. There are also separate institutions for the education of R.C. teachers and clergy. Even at University there is separation in R.C. halls of residence and chaplaincies. But here, I will concentrate on the schools' question.

In England and Scotland R.C.s have insisted on the right to their own schools. The manner of provision differs. In Scotland the R.C. schools are fully within the state system; the R.C.s pay nothing extra. In England, the Roman Church is faced with constant expense to provide and maintain separate schools. Though state grants rise as high as 75 per cent.,

English R.C.s have spent many millions on school plans since the war. The debt is increased by the relatively heavy R.C. birth rate, and by the modern standards of educational building required by public authority.

It is in terms of fund-raising that the schools' questions makes its Sunday by Sunday impact on the life of R.C.s. Money for schools seems woven into the very meaning of what it is to worship. A second collection often interrupts the thanksgiving for Communion. Sacrifice and shame become blurred in the demands of planned giving and covenants, football pools and bingo.

Challenge

The demands are justified officially by the claim that R.C. schools are necessary to the health of the Church, and to preserve the faith of her children. Today a fascinating challenge to this claim comes from R.C. social scientists. They ask what evidence exists for the claim; what evidence is there that R.C. schools produce better R.C.s? No thorough com-

parative studies have been made of the R.C. products of Roman and non-Roman schools. In the absence of empirical investigation the bill is being paid on faith, without evidence that the goods are being produced. The point is pushed by responsible estimates which suggest that more than half of the pupils of some R.C. schools lapse from the Church.

But another theoretical ground is offered for maintaining separate R.C. schools. Using the findings of psychology, R.C.s will argue that important conflict in the education of the child should be avoided. There should be no major discrepancy between what the child hears at home and at school. This has been called the "integration" argument — the integration of school religion with home religion.

There is a reply to this argument not commonly met. Most will agree that the best place for religious education is the home. The R.C. schools supporter will say, "Yes, that is the ideal; but in reality, religious education is absent from

most homes." If he is right, has he not undermined the integration argument? By highlighting in separate schools what is neglected in the home, is one not introducing important conflict for the child?

In more general terms, the Church claims the right to control the religious formation of its people, and so, the right to legislate about schools for its children. But here is a conflict. The responsibility for the education of children is primarily the parents — direct from God. Rules about separate schools serve to diminish the importance of parental responsibility.

Petulant?

There are parents refusing to send their children to R.C. schools who are profoundly aware of their duty to the religious development of their children. As practising R.C.s, they discharge the duty in the way they judge best. It is not simply a petulant defiance of the Bishop.

Such parents will say that the R.C. school was deficient both educationally and religiously. They make important criticisms of the school's attitude to religion. They instance undue control by a priest who has no professional competence in education. They query the reliance on corporal punishment. They comment on the absence, or effective neutering, of parent-teacher associations. If they do send their children to a non-Roman school, they have technically broken the Roman Church's law. In some English parishes they will be given a regular pulpit reminder of the gravity of their sin.

Finally, I believe, there is another, more crucial aspect of "integration." In England and Scotland we live in a mixed religious community. It is to non-denominational Universities, factories and offices that our school children pass. It is a mixed community they must serve in Christ; a mixed community in which they must worship and do witness to their faith. In this contemporary context, I have the deepest misgivings about my Church's line of education apartheid.

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THE NEWSPAPER OF THE ANGLICANS,
FREE CHURCHES AND ROMAN CATHOLICS
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Casual labourers

I am genuinely perplexed.

The Church of God has always, and I believe rightly, proclaimed that worship is central to the life of a Christian, and that this is something which those who are genuinely seeking to follow Christ will regard as the natural thing to do every Sunday.

But what puzzles me is that in Caversham we have so many people who are casual worshippers, attending church perhaps once a month, perhaps only on the great festivals. And I want to know why this is so.

Either worship is of the greatest importance or else it is pointless. Am I being unfair in suggesting that these occasional worshippers are attempting the impossible — attempting to fit God into their lives, and not trying to fit their lives into God's purposes for them? The fine day, the lure of the golf courses or the river, the expected visitors, all become the thing of the moment that matters, and worship is relegated to those exceptional Sundays when nothing else is on. And this attitude is found particularly among those who label themselves C. of E. By and large Roman Catholics and Free Churchmen have a much better sense of obligation to their communities.

Is it that worship is thought of as dull? Is it that we clergy preach trite irrelevancies from the pulpit? Is it that the ordinary congregation of "regulars" is off-putting? Is it that Sunday seems to have nothing to say to us that concerns Monday, or is it some other reason? I want to know for I so agree with the Muslim who remarked to a bishop in Africa that he could have understood it if the English settlers had never gone to church but he was baffled by the way they went three times a year.

And what gives me further cause for sadness is that whereas in more industrial communities, although the Christians may be thin on the ground they are a devoted and regular band of worshippers, in areas like Caversham which is blessed with so many people of real talent we find this tremendous gap between attendance on great festivals and on ordinary weeks. It seems that just those people in the community who ought to be accepting responsibility as Christians are in fact so often the ones who opt out.

St. Paul talks of the Christians as God's labourers. But we seem to have millions of casual labourers. In day to day terms we rather look down on the casual labourer as an inferior sort of person. Yet when it comes to facing up to our Christian commitments that in fact is what so many millions of us are.

I write this as one who is genuinely puzzled. Will some of you nice Caversham folk who crowd our churches at Easter and Christmas and who ignore God's House and God's people the rest of the year tell us why you do this, and tell us what is wrong with us. Perhaps we can begin a dialogue. Perhaps you have something to teach us.

I want to know.

John Grimdale

More pages

We are glad to be able to offer our readers two extra pages of Caversham news this month. This is due to the increasing support from advertisers, and if this is maintained we shall hope to produce a paper of this size every month.

SELL IT THROUGH US

All enquiries for advertising space in this paper should be addressed to Mr. T. Harcourt, 11, Berrylands Road, Caversham (Tel. 71472).

Gift from unknown donor

The Editor acknowledges an anonymous donation of £1. He regrets that he feels unable to organise a competition on the lines suggested by this correspondent but would point out that the meaning of the symbolism of the "Bridge" was explained in the first number last October.

Unless he hears again from the correspondent the donation will shortly be sent to some charitable cause.

Profile on Fred Walker

I CAN'T recall that the "CAVERSHAM BRIDGE" editorial committee actually went down on their knees and prayed for a photographer. But the Lord "knows what things ye have need of . . .", so I suppose we shouldn't have been surprised when one turned up, out of the blue as it were. Certainly we were overjoyed when, in the course of campaigning for advertisements, our manager came upon a photographer not only willing, but keen, to help with the production of the "Bridge." We had been particularly anxious to find a photographer who

taking photographs since he was nine years old, and that his earliest memories are those of his parents working in their own dark-room. Naturally, he is in great demand when his friends get married, and his weekends are often busy ones. Evenings are often spent taking portraits. His dark-room, set up and arranged by his wife, contains an amazing selection of such photographs and many a face familiar in Caversham gazes down from the walls. One wonders how many have found their way to distant parts of the globe, to husbands or boy-friends serving abroad.

Apart from admitting that she and her two sons, Simon



Photo by Mrs. Walker

BY OUR ROVING REPORTER

Lived in Caversham, and Peter, would like to see someone who was part of our community and who would take a real interest in the work of producing the paper. And here was Fred Walker, living in Briar Close, who was exactly what we wanted.

By now all our readers will be familiar with his work and have admired his excellent portraits and pictures of life in Caversham, but it is probably not realised that he gives his time and talents entirely free for the benefit of our readers. A great deal of time and thought goes into these pictures, but Mr. Walker thoroughly enjoys it, particularly when he is commissioned to take photos of people, especially children.

Although not a full-time photographer, to him it is more than a hobby, which is hardly surprising when one considers that he has been

and Peter, would like to see a little more of him, his very charming wife is quite happy with her husband's work and, although not a photographer herself, she takes a keen interest and is often called in for helpful criticism.

Fred Walker admits that he finds life a bit hectic sometimes and would like to hear of anyone else who would co-operate with him in his work for "Caversham Bridge"; at the same time, he is only too willing to help or advise anybody in the district who is keen on photography, a suggestion some of our young people might like to take up.

We are indeed fortunate to have him as our resident photographer. In future it is hoped that pictures will play an even larger part in the production of our paper, so it looks as if he is going to be kept busier than ever.

Election time



Photo: Fred Walker

This photograph was taken at a pre-Municipal Election meeting, sponsored by "Caversham Bridge," and held at Belmore Hall, at which the candidates for Thames and Caversham Wards were the speakers. Left to right: the Rev. L. S. Lewis (Baptist Minister), Councillor L. W. Chopping (Thames Ward), and Mr. E. G. H. Ansell, the unsuccessful Labour candidate for Thames Ward.

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Mr. Barry Collett, who left his native Australia two years ago after working for U.N.E.S.C.O. in the Far East, now resides at 64, Sheridan Avenue with his wife and two young children. He teaches history at Hugh

Faringdon School and is also writing a thesis on "The Church of England since the Reformation" for a Ph.D. Amongst his startling variety of activities, he leads the St. Andrew's "Sunday Joint" youth group.



Mrs. Barbara Chapman, of "Old Pastures," Kidmore End distributes the "Bridge" today with four children she is a busy housewife, but despite this, she finds time when she was a leading member of the 2nd Caversham Guides. During the war Mrs. Chapman was a tractor-driver in the Women's Land Army and is a busy housewife, but despite this, she finds time when she was a leading member of the 2nd Caversham Guides. During the war Mrs. Chapman was a

RETIRED—AND HAPPY

What does the word "retired" convey? Rest after years of labour? An opportunity to do as one likes? Or terrifying emptiness and loneliness? After many years of nursing in Africa I retired. Friends, patients, fellow workers and work were all left behind under a warm sun. England was cold and bleak, and friends scattered. I came to Caversham to live. What must I do to combat this disease of emptiness? At first I transcribed books into Braille for the missionary Society to send to the blind institutes; very fascinating and satisfying and much needed, yet — But with no contact with PEOPLE.

World peopled with friends

Then a miracle occurred

Then the miracle occurred. I heard of the Queen Victoria Institute Fund in Reading for Night Attendants, not necessarily trained nurses, but all sorts of men and women who will give up a night a week or more to go where wanted into people's homes to watch, be

company or help through the night anyone who is old, helpless, sick or alone. A sleepless night can be made easier when not alone and nearing the end of life. Just someone to be there, and by being there, relieving the relatives to have a much needed rest. How satisfying it is during the night watches to know others are in the house sleeping and perhaps snoring! Also there is nothing like it to make the watchers appreciate the nights in their own beds when they come.

So, if anyone wants a watcher or wants to be a watcher write to, or ring up, Mrs. Morton, Q.V.I.F. Night Attendance Service, 36, Queen's Road, Reading. Telephone No. 50306.

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Precator: Bishop Lash (Formerly Bishop of Bombay).

Thursday, July 24: St. John the Baptist

Precator: The Rev. J. Winslow (Formerly of Lee Abbey).

Tuesday, June 29: St. Peter

Precator: The Very Rev. R. W. Woods (Dean of Windsor).

Holy Communion also at 7 a.m. on each of these days in the festival church. Refreshments are served in the Church Halls after the Parish Communion on each occasion.

Dunsden helping

The Vicar of Dunsden, the Rev. H. Cutler, is undertaking to help the parish of Caversham in the pastoral work of Caversham Park Estate. Members of the Church of England who move into the new estate will receive a welcoming letter, suggesting that they may prefer to make links with the parish of Dunsden rather than with Caversham.

Fifty years ago, the Church of England in Caversham had six clergy to minister to 10,000 people; today there are five clergy for 23,000. So Dunsden, with its own Vicar for 500 people, is coming to the rescue.

PARENTS AND THE SCHOOLS

THE READING ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF STATE EDUCATION is a group of people, mostly parents, who are intensely interested in education and the improvement and expansion of state schools. It was formed a year ago last April under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Francine Taylor and is one of over 100 such associations in the country as a whole. These associations join together in a Confederation (C.A.S.E.) to organise concerted action such as deputations to the Minister of Education on such subjects as the Building Programme and Secondary School Reorganisation.

All associations are non-

party, non-sectarian and aim to collect and spread information about local and national education facilities. They aim to improve contact between parents, teachers and local education authorities.

The Reading Association has had public talks by experts on different aspects of education; in particular types of secondary schools. We welcome the decision of the Education Committee to postpone reorganisation of secondary education in Reading in view of the Plowden Report, but trust that future policy will ensure an opportunity for public debate on any plan before it is put into effect.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Girls in prison

DID you realise that remand in custody for a girl after her 17th birthday means prison?

The Criminal Justice Act of 1948 stated that imprisonment should not be imposed on a person under 21 years of age without very grave reason. This Act also empowered the Secretary of State to provide remand centres for this age group, but to date there is not one single remand centre in the country for girls, and as there is nowhere else for them to go, it has to be prison.

Most of the girls in south-east England get sent to Holloway. Holloway is an old prison, with several massive blocks. One of these blocks is set aside for

which might lead to her getting sent there again. This may well be true in some cases, but people dealing with these girls feel these are few indeed compared with those who may be further harmed by being exposed to the very real risk of further corruption.

In remand centres such as the 1948 Act advocates, there would be no one over the age of 21. Much of the time on remand would be spent by the various officials, probation, medical, welfare, etc., forming an opinion as to how the young person ticks, and what could be suggested in their reports to make her tick more correctly in future. Surely this is the way we should tackle the problem? These people are citizens

By Justine Mair

women on remand. In this remand block there are women of all ages from the age of 17 awaiting trial. But in many cases the offence for which they are about to be tried is not a first offence. They may be hardened criminals with previous convictions. Some of them may be accused of very grave crimes, even of murder, and put on remand in this same block with a young person who has perhaps fallen into bad company and been led astray for the first time in her life. These people work together during the daytime and they all talk together. Sometimes young girls are remanded in custody simply because they have no address to which they can go during their remand, even though it is practically certain that their sentence will be nothing harsher than probation for a period.

Surely the risk of further corruption of young people is obvious indeed? Or have we already washed our hands of them before they are 21?

I have heard it said that a few days in Holloway would prove such a shock to a young girl that she would take very good care not to do anything in future

of tomorrow; their lives are before them. CAN they be scrapped as useless already?

It is strange that nothing has yet been done by the Home Office to set up these remand centres for young women. The excuse of expense can hardly be justified when you consider that in the whole of England and Wales there are probably never more than 100 young women of this age group on remand at any one time. The need, therefore, appears to be for a maximum of four or five centres to serve the whole country.

Seventeen years is a long time to wait for this section of the Act to be implemented. I wonder how many young girls have had to spend their remand in prison during this time? It would appear that as the Home Office is so dilatory it will be only by pressure of public opinion that they will be goaded into action.

Can I urge any of you who belong to an organisation to do something about it? It does not need to be a political organisation: Townswomen's Guild, Council of Women, W.I., etc., can all help to exert pressure on the Home Office to achieve something worthwhile for women.



FAREWELL TO THE ARMSTRONGS

St. Andrew's Hall can seldom have seen a more crowded gathering than it did when members of all the congregations in the parish gathered to express their appreciation of the work of the Rev. Guy and Mrs. Armstrong. After speeches by Messrs. Hasluck, Butler and Beetham the Armstrongs were presented with a dinner service and trolley and a cheque for over £100. Two days later nearly as many people went to Bagshot for the institution service at St. Anne's Church, conducted by the Bishop of Guildford. Tea followed in the parish hall. St. Peter's ringers rang the bells of Bagshot before and after the service.

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NATTERBOX . . .

I CAN unhappily predict that unless some sense is brought to bear on the chaotic shop hours in Reading, which I mentioned last month, we shall be living in a second-rate trading town instead of the potential boom borough it is at present. Certainly I hear of more local people whipping off to Oxford or London to do their shopping to avoid the disappointment of finding their favourite shop closed.

The situation, which results in some shops closing all day Monday, others half-day Wednesday, is complex. It depends on the 1950 Shops Act, the type of trader you are, whether traders agree what they want in the way of shop hours, and whether the local authority will concur with the traders.

I am told that the Reading Watch Committee is going into the question thoroughly. I hope they, and the "mixed" traders concerned, will realise some of the advantages of six day trading (with five day working for staff): consistent service to customers; a different day off each week, including Saturdays, for staff; the attraction of new traders; increased revenue to shops and borough; a more uniform daily volume of traffic. Local shopping must be encouraged, or we shall all suffer.

Caversham Child Welfare Clinics run by the Reading Borough do not turn away Mums and babies coming from the Oxfordshire part of Caversham, but to get to one of these clinics is often impossible because of the distance involved. To go to the only Oxfordshire clinic once a fortnight at Roke-

by Hall was just as difficult for many people. So it is good news that last month the Oxfordshire Health Department opened a fortnightly clinic instead at the Free Church Hall in Kidmore Road. It should mean one less frustration for people whose lives are complicated by dwelling in Caversham but outside the Reading borough boundary.

The growing tendency to do the family food shopping once a week in a non-delivery self-service store can be a nightmare. Either you have to take your husband with you to do the carrying, which isn't always possible; or you break your arms and lose your temper.

To solve the problem, bags on wheels are becoming popular and respectable. Quite the best of those I have seen is a tall narrow bag with roller skate-type wheels on the base of the bag itself. The handle fits comfortably at hand level (unless you are exceptionally tall or short), and fully loaded, you can wheel your purchases easily beside you. It is about the cheapest and most capacious of the bags-on-wheels and at 52/6 can be purchased from a Reading department store.

There is news every week of ways in which the churches in Caversham are getting together. The latest reports I have received concern the Roman Catholic Marian Group and the Anglican Youth Stewardship organisation. They have been co-operating on a rota system for emergency home help for sick mums. Don't forget if you have a neighbour who takes to

her bed and has children to look after, or if it happens to you, there are these organisations, among others, to call upon.

If you have any comments or views of your own send them to me c/o "The Caversham Bridge." The Rectory Caversham.

KATIE RUSSELL

ROUND THE CLUBS

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild is concentrating its efforts on two charities in 1965—the Samaritans and the Dr. Clark Fund for kidney research. A jumble sale to help the former was held in May and an effort in aid of the Dr. Clark Fund will take the form of a Garden Party at 60, Conisboro Avenue on Wednesday, July 21 from 2.30 p.m. There will be a bring and buy stall and the entrance charge of 1/6d will include an excellent afternoon tea. The Guild would like this effort for a very worthy cause to be well supported and further particulars may be obtained by telephoning Reading 71019.

The Reading Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild won the Arts and Crafts Cup at the Berks. and North Hants. Federation Art, Craft and Homecraft Exhibition held in Reading last month. Competitors had to interpret the theme "Maytime" by means of a flower arrangement, a cookery item and a handicraft item.

That teenage problem

PAGE
FOR
YOUTH

By a Teenager

MUCH is said today about youth: teenagers are said to be more immoral, violent and fun-loving than ever before. In any generation there are going to be a certain percentage with delinquent tendencies, yet today there seem to be more delinquents than ever. Experts suggest that the "Problem" is created by parents and adults in general. In fact, the teenage problem is just a nice way of describing what is really teenage sex.

TENNIS COURTS

HIRING a tennis court in Caversham can be very expensive, so if you are sufficiently interested in tennis, and would like to play regularly, why not join one of the two local clubs, Caversham or Mapledurham.

The larger of the two is the Caversham Lawn Tennis Club. Standing at the end of a drive leading into the unmade part of Conisborough Avenue it boasts six grass courts and four hard (all the tennis balls are provided by the way). There is a large pavilion with changing rooms, two showers and a kitchen. If you were under 18 before March 1 then the subscription is £3 5s. per season. The adult membership fee is £5 5s. but there are special rates for students.

So if you want to make a lot of new friends and at the same time play tennis, why not go along and find out, you'll enjoy it far more than watching television.

R.E.

It is between the age of puberty and the early twenties that the adolescent is restrained, sometimes forcibly, from sex activity simply because he is not classed as an adult. Although physically an adult at 16, young people are deprived of the fullness of adulthood until they are four or six years older. Most adults are completely oblivious of the fact that today a child is no longer a child at 14. One example of this is that by the time sex instruction is given in a secondary school, at least 20 per cent. of the pupils have had some form of sexual experience and often intercourse itself.

Socially adulthood begins after one has finished education, yet today with the extension of education a man may still be classed as a youth at 21 or even 22 just because he

is receiving full time education. Yet, a teenager is sexually potent between the age of 14 and 17, but by present day standards is denied the use of these powers because he is still classed as a child. This is the cause of frustration: frustration leads to delinquency.

Sexually mature at 14, able to ride a motor bike or drive an aeroplane at 16, a car at 17, able to drink or to join the armed services at 18, vote at 21 and become an adult at 22. Surely it is obvious from this why a teenager is muddled.

Although not a point usually considered, many teenagers exercise far more restraint than do adults when it comes to sex matters. This surely is an indication that many teenagers have a sense of social responsibility.



Refreshments for Susan Andrews, Judith Wright, Jill Moore and Jenny Smith, from Graham Hubbard, at a dance for young people from all the churches in Caversham. Over 120 attended this "Spring Fling," held in St. Andrew's Hall, on Saturday, April 24. Photo: Fred Walker.

END OF TERM BLUES

THE phone rings once, twice, three times. I lurch towards the phone booth, so do four or five other students. It seems that other people are expecting phone calls this evening, too. We all wait breathlessly silent whilst the phone is answered. The receiver is thrust at one of my companions.

"It's your father."

We look at one another in disappointment. In a dejected fashion I shuffle back to my black coffee, toast and jam. The warm chatter of "the crowd" and the noisy blare of "Radio London" is comforting. My disappointment softens and mellow into laziness. I slip my unsweetened coffee

gingerly. It is hot here at college, black coffee is one of the mainstays in the diet of a first year. A more refined second or third year will drink tea, for it is more lady-like. Tea needs sugar and milk. We do not boast these luxuries, especially as it is near the end of term.

Living here however, is neither hard nor difficult—lectures four days a week, free evenings and free weekends, interrupted by occasional essays maybe! How I hate the rising bell. I think vehemently to myself. Even now I can hear that loud persistent bell which rings at 7.15 every morning shattering my dreams.

My present dreams are broken.

"All students should receive full grants regardless of parents' income," a friend is saying. I agree wholeheartedly. Thirty-four pounds sounds a lot at the beginning of term, but by the end there is very little left. I am not extravagant. I tell myself, it is merely that fares are very expensive in London.

I look at the clock—10.10 p.m. No phone calls allowed after 10.15 p.m. If he doesn't ring soon... the phone rings. A quarter-of-an-hour later I return radiantly happy. I like college life!

RUTH PERRING.

(Ruth, who is a member of the Baptist Church, is first year student at Southlands Teacher Training College, Wimbledon).

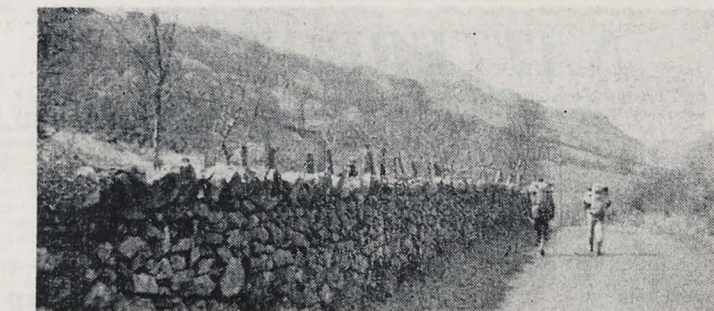
THREE YOUNG MEN WHO WALKED 60 MILES ACROSS WALES

OVER Easter three young men from the Baptist Church undertook to walk across Wales, from Shrewsbury to Barmouth. They were Malcolm Fletcher who is a police cadet, Geoff Miller and Tim Shepherd who are bank clerks. The expedition took the form of a four-day trek across 60 miles of mountainous country, and was organised by the National Association of Youth Clubs, in connection with the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Scheme. Each night was spent under canvas fending for themselves.

At the beginning they found the going reasonably

easy, crossing country consisting of forest and heathland, but after this it became more difficult. After spending the first night in a valley at the foot of "Moel Fferna" (2,071ft.) they crossed five mountain peaks—the highest being "Moel Sych" (2,713ft.), encountering a blizzard and a temperature below freezing point; but in the valleys the temperature was nearer 70 degrees F.

Having spent a night at the foot of the "Cader Idris" range they attempted their most difficult ascent, that of "Cader



Idris." This mountain has many glacial valleys and sheer rock faces—the paths on the top of these being only three feet wide in places with a 300ft. drop on either side.

After a gruelling nine miles they came within sight of the Irish Sea. From then they "crawled" to the coast and camped near the beach.

The final comment must

surely come from the three adventurers:

"Although this was an arduous task for us, we thoroughly enjoyed it, even though we are all suffering from blisters and sore feet!"

Tennis success

Last month the Berkshire Junior Tennis Championships were held at Queen Anne's School, Caversham, and four local people were successful.

Christine Saunders, Elizabeth Wray, Andrew Gibson and David Maclean between them captured the girls, boys and mixed doubles titles.

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Where 90 children found help

IN THE hall of No. 2, St. Peter's Hill hangs a collection of wall plaques, each with a name attached. They represent the 90 children who have lived here since the place was opened 16 years ago — children as different from each other as the birds and animals on the plaques themselves. Indeed, individuality is the keynote



Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Pick

here at Treetops, where Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Pick recognise that each child comes to them with different needs. Needs which, with the help of the Child Guidance Clinic, the local authority, social workers, voluntary organisations and interested friends, they try to meet to the best of their ability.

Ask Mrs. Pick about her work, and she won't talk about types, she will tell you about young Yvonne, or Jimmy, or Betty; about their difficulties, their successes, their hopes and ambitions. As a general rule, these are not long-stay children who come here, and though every effort is made to make them thoroughly at home, it is true to say that the main purpose of Treetops is to help them with some temporary adjustment so that they can return to their families as soon as possible.

It was good training

Mr. Pick knows all about children who have difficulties, for the end of the war found him helping the children of Europe who crawled out from under the ruins when the shooting stopped.

Viennese born, he spent most of the war with false papers in Belgium, turning his hand to all manner of jobs; a good training for someone who was later to start and run a children's home. Meanwhile, Mrs. Pick was unwittingly training herself for the kind of life she was to lead eventually by taking a diploma course in psychology and doing personnel work in industry. After the war they met in Switzerland, married and eventually, in 1949, brought to Caversham all their training, and understanding and opened up the home which so many children have come to know so well.

Months of planning

When they first visited No. 2 they had to fight their way to the front door through overgrown shrubs. Then followed months of planning and preparation. At this stage, says Mrs. Pick, the late Education Officer, Mr. Taylor, spent many hours with them at No. 2 discussing how the rooms should be laid out and furnished; though they have always had the utmost co-operation and assistance from the local education authorities, they still had to fight many a battle for what they thought was best for the children. Nor was the battle over when the first children arrived, and one of the first things they did was to con-

tact the local Rag Committee for financial help towards a swimming pool. Like most people who have care of children, the Picks never miss an opportunity when it comes to obtaining something for a particular child's need, and many and strange are the items which come their way, not least the part of an aeroplane which reposes in the garden.

Round of activities

We are all inclined to feel a little sorry for children who have to spend part of their lives away from their own homes, but it would be difficult to feel sorry for these children, for, with the best will in the world, the average parent could not provide all the diversity of occupations which these children have. Although they all attend local schools, their education certainly doesn't finish at 4 p.m., when they come home to a round of activities, pottery, carpentry, painting, model-making and music! For Mr. Pick is a true Viennese and music plays a large part in the lives of all of them.

Yearly trip to Austria

A recent feature of their life has been a yearly trip to Austria and there is no doubt that Mr. Pick and his wife pull all the strings they can to see that the children

have the best holidays possible.

Visitors, of course, are an important factor, particularly as in most cases there is no need to keep the children from their families, who are encouraged to visit whenever possible. And, of course, the children return home for other holidays throughout the year.

University connections

Tree Tops has strong connections with the local university. Despite all the practical work to be done here, Mr. Pick found time to take a Diploma in Education and gives occasional lectures at the Department of Education. At the same time Reading University, the London School of Economics and many universities and training centres send along their students for training periods at Tree Tops. These, too, are never forgotten, and when I visited Tree Tops recently Mrs. Pick was engaged in the mammoth task of circulating all past residents, children, students and assistants, about a reunion of all of them which is to take place shortly. Assistants, too, tend to become highly involved in the family life and it is not surprising that Mrs. Pick knows all about those who have left, what has happened to them, how many children they have, and so on. Mr. Kissi, their present assistant, is from Ghana and whatever memories he and his wife, who is a nurse, take back home with them when they eventually go, I am sure he will only have the happiest recollections of Tree Tops.

Not all Anglicans

Not all of the children who come here are members of



A group of boys having pottery instruction — and clearly enjoying it.

the Anglican Church, and those who belong to other churches naturally attend them. But because of the proximity of St. Peter's Church and the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Pick are Anglicans, St. Peter's has always played a big part in the life of Tree Tops here as anyone who attends St. Peter's will know.

Many of them, too, will know that Mr. Pick and his wife are shortly leaving the district, and though this causes nothing but regret in Caversham, one cannot help feeling that Mr. Pick will bring to his new job with the Children's Department of the Home Office, very much more than someone who has never been in charge of a children's home. At the moment they are busy purchasing a home of their own for themselves and their son, Stephen; it is not always realised that people in jobs like this are often deprived of the pleasures of having a home of their own.

for many years. All the same, it is obvious that they will leave Tree Tops with a great deal of regret.

There is sure to be so much correspondence arriving at the Pick household that it is difficult to see how Mr. and Mrs. Pick will find time for the book they are hoping to write. But I hope they will, because they have much to tell the man in the street who, perhaps knows nothing about children's care work.

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A Red Indian artist at work at her easel.

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ST. ANNE'S

Six crowded days in Rome

THROUGH ROME BY PREGO: Easter, 1965 was the date for my first visit to Rome. For six crowded days I did as every other tourist since tours began. We marvelled at the Colosseum, shuddered at the Catacombs, cricked our necks in the Sistine Chapel, and thrilled to the warmth and the friendliness of the Pope's greetings. With 499,999 more I heard Mass in St. Peter's Square, and rejoiced at the homely sound of the Latin responses; and with 199,999 more I attended a Public Audience in the Basilica.

But of the less usual sights which interested me, I think I would pick out four:

The traffic—across which, oddly enough, pedestrians can walk unscathed provided they don't change the tempo of their step.

The police—not only a number, but a variety, all in different uniforms—a fancy dress variety to guard the ancient monuments; militaristic for police duty and uniforms, much like our own, for traffic control.

The cakes—some day I'll make a pilgrimage, not to the shrines, but to the cake shops. Their variety and flavours must be tasted to be believed.

The Prego—this is neither shrine nor car, but a simple omnibus word that precedes finishes and interrupts every conversation. "Prego" you say meaning—"How, why, where?" or any other request and "Prego" they reply to your thanks, meaning—"Don't mention it," or even "Ask me another."

"Prego," you say as you board a bus and hand 50 lire to the conductor, and then with as sinuous a movement as possible and a continuous stream of "Prego, prego," you ooze a way through to be ready at the far end for your stop.

Future tourists, throw away your dictionaries, you don't need them. The only word

you'll need to get you through from Catacomb to Via Veneto will be that magic Open Sesame PREGO.

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL: Unable to attend the Presentation of Purses in St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Good Shepherd Sunday, May 2, the children of St. Anne's School can rest content that their Lenten Alms of £59 8s. 7d. will be put to good use in Father Hudson's Homes at Colshill. Here, children aged from a few weeks to late teens find homes in pleasant surroundings, under the care of the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul. Canon Flint, the organiser, who is in charge of this big family, succeeded the late Bishop Griffin when the latter became Archbishop of Westminster.

CAVERSHAM BROWNIES PACK 6: With a full complement of Brownies, and a waiting list as well. Brown Owl, Mrs. C. Twiney, and Tawny Owl, Miss Kathy McDonnell, have a busy evening every Thursday night at St. Anne's Hall. Two Brownies, having achieved First Class recently, have gone on to Guides, whilst eight others, having their Second Class, are trying for Intermediate, and there have been several successes in Proficiency Badges. Attendance at the monthly church parade on the fourth Sunday of the month is good, and a very good muster rallied to a parade at St. John Bosco's, Woodley.

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BAPTISMS GREET NEW MINISTER

THE service at which the Rev. L. S. Lewis was inducted to the pastorate of the Baptist Church was well attended. The Act of Induction was performed by the Rev. L. A. Bayly, and the address given by the Rev. Collin Furze, of Birmingham, a former colleague of Mr. Lewis.

Following the Induction Service, a reception, attended by over 200 guests, was held in the West Memorial Institute, where Mr. P. J. Alexander presided at the tea table. Greetings to the new minister were given by various friends, including Father O'Malley and the Revs. J. G. Grimwade and E. B. Wright.

Mrs. Lewis received a bouquet from the church, and this was presented by five-year-old Joy Ousley. Opportunity was also taken to make a presentation to the Rev. H. E. Spelman, who conducted the Induction Service and acted as Moderator to the Church during the interregnum.

Craftsmen's work

Readers may have seen the new notice board outside the Baptist Church in Prospect Street. This is the work of two craftsmen in the church's congregation, Messrs. G. Gardiner and M. Phillips. Mr. Gardiner who has a workshop in Sand Road, made the board which was written in gold leaf by Mr. Phillips. Since the board was erected, Mr. Phillips has emigrated to Adelaide, Australia.

Sunday School has caravan classroom

The North Caversham Baptist Free Church (Kidmore Road) held a Reception Evening for folk living in the area on March 27 and Evening Services were re-commenced on March 28, after a lapse of some years. The church has recently been re-decorated both inside and outside. The Fellowship at North Caversham is growing in numbers, and attendance at morning and evening services is increasing. The number of children attending the Sunday School continues to grow so that now the Primary Department have their class in a caravan classroom adjoining the Church. Morning Service consists of Family Worship, the children joining in for the first half, leaving for their separate classes just before the sermon.

SOCIAL SERVICE PLANNED IN CAVERSHAM

To be successful the Caversham Social Service which is due to start soon will depend on a sufficient number of voluntary helpers.

The initial interest shown by all the churches in Caversham gave sufficient impetus to get plans worked out. Now we need helpers BEFORE we can offer help to others. Over 500 questionnaires were distributed to all the Churches for Easter Sunday; some churches have asked for more. If you feel that you can accept your responsibility towards your neighbour and would undertake some task when the need arises, then please complete a questionnaire and return it to your Church representative. If you cannot get a copy, then let the Editor know.

ST. JOHN'S

BE READY FOR 'NO SMALL CHANGE'

OUT OF STEP. Practically every parish in the Church of England used a special course entitled "No Small Change" this Lent. Overseas we would probably have found much the same thing, under a different name in every part of the Anglican Communion. Exciting reports of its success keep reaching us. We in Caversham, together with some other Churches, decided to postpone it until the autumn because we wanted more time to prepare for something so big.

At present, several St. John's laymen and women are going through the course together, trying it out on themselves and reshaping it to suit the particular needs of the District; then at the end of July we are to meet with some representatives of the other districts, probably spending an afternoon and evening one Saturday comparing our course for the autumn, when it is hoped that every member of the four Churches in the parish will take part.

Those parishes which prepared for it carefully are still buzzing with excitement: they have a new understanding and vision of the Church, and are now working out what this means in practical terms. So, be ready for NO SMALL CHANGE!

Led the way

A CHANGE? Some ten years ago, St. John's led the way in Reading in introducing the Sung Eucharist at 9.15. Since then every Sunday, we have sung the service to music by Martin Shaw: we think it is high time we introduced a little variety, so we are going to start singing the service to music by Merbecke from time to time. Most of you will probably find you already know it, because it is the music that most churches use. Therefore not only will this introduce variety, but when we go to another Church on holiday, or move elsewhere to live, we will feel quickly at home in the new church.

Methodist news items

The Circuit Class Leaders' and Group Leaders' Conference on May 1 was attended by over 100 class leaders from 20 of the 25 Churches in the Circuit. A lively discussion followed the remarks of the Rev. L. O. Brooker and there was so much interest shown that there is to be a further conference in the autumn.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. Arthur Lane whose wife, Alice Maud, died on April 17, aged 87. Mr. Lane is a regular member of the Upper Room and all friends are asked to remember him in their prayers.

We rejoice in the return of Mr. John Sholl following an operation. It is good to see him in action again and he wishes to thank his many friends for their letters and prayers during his stay in hospital.

We are losing Mr. C. Alan Parker very shortly but wish him well on his move to Grimsby where he is taking up the appointment of Head of Business Studies at the College of Further Education. His wife has been the force behind the formation of the Girls' Life Brigade Company at Caversham Heights and we shall be sorry to lose her services as Captain.

Anyone who is interested in helping is asked to get in touch with the Minister, the Rev. E. B. Wright.

WORTH LISTENING TO. It is difficult to find something fresh and worthwhile to say Sunday by Sunday; and to speak deeply and seriously about the things that really matter to us all. If a priest, or for that matter anyone who teaches, fails to find time to think and time to read widely about what other people have thought about these things, he quickly goes stale, becomes much less effective, repetitive and boring as a teacher. Time is needed and lots of it.

But in the course of Church life with people to see, meetings to attend, administration to be done, services to take, sermons to write, it is very very hard to find time to read and to think. In an attempt to deal with this, each member of the staff goes away in turn, to spend the inside of a week in a house in the country, which is specially organised for those who want to read or to be quiet. There from Monday to Saturday in this one week in the year, we give ourselves wholly to study. This is a great help, but last year's reading week has not of course lasted for a hundred odd sermons, Lent courses and the like. This year the Priest-in-charge will be away from Reading, from June 7 to 12.

ON HOLIDAY. The Priest-in-charge will also be away on holiday, from June 29 until July 23; if there are any urgent enquiries please get in touch with the Rector.

DIARY

Thursday, June 10: Women's Fellowship, a talk on "Guide dogs for the blind": 7.30 p.m. in St. John's Hall.

Sunday, June 13: Evensong and Baptism, 3.15 p.m.

Tuesday, June 15: 2.45—3 p.m. Mothers' Union, Wave of prayer for the Church overseas.

Tuesday, June 22: M.U. Garden Party at the Rectory: coach will leave Henley Road at 2.45; St. John's at 2.50. If we meet this meeting will be in St. John's Hall.

Thursday, June 24: St. John's Day. Details elsewhere.

CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL FELLOWSHIP

At an after-Church Fellowship in May, Mr. Colin Allsebrook, who recently visited Eritrea under the auspices of Oxfam, gave an illustrated account of his journey, with coloured slides and film. It was interesting to hear and see his contacts with missionaries as well as Government Officials. It was also inspiring and illuminating. Here is a first hand knowledge of a tremendous need and we hope that Mr. Allsebrook's expert advice will be made possible.

An important, yet lesser known feature of our work is the long association of our church with the Dysons Wood Hostel for Elderly Ladies at Tokers Green. The Pastor, who is also the Hostel's Free Church Chaplain, conducts a regular weekly service there, which the ladies enjoy very much and look forward to with eagerness.

The Women's Fellowship had a half-day outing on April 28, which consisted of a coach tour arriving at Maidenhead Methodist Church, where tea was kindly provided. This was a mutual arrangement in return for a similar outing last year, when the Maidenhead Women's Guild had tea at Caversham Hill Chapel. In fact, one could almost call it ecumeni-TEA.

St. Andrew's Church looks ahead

THE most important event for St. Andrew's in June is the arrival of the new priest-in-charge, the Rev. Roger Packer and his wife, Mr. Packer will begin his ministry when he celebrates the Family Eucharist on Sunday, June 20, and it is hoped that all who normally worship at St. Andrew's will make a special point of being at that service that morning; even if it means some who are not normally at that service coming at that time instead of an earlier or later service that day. The two parish patronal festivals at St. John's and St. Peter's will give many others throughout the parish the chance to meet our new assistant priest.

The other big event in June is the summer fête on June 26. The profits of this will be distributed as follows: £50 for a new church in St. John's Diocese, South Africa; £293 to the Bishop of Oxford's Appeal for new churches, and any remaining profit to Home and Overseas Missions.

MOTHERS' UNION. Mrs. Kathleen Clarke was admitted as enrolling member of the branch at the May meeting. She is succeeded as deputy by Mrs. Fowles.

Mapledurham and Caversham meeting

A combined meeting of the two parishes is taking place on Tuesday, June 1, at 8 p.m. in Mapledurham Memorial Hall so that we consider together how the existing co-operation between the two parishes can be extended. In the recent stewardship campaign held by Mapledurham a number of men from St. Peter's and St. Andrew's helped with the canvassing. We now want to see how we can work together in other ways, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance at this meeting.

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tine Smith, Catherine Mary
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Andrew James Pearce, Michael
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Caversham Heights Methodist
Church
March 21: Sarah Joane
Tester.

April 11: James Michael
Alexander Horler.

INFANT DEDICATIONS

North Caversham Baptist
Church

April 18: Michael Adams,
Robin Adams, Ann Adams,
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MARRIED

St. Peter's
April 21: David Charles
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April 24: David Nevill Cook
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St. Andrew's

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St. Andrew's

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11.00 a.m. Sunday School.
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Juniors — Balmore
Hall

St. John's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST
6.30 p.m. Evensong (2nd Sunday
3.15 p.m.)
11.00 a.m. Sunday School
Infants — Church Hall
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St. Andrew's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong (3rd Sunday
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11.15 a.m. Sunday School
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Why I offered to resign

by
Winnie Darter

LAST week I offered my resignation to the Editor of the "Caversham Bridge" as one of your Roving Reporters, but it was not accepted.

This was not because I disagree with Editorial policy or that I think the newspaper is lousy. Quite the reverse. I am continually amazed at the friendly co-operation between the Churches resulting from this lively newspaper and think it has a remarkable future.

No! ... The reason was that I didn't feel I could go on any longer spending hours each month interviewing people, drafting and correcting articles, knowing that there is every possibility that long before they are due to appear in print, you and I may be nothing but a handful of cinders, and the machines which should print them would have disappeared from the face of the earth.

It wouldn't be so bad if I felt that other people around me cared, but in moving around Caversham I find very little evidence that they do. We say perfunctory prayers in church on Sundays for the trouble spots of the world, ask the Almighty to grant us peace, and then go out and leave it all to President Johnson and Chou En-lai. Don't you know — or don't you care? Call me a coward if you like but I'm afraid I do care—

deeply. In fact, I think this is the only time in my life I have cared more for others than for myself—I cannot pass a playground full of children without picturing them, like the children of Hiroshima, as shadows on the wall or — worse — as masses of burning flesh crying for help when there is none to be had. I can't look a child in the eyes these days without feeling apologetic—can you?

Worried?

Already I can hear some of my more devout friends murmuring that it doesn't matter what happens to their bodies—theirs or their children's—if they are doing right. But are you? If you only care about doing what is right, doesn't it worry you that, on the other side of the world, the most dreadful things are being carried on in your name—yes, in your name and mine. People are being burned alive, cut to pieces, thrown out of

aeroplanes and threatened with atomic extinction in your name and mine. Already some of you will be saying: "Yes, but we must contain Communism—it is the worst enemy of Christianity." I may not agree with you, but it is a point of view that you, as a Christian, are entitled to have. But are you entitled to believe that any means can be used to fight it?

There is much in the Christian gospels that is open to doubt, much that has been misinterpreted or historically questionable. It would serve no purpose to quote passages out of context. But some messages come through loud and clear, messages which Christians neglect at their peril—and the chief of those is LOVE. Love to everybody, your neighbours, your friends, above all, your enemies. Can you tell me how we can love people and yet, at the same time burn them to death, cut them to

pieces, torture them beyond belief and threaten them with complete extinction. Naïve and impractical I may be, but as a Christian I just cannot accept it, whatever the arguments.

I am sorry if I offend some of my friends who think differently, but when I deliberately and of my own free will accepted the Christian faith, I did not accept the standards of Betty Smith or John Brown, however much I may love and respect them. I accepted the standards of Jesus Christ, however much I may fail to live up to them. But it is only to those standards that I, as a Christian, can turn in these matters. And whatever the arguments, whatever the doubts, I see Christ crucified, naked and defenceless on a cross, suffering tortures we cannot even dream of — and still crying "Father Forgive..." I cannot equate this with napalm bombs, gas and chemical warfare, and, least of all, with atomic weapons which could wipe out the whole of God's created world.

What to do?

And, in case you agree with me, but still say "What can I do about it?", may I remind you that this is exactly what the average German citizen was saying in the 1930's.

Talking Point

HONEST TO GOODNESS

THE current decline in moral standards is deplored on all sides and is causing great concern to all responsible citizens. Every day reports appear in the Press which illustrate the depth of a moral morass into which we have sunk as a nation.

Corruption, self-seeking, dishonesty abound at all levels of our society. A prostitute in Birmingham can make as much money in a week as a Methodist minister earns in a year. Pornographic covers help to promote the sale of "paperbacks." X-films keep the cinemas open.

SEX

Sex is exploited and made to become the means of animal self-gratification rather than what God intended it to be, the expression and fulfilment of abiding and unselfish love. Society has fostered a false set of values and the acquisition of things has become more important than the formation of character. "I couldn't care less," "I'm a right Jack," "Why shouldn't I do as I like" are the catchwords of our day. TV programmes like N.S.M.A.P.M.A.W.O.L. insult our intelligence and makes us wonder whatever we are coming to.

GOODNESS

It seems pretty obvious that when you throw away the Christian belief in God, then the Christian standards of morality are not long in following!

What we call goodness cannot be separated from the view of life as fellowship with God in an eternal order into which He brings us in Christ. We live in a moral universe, and to attempt to run our lives other than on the lines God has laid down invites only disaster and break-down. Fundamentally the Christian strives after goodness because God is Goodness. Jesus gives to us a picture of what God is like. He gives to us the norm, the standard of moral behaviour. Real goodness is found in likeness to Jesus Christ, and our true way of life in this world can only be found in the adventure of growing into His likeness.

We learn that real goodness lies in the good will. It is in the inward attitude and desires of the heart. We learn that the Christian is to base his goodness, all his moral actions on the twin-principle of love towards

God and towards man, at whatever cost. To love our fellows is to care for them, to care for their true good and development as God's children. And if we loved people in Christ's way valuing their personality and seeking their highest well-being, we would not do certain things. We would not steal, or covet. We would not hurt others out of anger or malice or greed or revenge. Nor would we sin against their spirit by using them as things rather than as persons.

The way Christ looked at this matter of morals is clear.

None of us, church-goers and non-church-goers, can measure up to this exacting standard of Christ. We lack moral power. We are sinners all. And this is of course where religion comes in.

HONEST

Christian goodness is a growing in grace, spontaneous, free and often unconscious. And it makes a whole world of difference when we realise this fact, and start living in the thrilling assurance of adequate resources. That is one reason why we go to Church, not because we consider ourselves better than those who don't go, but because we feel our need of Christ Who alone can enable us to live our lives honest to God and honest to Goodness.

POST BAG

Whitsun Fete

On Whit Saturday, June 5, the Save the Children Fund are holding a garden party from 2.30-6 p.m. in the grounds of Queen Anne's School (if wet in the school hall) with side shows, band and displays, tea and refreshments, etc.

We hope this event will be well supported by the public and a great deal of money raised for a very worthwhile cause. The fund helps children all over the world and runs play groups in many places in this country and more would be run here if the money were available. Some 90,000 children are helped every day in 26 countries and we must help in this work.

Come along, the whole family, spend lots of money and enjoy a lovely afternoon!

Yours, etc.
K. P. Besley.

ST. PETER'S NEWS

BISHOP'S APPEAL PROFITS. The spring Jumble Sale produced £42 as well as bargains for a good many people. The money is being sent to the Bishop of Oxford's Appeal for new churches.

CHANCEL TO BE REDECORATED. Not since the east end of the church was extended more than 40 years ago has the ceiling of the chancel and sanctuary been redecorated. An estimate for the work has now been accepted and it is hoped to have this done shortly. A clean ceiling will undoubtedly help to lighten the church considerably and we hope to make a few other minor improvements when the work is done.

ST. PETER'S WIVES. The June meeting of St. Peter's Wives will be held in St. Anne's Hall on June 15 at 7.45 p.m. This will be a joint meeting with St. Anne's Marian Group when we shall see two films by Dr. James Robertson of the Tavistock clinic "A two-year-old goes to hospital" and "A two-year-old goes to hospital with mother." These will be followed by a discussion on young children in hospital. Any new members welcome.

THE MOTHERS' UNION hope to have their June meeting in the Rectory Garden at 2.30 p.m. on June 8, but if the weather prevents this it will be as usual in Church House.

REGATTA EVENING. Reading regatta starts on the evening of Friday, June 11. And the Rectory Garden provides a good viewing place so a social evening is planned there for the event. Tickets are now available from members of the Social Committee.

BOB A JOB WEEK. The hard work done by St. Peter's Scouts and Cubs produced £63 in this week. A splendid result. Congratulations to those who worked so hard, and many thanks to their assorted employers.

QUEEN ANNE'S SCHOOL AND THE BISHOP OF BUCKINGHAM. The Bishop of Buckingham will pay his first visit to St. Peter's when he comes on Whitsunday to celebrate and preach at the Parish Communion. And all the members of Queen Anne's School will join us on this occasion. We look forward to a great act of worship on this important festival, and in particular to some fine singing. There will as usual be an extra celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. on Whit Sunday, June 6.

District meeting at St. Barnabas'

A DISTRICT MEETING was held in St. Barnabas' Hall on April 27, at which there was lively discussion of some of the problems at present facing us. For instance what are we to do to unify the congregation? In fact there are three separate congregations—those who come to church at 8 a.m., at 9.15 a.m. and at 6.30 p.m.—and there is very little overlapping. (This can be illustrated by the true story of the person who, speaking at an earlier district meeting, thought that the twenty or so people he saw at an 8 a.m. service represented the sum total of the St. Barnabas congregation!) What is the answer to this problem, which is, incidentally, by no means exclusive to St. Barnabas? Should we go on worshipping in three water-tight compartments and never meeting each other? If not, what can we do to remedy the situation? Perhaps some people wouldn't regard it as a problem, but if we are "members one of another", as St. Paul says, then it is.

A practical point in connection with our life at St. Barnabas was decided at the meeting when a ladies' catering com-

mittee was set up. This will consist of the district warden's wives, who will have power to co-opt others. They will, no doubt, welcome offers of help from any ladies who are ready to help prepare, serve and clear away refreshments at district functions.

MOTHERS' UNION. Our garden party will be held on Wednesday, June 16—please see the weekly notices in church for the exact time and place.

COFFEE POT CLUB. This will meet at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1 at 6, Crawshaw Drive. The next meeting will be announced later, but will probably be towards the end of June. We hope members will be able to join the rest of the congregation at our Patronal Festival on June 15.

PRIEST - WORKER TO PREACH: The Rev. A. W. Williamson, who for many years has been employed at Pressed Steel, Cowley will be the preacher at the Family Eucharist on Sunday, June 20, in the octave of the dedication festival.

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BRITAIN NEEDS TAKING TO THE CLEANERS

DR. BEECHING once scolded the British public for their filthy litter habits.

Every local authority spends a vast annual sum cleaning up after its chuck-it-and-leave-it rate-payers.

There's rubbish by the mountain on the beaches; wrappings by the ton around the picnic spots. Main streets in big towns are frequently turned into rivers of chip papers and fag packets.

The world looks at us askance. Parisian housewives are no longer allowed to shake a duster out of their windows after eight o'clock in the morning.

The things you cannot do in Paris streets include throwing papers, washing cars, spitting, beating rugs. The city authorities have a 147 point list of don'ts, all in the interests of public health. And they are enforcing them with zeal.

Imagine it happening here?

**But here's a world
in which they
take their cleaning
£200 million a year
seriously . . .**

THE DAY IS COMING WHEN THE OFFICE CLEANER WILL HAVE A SMARTER, CLEANER, BETTER PAID JOB THAN THE OFFICE TYPIST.

The cleaning industry is a world for the big businessman now.

The boss of a firm employing an army of 3,000 cleaning women said: "Look, the job of a bank manager is to be a bank manager; how can he know the best way to clean his bank."

Contract cleaners are estimated to be paid a national total of £200 million a year by firms which have had to give up the unequal struggle to keep pace with new cleaning techniques and the art of employing the right woman to get on with the job.

There are so many different materials in use now in the building industry that the man who knows how best to clean and maintain them in top condition can safely call himself a specialist.

Mr. Richard Quill is a cleaning contractor for business and industrial premises in the Midlands. He has seen the business become a mystique. In his stores are shelves of detergents, polishes, seals, electrical machinery, simple tools like brushes and mops, and rows of good old-fashioned buckets.

Changing

"I am constantly interviewing representatives from firms who supply these things, because this is an ever changing world, and there's always something new to hear about," he said.

In all the big cities cleaning women who "did" for the world of business in the grey dawn hours or at night after working hours lived in smoky rows of terraced cottages.

Now the smoky rows are gone, and the working woman has been deported to the suburbs. She lives in the brick pink, grass green acres of suburbia, and if she wants to work to keep up ever-pressing payments she must travel.

She comes to town to put

the electric scrubber and polisher over the tall office blocks which stand on the site of the cottages where she once lived.

Only 12 years ago these people earned 2s. an hour, and were commonly referred to as Mrs. Mopps. Now they can get 4s. 3d. an hour and more, and often pay starts from the time they step onto their bus. The name's dead.

Mr. Quill regards the British working woman as thoroughly efficient and industrious. He has mastered, apart from his intricate trade, the art of employment.

"You treat them as human beings and deal with them as fairly as you know how, and they respect you for it. They come in here with their particular worries and problems and propositions about where they might prefer to work, and we patiently try to sort it out."

New view

"I have a list of vacancies which usually is about 100 strong, but there are two times of the year when things ease up. One is about now, and the other time is late autumn, when the domestic budgets are being strained for holidays and Christmas expenses."

Mr. Quill is a campaigner for a much more enlightened view of the cleaning industry. He says:

"Good cleaning means efficiency. Clean offices mean hygienic offices. This means better light, cleaner environment, healthier atmosphere, and this results in healthier staff and better work. Clean offices breathe efficiency . . ."

By Laurence Yardley

Since the middle ages, when our ancestors used the great outside as their communal dustbin, and thus built up the level of the streets with their reeking exotic refuse, we have regarded it as a human right to do more or less the same thing.

The Englishman, so pernickety usually about his own home and garden, is frankly not all that bothered about the mess in the street. It is only with the utmost reluctance that we can be persuaded to take bathing seriously. Shower baths—which all the world beyond our shore enjoys—are singularly shunned.

A little boy I know who lives in an O.K. area, announced proudly one day that he was about to have his bath. Do you not have one every day,

son? I asked him.

He was prevented by great mirth from making a reply for a few moments. Then he saw I was serious and admitted to one a week.

Continental plumbers have recently announced their horror at the downright evil of our toilet arrangements. Even our best efforts would hardly suit the rigorous foreigner, they said.

We are a nation that gets by with the minimum of attention to cleanliness. There is an inbred affection for dirty hands—the sign of honest industrial, agricultural toil. There is a rude health among the stock that laughs at germs and mimics our grandfathers, who said: "You've got to eat a peck of dirt before you die."

No doubt; no doubt.

But there are too many of us now, and the risk of infecting one another with our mucky ways is so much greater, because we live in each other's pockets.



On the left, the old time mop. On the right, the automatic floor cleaner.

Council to survey "high dungeons"

THE new Greater London Council is to become London's watchdog over the growing problem of the cell block building design—the number of windowless rooms in new buildings where no natural light penetrates and where occupants have to live in artificial conditions all day.

Results of an inquiry by Cambridge University, ordered by the L.C.C. several months ago, just published, illustrates the council's concern.

No study

The report says "We consider it surprising and even alarming that windowless buildings should have developed as far as it has without any real study of the effects of the environment on persons living and working in such conditions."

Windowless areas in buildings are on an increase. Factories without windows are being built and there are windowless studies at the University of York.

The planning of the revolutionary £6 million Greenwich district hospital, Britain's medical showpiece to the world, was one of the new buildings criticised by the L.C.C.

"We are much concerned that certain staff would have to spend a considerable part of their working day in accommodation that would not receive natural light or ventilation, or have contact with the outside world," it was said.

Hospital authorities later decided to have another look at the plans for possible modifications.

PENSIONERS—BUT THEY LOVE THEIR SCHOOL MEALS

COOKERY lessons at Mirfield Secondary School, Yorkshire, have a difference—they provide meals for people outside who need them.

"We've been doing this for the past ten years or so," said Mrs. Whittaker, Domestic Science Mistress. "It was my idea entirely. It's much better for the girls to have someone specific to cook for than merely to prepare meals which they have later to eat themselves. It provides a more realistic approach."

CHRISTACTION

The local Rotary Club heard of the scheme and decided to sponsor it. Now it is no longer restricted owing to lack of finance. Previously the girls had to pay for the raw materials they used for the meals.

During their fourth year at school girls are given assignments to make meals for certain types of people including toddlers as well as elderly people. At the start of the course each girl is given a preparation paper to plan out. She makes her own shopping list; plans menus for each type of catering and keeps a little time table of how she spends 9.30 to 12 a.m. during her weekly

domestic science session. In a single morning one girl will be cooking for a toddler, another for an invalid and a third for an elderly person.

Often an old person living in the area is invited to the school to lunch with her young hostess. Sometimes the girls ask an elderly relative. Often Mrs. Whittaker has to contact an old age pensioner on the list she has prepared. Most of these live alone and welcome the opportunity of lunching out.

Not only does each girl plan and cook the well balanced meal and set the table, she also eats her own lunch with her guest.

When the invited guest is unable to visit the school, then the girls take the prepared meals to their homes.

Eye-openers

"Occasionally they get their eyes opened," Mrs. Whittaker told me. "One girl took a three course lunch to a home only to discover that the old lady had only one spoon and one plate in her house."

Many are the old people who have enjoyed meals in the past ten years for it is not "charity" but just a thoughtful service from a younger section of the community to an older one—a younger section whose school motto is "Give and appreciate service."

MARION TROUGHTON

Why can't we socialise man's best friend?

IT'S all very well having a keep the streets clean campaign. But how are we ever going to get the message over to people who own dogs?

If the street where I live is anything to go by, very few of them seem to care a great deal about this nasty problem. They parade their little treasures around the place at night and in the morning the evidence is everywhere. I'm not against dogs. On the whole they have a pretty hard life; it's their owners who annoy me.

This whole city of mine is plastered with publicity about what we ought to do with our fag packets, and it seems they've gone to the end of the earth to provide us with proper places for us to put our bus tickets, and parking fine receipts. But the most horrid litter problem of them all remains there, at the end of a leash.

More care

Dogs should be taught, ideally, to use little chemical sanilavs at the bottom of their owner's garden. It can be done as has been demonstrated.

And just as important as trees in the street should be chemically charged dog drop trays, where our canine friends can pay a call when they are on their nightly strolls.

Dog owners would, of course, be obliged to make the animals use the things, or pay a fine. They'd have to treat their pets with a good deal more care and attention, and that would be a most welcome advance, for dog and man.

FRANK MILES

Will you, won't you, do my baby?

WE GIVE THE CHILD A WELCOME

by Michael Dodd

"WELCOME Home" was over the door. Which might have seemed silly to some, because it was over a church door before a christening. But we meant it.

We knew that the baptism service goes over the heads of most parents and godparents. We knew that most babies baptised come to church next time to get married. And still we put "Welcome Home"—and we meant it.

Any Church of England person more than half awake knows that the present state of affairs over christening is a disgrace. We squirm to think that many parents and godparents have no idea how serious baptism is. We hate to face the fact that some churches aren't worth signing a child on with anyway.

Throughout the Church of England things have got to change. Eventually there must come a definite lead from the top about a new baptism service; about the place of "blessing services" for parents who are unwilling to accept the meaning of baptism; about whether godparents are any use and, if so, who they should be; and so on.

But until then what is to be done?

Closed shop?

Here we are with this service of christening or baptism given us by Jesus Himself as the Christian signing-on ceremony. Soon after Jesus, it came to include the children of Christians so that they weren't left out. Over the last couple of hundred years the Church has let people take it all for granted. And now to most people it seems the closed book of a closed shop.

So what can we do?

EITHER take on all comers and "do" babies without any real challenge or encouragement to those responsible for them.

OR refuse to christen unless certain strict conditions are kept.

OR try to see the whole picture, which means explaining baptism—its gifts and its duties; and giving a real welcome.

The last way seems nearest to real Christian love. Two essential things it brings back are these:

1. Making sure that baptisms are held when there is a congregation there to do the welcoming. Hole-in-the-corner, no welcome afternoon baptisms must stop.

2. Putting the baby first before and after the service. The welcome should go on. The baby should not just be left until five years old and then expected to appear in Sunday School. There must be non-stop contact between church-family and home-family.

These are two things we aim at in our church as part of the way of welcome. We don't think we are particularly successful. We don't claim to know the whole solution. But we are sure we are on the way to it.

That's why we put up "Welcome Home."

Women Pastors

Leaders of France's Reformed Church, one of the country's main Protestant groups, have decided to admit women to the ministry on the same terms as men.

ARGUMENT

Most couples blessed with a new baby automatically ask their local clergyman to baptise the child.

Most clergymen agree. They promised, if they are ministers in the Church of England, to baptise infants and even to search them out for baptism. There is a legal requirement that the child should be baptised if its parents, being English, request it.

Now a serious rift is widening among clergymen. They see that parents are too often indifferent to the duties and responsibilities which go with infant baptism. Some refuse if they think parents do not intend to honour their promises.

"Christian News" asked two clergymen to air their views so that their anxiety might be shared with our readers.



A LYING, PERJURING MOCKERY

by Martin Mills

"WILL you obey God's Holy Will and Commandments?" There is an awkward shuffle of feet. The Vicar is as pleased to speed on as everyone else. He knows they know; the thing is ridiculous. A lying perjuring mockery of a rite.

Baptism is the way in which a person is made a full member of the Church. Most parents in this country bring their children to be baptised. Of these, the vast majority want no part of the Church save the baptism, the marriage and the funeral.

Baptism is often called Christening. It is the same thing. Many parents will tell you that they are not sure whether there is a God. They will say that it is possible to be a Christian without going to church. They meet the statement that the Church is a fellowship of people with a blank stare of incomprehension. When asked if they will give church-going a try, they say they will not.

Baptism involves commitment. Basically it is a rite for an adult who has decided that he wants to be a Christian. That is, he wants to be a member of a fellowship of people who worship Jesus as the Son of God, acknowledge God as a loving Father, and believe themselves bonded together, and led by the Holy Spirit.

When baptism involves a minor, the responsibility must rest with the parents. On them rests the promises, the commitment. Baptism without human commitment is not baptism. It is superstition.

How can you tell if there is commitment? Jesus said you could tell a Christian by what he did. It is unlikely that one who follows the way of Christ would wilfully disassociate himself from others on the same road.

A minimal test of commitment therefore is association with the fellowship of believers. Without this the parent is not in a position to say he is committed to Christianity. It should now be apparent that in fact the parent does not really want baptism for his child.

Too much bother

The lines have become crossed. The parent would like his child blessed and named. He doesn't want to be bothered with commitment. More is the pity. Jesus blessed children. The Church should be happy to do the same.

Before a person can be given membership of a club, he must agree to abide by the rules. It is up to the applicant to decide whether membership is worth the associated obligations. The ball is in his court. If at this time he does not consider that commitment is for him then he must see that it would be honest to postpone the application.

Those who baptise indiscriminately, lie about God. He requires more of man than lip service and ritual. Scriptures say He is concerned with righteousness. Christians believe that Jesus both showed us the way to live, and gave us the resources to achieve that life.

These resources are to be found within the Church. Those who long to follow Him enter it, casting aside all impediments, by way of baptism.

The legs of a girl with the spirit of a tiger

DARK haired Yvonne Castle was stunned when doctors told her that she might never walk again. But the tears did not come until sympathetic social workers sat around her bedside and tried to interest her in basket work so that she could earn a living.

Twenty-year old Yvonne, of Henshaw Street, Walworth, South London, had set her heart on a dancing career. "Since I was young I was determined that my legs were going to be my living," said Yvonne.

So when the bad news was broken, Yvonne — crippled by a nervous complaint — started her climb back to health.

"At first I could not move my legs," she said, "but I forced myself to stand up. For hours and hours I walked around a children's cot holding the rails for support.

"One day I knew I had won. I walked across the room without help."

Then came the day she had been hoping for. Soho nightclub owner, Jimmy Jacobs, offered her a dancing job. Said Mr. Jacobs: "I felt sorry when I heard the story of her illness, which took her almost a year to get over."

Worries

Yvonne said: "Getting over my illness was really a question of mind over matter. At first doctors thought I was suffering from some sort of polio, but I had a lot of worries and somehow this affected my legs."

"I went to four different hospitals and at one time I nearly gave up treatment as hopeless. Now I only want to make up for lost time and become a top dancer."

"YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE!"

The old challenge in a modern context. For we need more money to help our great work progressing

Also we need more people (18 and over) to do the work of caring for children. Can you help?

National Children's Home

Chief Offices:

Highbury Park, London, N.5.



Youth centre idea born

A "help our neighbours" scheme has been launched by people living in the Nash Terraces and houses around Regent's Park, London. They are to open a youth centre for youngsters from nearby council flats. Behind the project are business executives, a priest, a solicitor and a Lloyd's broker.

A letter from Auntie Julie

He would not kill creepy-crawlies

Dear children,

There are some people who will never kill a fly, or a spider, or any living thing, because they believe that if God made little animals, then they ought not to destroy them.

The trouble about having such good ideas is that we are always finding new kinds of animals, so small that we can't see them with our ordinary eyes, and we have to look at them through magnifying glasses, or microscopes.

If you look at a spot of pure drinking water through a microscope you will find it is full of little creatures. They won't do you any harm, of course, but they are there all the same. Now what do you think a man once did who saw these creatures in a microscope? He was so shocked to think that he had been killing them all his life that he smashed the microscope!

That's about as silly as it was for the cowboy who was looking at the film of Red Indians on the television. He'd never seen anything like it before, so he got his gun out and fired six bullets at the screen!

To magnify is to make small things look big, and just as with water when you do that you see things which you never saw before.

Here are two poems which were sent in by children at Turfpipts School in Birmingham, about Spring; and a join-the-dot puzzle.

Love to you all,

AUNTIE JULIE.

POEMS ABOUT SPRINGTIME

HOPE

by Carol Hancox — age 11

We'll brave it together
The wind and the weather
The storms, hail and rain,
With this faint hope in our hearts
That Spring will come again.
It's cold weather now,
But in a few weeks we know
The birds and the bees
Seeing May on the trees
Will be singing at the joy of their
wealth.

So we'll brave the wind and snow
That still may come, I know,
For it's joy to be alive,
To feel the sun grow stronger,
And the days grow longer
And Spring will come
I know, I know.

LITTLE CUCKOO

by Susan Hinks — aged 9

Little Cuckoo in a tree,
Sing a little song for me,
Little cuckoo on the ground,
Oh, I like your pretty sound.

Little cuckoo, oh so bright
Will you come and sing tonight
Little cuckoo, oh so merry,
Come and get a little berry.

Little cuckoo, oh so brown,
Will you come and fly right down,
Little cuckoo oh so neat,
Come sit with me, upon this seat.

Children's books

BELONGING TO TWO FAMILIES

"PETER got his name Robinson when he was born on May 6, into the Robinson family. Peter got his name Peter James when he was baptised." It is in this way that "Peter's Two Families" begins its comparison of belonging to both an earthly and heavenly family.

This is very much an activity book with spaces for drawing pictures, pasting in photographs and writing answers. It is abundantly illustrated with good pencil drawings which are pleasantly true to life.

Definite teaching about the Church is put over by linking the home and Church together. Comparisons are made between chairs and pews, bookcase and lectern, talking and praying, the family meal and the Holy Communion, amongst a number of others. The home and Church are linked with the idea of service to others and there is a short test at the end based on what is found in the book.

With so few children able to go to Church Schools and with declining numbers at Sunday School this book provides a most useful guide for parents of six to eight-year-olds. Published by the Church Information Office, written by Edwin Le Grice, it costs half a crown.

BRIAN OGDEN

MOULDY? WE'RE THE NEW TREND SETTERS

by Joan Best

HURRAY! The Americans have stopped thinking of us solely as a nation of beef-eaters, either living in quaint thatched cottages, or reading yesterday's "Times" surrounded by stuffed heads and ancestors in stately homes. At last they're realising what the tourist posters don't say (and what we've only just realised ourselves)—the British aren't old-fashioned.

We're the people that are setting the trends; London is no longer a place for photographing pigeons and Aunt Mary clustered round historic monuments — it's probably the most swinging capital at the moment.

It started with the Beatles and then all those other groups, and now the American charts are loaded with British hits—not long ago it was the other way round.

The French started raving about "Le Look Anglais". Before you could say Christopher Columbus, a plane-load of our most enterprising young designers was winging its way across the Atlantic. And back again with order-books full, leaving the Americans converted to the Young British Look.

Where there are clothes there have to be models. So it wasn't long before the beauty-drain had started. Top model Jean Shrimpton, the most English of English roses is now the acknowledged queen on both sides of the ocean.

In fact, the other day Lansburgh's, a fashion house, organised a "Look Alike" competition in Washington—where the younger set's by-word is London — for girls who think they can pass for "The Shrimp." The competition was won by 17-year-old Kathleen King, who came nearest to achieving the famous expression of combined innocence and sophistication, among 138 entrants.

It's not only our clothes that are in vogue — it's our

humour as well. Satirist David Frost has been commuting from London to New York with weekly programmes on both sides of the Atlantic, while fellow actor, William Rushton, and a T.W.3 team, have been enjoying success on tour in the States. Now Tommy Steele's show "Half a Sixpence" is just as much a "big blooming hit" over there as it was here.

Sunset holiday

LED by a 71-year-old ex-school mistress, five people, all of pensionable age, went off on holiday to the Hartz mountains, Germany, last month. They were going to eat, sleep, be looked after, entertained, and generally shown around, in company with similar people from all over the world — and all for nothing.

The idea—an international old people's holiday—is taking place by courtesy of the German "Evening of Life" movement, and 31 foreign guests have been invited. The five British pensioners—two ex-coal miners from Stoke-on-Trent, one pensioner from the Potteries, a housewife from Burton-on-Trent, and the school mistress who, incidentally, speaks fluent French and German and has travelled extensively in her retirement, will be meeting elderly

people from Australia, Holland, Switzerland, Leichtenstein (the tiny principality next door to Switzerland), and Belgium.

Cookery corner

Mock Fricassee of Iguana

1 chicken
2 pints water
1 onion stuck with cloves
1 small sliced carrot
mixed herbs
salt, peppercorns

For the sauce:—

3 pint chicken stock
3 tablespoons cream
4 lb. mushrooms.
3 egg yolks
a little lemon juice
1 doz. pickling onions, mushrooms and onions cooked separately in butter.
Neatly joint the chicken. Put pieces in a large saucepan with onion, carrot, herbs, salt and hot water. Simmer gently for about an hour, until chicken is quite tender. Strain off stock and put in a basin.

In another saucepan melt butter, rub in flour to a smooth paste over a slow fire, and add the hot stock gradually. Finally add egg yolks and cream, well mixed and dilute with a little warm stock.

Ten minutes before serving, add onions and mushrooms, already cooked in butter and the lemon juice. To serve put pieces of chicken on a hot dish, garnish with onions and mushrooms and strain sauce over all.

Television

by Goggles

TOO MANY ANSWERS— TOO FEW QUESTIONS

WE know, you know, everybody knows, that nobody is able to give straightforward religious answers these days to straightforward questions.

There is tremendous and exhilarating discussion going on about the nature of the Church, the authority of the Scripture, the validity of dogma, and so on. Yet each time we get a religious programme on the television screen, the idea seems to be at all costs to get over an answer to some question.

It's the same with preaching, I suppose, and writing about Christianity. You start off with a question like: How do we get Christianity to mean anything in industry? And then you show how it's all being looked after, and you outline your theories about the whys and whereas and hows.

The viewer can then sit back and say: It's O.K., these experts have it sewn up, why should I worry?

It's the same, in my view, with politics, and the social issues of our time. Select your channel, select your

favourite expert, find out what HE thinks, and don't bother your head any more about it.

In the end you don't get informed discussion and sensible conclusions about the mighty questions of the day, but decisions based on personalities and partisan prejudices.

Is this why we have such a narrow majority at our elections for one side or another—that both sides have been given equal opportunity to spell out their credo on the telly?

Is it a bad mistake for us to be posing smart answers

to questions of Christian Faith? The important function of television religion in days of debate like these ought to be to ask questions, oughtn't it?

Are there not a great many people who honestly believe that thinking is not one of the pleasures or abilities which their creator gave them?

As a woman of considerable vivacity said to me when I asked her if she had read Monica Furlong's letter to the Church in Britain: "But it's not my job to read books is it?"

Do we need forgiving? Well, do we?

Marjorie Moore's

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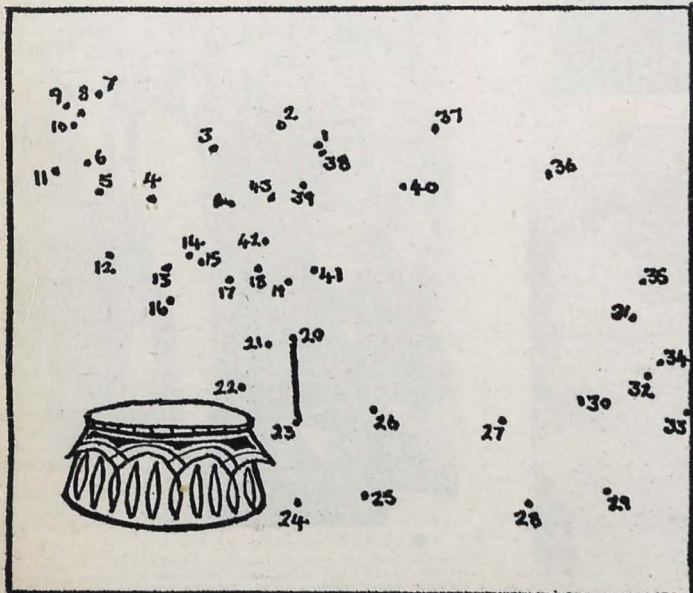
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Cricket comment

FAREWELL,
MASTERS
OF
SPIN

by Ernest Adkins

CRICKET, like all games, is one of gradual evolution. We are now witnessing a quite radical event in the history of the game; namely the eclipse of the spin bowler.

The spinner is becoming a vanishing species. He is being replaced by the trundler, or what used to be called the "military medium" bowler.

The M.C.C., not unaware of the situation, instructed that in county matches the covers should not be replaced once a game had commenced. This in theory should have encouraged county captains to use their spin bowlers more often. But the move has not had the desired effect, and the game is still monopolised by the medium pacer.

For the first time this century even international elevens are taking the field without an established spin bowler; the best example of this being the Australians, who since the retirement of Richie Benaud have relied almost solely on seam attack.

Talented

Only West Indian Lance Gibbs, and possibly Nadekarni, of India, would even remotely compare with the spin bowlers of the immediate post war years.

During that time cricket was blessed with the great talents of such men as Atholl Rowan and Hugh Tayfield of South Africa, the famous West Indians Ramadhin and Valentine, while in this country we had the record breaking J. C. Laker of Surrey, Doug Wright, of Kent, and Eric Hollies, of Warwickshire. All these were master craftsmen and a delight to watch.

There is a popular fallacy that the absence of suitable wickets is responsible for the present dearth of first class spinners.

In fact something much more radical is at the root of it. There is a different approach to the game. Bowling is to a scientifically placed field, and a medium pacer is effective on virtually any wicket.

On a plumb wicket, for instance, he can sew the game up, a function hitherto of the slow left arm specialist. Given the right conditions a muster of medium pace men such as D. Shackleton, of Hampshire, T. Cartwright, of Warwickshire, and D. Thompson, of Sussex, can run through a side, and be very difficult to score off in the process.

As the future of cricket would seem to lie in the direction of cup competitions, or possibly two-day county matches, it is more than likely that we have regrettably seen the last of really great spin bowlers.

Extra police not called; no arrests, as teenagers live it up at seaside town



● THEY DANCED

A THOUSAND teenagers invaded the Somerset seaside resort of Minehead. It was all set for trouble. Some were in the smooth dress of the Mods, some wore the leather jackets of the Rockers.

There were hundreds of girls about for the boys to impress. A lot of them were attractive enough to be fought over. Yet nothing happened.

There was no disturbance, no hooliganism. In fact the whole affair was so orderly that Princess Margaret and Lord Snowden paid the invaders a six-and-a-half hour visit on the Saturday. For this was an invasion with a difference.

An invasion so unlike the better-known invasions of Clacton, Brighton and Bognor, by other teenagers, that it didn't make the headlines. For these invaders were Christians, and they'd come to Butlin's Holiday Camp at Minehead, for a four-day conference on the theme of Power.

What was so refreshing about the whole thing, organised by the Anglican Youth Chaplains of the Dioceses of Gloucester, Bath and Wells, Bristol, Salisbury, Exeter and Truro, was that the young people were so normal.

Somehow one would have expected them to be a bit more earnest; a bit more intense; a bit more upper-crust, to fit in with the usual picture of what Christians are like. But they were full of noise and humour, and they represented every type of occupation. And make no mistake about it, they enjoyed themselves.

The day started with Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

"I suppose it's compulsory," said Ray Bolt the Butlin's Camp organist, as he surveyed about 750 people gathered around the temporary altar in the bingo hall.

But it wasn't. And these were the same people who attended the morning sessions of talks and discussion, played every conceivable kind of sport in the afternoon, sang at a music session and listened to another talk in the early evening, and then after supper danced themselves crazy to two beat groups, until night prayers ended the day.

FOUR DAY POWER RAVE



● THEY CONFERRED



● THEY PLAYED

The Butlin's staff were not too sure what to expect.

"I hope the parsons don't go around blessing you all the time," said a worried Redcoat, remembering a rather peculiar clergyman camper of the previous summer who'd spent the whole of his holiday doing just that.

Another was worried about behaviour, as he cast his eye over half a dozen long haired toughs. The chief Redcoat was a bit over-awed as he looked around at the Bishops in the dining hall. "I only need the Pope and I'm made," he murmured a little uncertainly.

But in the end they admitted to thoroughly enjoying it. "It's been a marvellous four days," said Sally, an old hand as a Redcoat. "We wish it was always like this." And so say all of us.

Geoffrey Brown



● THEY POSED