

# CAVERSHAM BRIDGE 6d.

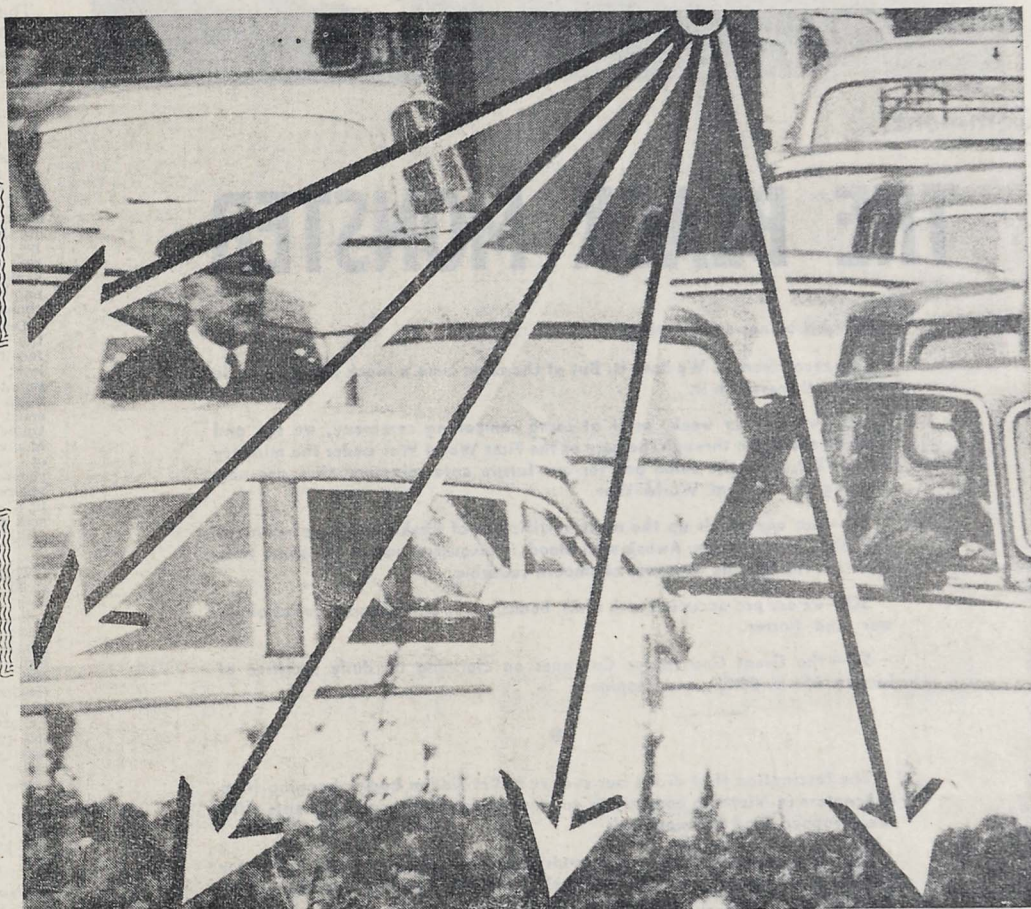
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## ROAD FACTS

THE MOTOR CAR INDUSTRY IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE ECONOMY OF THE NATION. SALES AT HOME AND ABROAD CONTRIBUTE VAST SUMS TO THE EXCHEQUER. EVERY DAY OF THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR EARNED US TWO MILLION POUNDS IN OVERSEAS MOTOR SALES

The number of people killed and injured on British roads in 1964 was 385,499 — eight per cent. up on the figure for 1963. Seven thousand, eight hundred and twenty of these people died — thirteen per cent. up on the previous year.



**A QUESTION  
FOR EVERY  
NERVE.  
SHATTERED,  
TRAFFIC-SICK  
ONE OF US —**

*In ten years' time,  
there will be 120  
vehicles to the mile of  
road space in this  
country, compared  
with 62 vehicles per  
mile now.*

We have been promised 1,000 miles of motorway by the early 1970's. At present there are only about 300 miles. Only the wildly optimistic think the target can be reached.

The Ministry of Labour say the average householder spends more on transport and vehicles now than he does on rent and rates. They work it out as £2 5s. 1d. from an income of just over £19 a week.

## CAN WE LIVE WITH THE MOTOR CAR?

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## Comment

# THE BLACK MONSTER

HUMAN beings enjoy violence.

We recoil from it. We hate it. But at the same time a black monster inside us actually revels in it.

SO—week after week, as if at some compelling ceremony, we sat and waded once again through the gore of the First World War under the ministry of the B.B.C. In the same pot for our future entertainment they are now cooking the Second World War.

SO—our age yields up the most horrific yet of Shakespeare's account of the Wars of the Roses. Awash with blood, it disgusted and at the same time satisfied the fireside vampires of smooth suburbia.

SO—we are pre-occupied with films, books, plays and documentaries about war and horror.

SO—the Great God Motor Car goes on claiming its daily sacrifice of human life and hope and happiness.

The fascination that draws our eyes to bullet-ridden bodies hanging from helicopters in Vietnam compels us to stare at frightful road accidents with their trapped dead and wounded.

Twenty people a day die on our roads. This nauseating sacrifice caters for what must be called an insatiable public taste for personal and immediate catastrophe.

However hard we try—and many motorists believe that they drive as carefully as they humanly can—the terrible figures increase.

Car driving is still regarded as a pleasure; a hobby.

ANY OTHER HUMAN ACTIVITY WHICH SNATCHED THE LIVES OF SO MANY PEOPLE IN HORRIBLE WAYS WOULD BE BRANDED AS A GROTESQUE TRAGEDY.

What is so interesting is the impassive way in which the nation accepts road accidents. Road congestion aggravates us more than accidents. Accidents seem to happen to somebody else; congestion happens to us. Other people may be maimed but what really gives me an ulcer is ME being held up for two minutes.

Better roads, safer cars and snappier safety slogans are important aspects of the answer to the accident slaughter.

But motor cars only isolate and throw into relief the helplessness of man at the mercy of the black monster that sits inside him.

Even the best man has his monster. Under most of life's circumstances he can keep him under control. But behind a wheel he is often completely at his mercy.

THE BOMB IS A PLAYTHING OF THE MONSTER. SO IS THE RIFLE, AND THE THUMBSCREW AND THE MOTOR CAR. BUT THE MOTOR CAR IS HIS BEST DEVICE YET.

## NO NEED FOR DESPAIR, IF, IF, IF...

Specially written for Christian News by  
the Automobile Association.

IN the next decade the number of vehicles on Britain's roads will almost double the present 12½ million. Instead of today's 62 vehicles for every mile of road, there will be 120 to the mile in ten years' time. The problem of road space, is, therefore, immense and urgent.

The nation's economy largely depends on a sound roads programme, and the ever-growing 20th Century motoring community will not be satisfied with 19th Century thinking or 19th Century equipment.

Motor car ownership is not only an essential part of everyday life, it is also one of the most satisfying and enjoyable features of modern family life. But the motorist, whether he is using a vehicle for business or for pleasure, is already acutely aware of the creeping paralysis which threatens to choke Britain's roads.

During the summer months the holiday motorist has to face the frustration of long delays: every year the West Country experiences some 50 miles of jams at peak weekends; last Easter, homebound traffic on the Bank Holiday Monday built up over 200 miles of jams. Saturday morning shoppers cram city and town centres and too often engage in a game of chance as they seek a parking space.

### Waking up

There are signs that Britain is at last waking from its long slumber of inactivity in catering for the motor vehicle. But at the moment it is only a gentle stirring. Whilst long term Buchanan-based thinking may provide better communications and conditions for the motorists of the 21st Century we are meantime faced with the over-riding importance of making the best use of the roads we have.

The Buchanan Report is the key to the immense programme of urban renewal. But although the report received approval in principle by Whitehall, and local authorities have been urged to tune in to its message, as yet there is no sign of a breakthrough to achieve the level of comprehensive planning and development which is so urgently required.

Leicester is one of the few exceptions. The city has an ambitious £135 million plan to turn itself into a "motor age

city" by 1995.

As the Buchanan Report points out, one way streets, waiting restrictions, or other such measures are not the answer. This is basically a problem of design, of the actual layout and form of buildings and access ways, and the manner of distribution of traffic from one part of a town to another. But it must be considered in terms of the need to create or recreate towns which in the broadest sense are worth living in, and this means much more than the freedom to use motor vehicles.

Communications between towns have also to be improved. The country has been promised 1,000 motorway miles by the early 1970's, but at present there are only about 300 miles in existence, and it does not look as if this target will be met.

### Priority

Where we fall down in Britain is in our approach. We are not adventurous enough, and do not show enough willingness to face up to the immensity of the traffic problems which confront us, and to make up our minds to the fact that solving them involves heavy expenditure and priority attention.

There has been, and still is, a lamentable failure by authority, from the Government downwards, to realise the need for a broad programme of research on a scale vastly larger than the paltry £2 million a year we now spend on this vital subject. Traffic engineers will be unable to perform the invaluable services to the motorist, of which they are undoubtedly capable, until this basic truth has struck home.

The thought of 20,000,000 vehicles on the roads by 1980 need not fill us with despair—provided that action takes the place of inertia, planning takes the place of words and research and development are pressed ahead with courage and with vision.

## VARICOSE ULCERS AND ECZEMA

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# DESIGN, SKILL AND THE 'MINI'

Christian News asked the giant British Motor Corporation: Do you feel any responsibility for the increasing road congestion. Do you uphold policies for easing it? They replied:

OUR roads are often crowded and driving has certainly lost some of its pleasure. The demand for private vehicles outpaces road development and only more economic space saving vehicles, supported by realistic public transport systems will ease the situation.

In 1956 "The Motor" stated: "If we are ever going to reach a happy state whereby almost everyone who desires to do so has access to private transportation then our motor cars have got to be small. However desperately we try to catch up in the belated modernisation of our highway system there can never be sufficient room on the roads of this island for hordes of vehicles equal in size to the present transatlantic automobile."

Alec Issigonis, technical director, B.M.C., refused to design attractive impractical cars and at once addressed all his experience and energy to conceive a car that would be smaller than any other four seater, yet have acceptable standards of economy; would have comfortable suspension and general roadworthiness in advance of its time.

Space is the most costly commodity in the modern age. Take the hypothetical case of a city that has to provide street parking on one side for 10,000 cars. The space required for Minis would be 24 miles, but for its closest U.K. competitor 28 miles!

# HELL ON WHEELS

## Don't want cars, they feel forced to buy them...

A PICTURE of how car ownership builds up in a community emerges from a Manchester University survey made in Leigh, Lancashire.

The first buyers need cars in their work. Then a group develops regarding the car as mainly a hobby. Many have been influenced by the fact that their friends have cars. "Gradually, as the proportion of car owners in the community increases, the predisposition towards ownership becomes less one of keeping ahead than of keeping up."

The team of surveyors, made up of a WEA tutorial class at the university, include this comment by a manager in support of their "ownership through emulation" idea: "I have no desire to own a car but... may be forced to purchase one."

In Leigh, a town of 47,000 people still substantially depending on coal and textiles, car ownership (at 12.7 people per car) was found to be below the national average (seven per car).

Professor Buchanan forecast for the country as a whole.

The 3,600 cars in the town in 1963 (the year to which the survey relates) will have doubled in 10 years and by 1983 there will be 12,000 private cars when 60 per cent. of households will have one car (as opposed to 23.7 per cent. in 1963).

### Lunch date

Two men recently arranged to meet in London for lunch. One had to catch a train from Bristol. He left home at 9.45 a.m. to catch the 10.15, arriving at 12.45 at Paddington.

The other man was travelling from Epsom, by car. To be sure of arriving in good time, with allowance for parking troubles, the man left home at 10 a.m.

Bristol is 116 miles from London. Epsom is 15.



## For those in peril...

"For our love of speed, and our desire to excel, making us a danger to all others who travel... For ill-temper, abusive language, and boasting, provoking others to retaliation, have mercy upon us."

This was part of a confession said on the first national day of prayer and mourning for road safety last month. The form of service was arranged by the Rev. W. R. Rodda, chairman of the Star Drivers' Association.

### Coventry first?

Coventry city officials are talking about having a monorail public transport system. So are Birmingham officials. Sir Miles Thomas, chairman of a monorail firm, says Coventry may be the first place in Britain to have such a system.

### Hold that tiger...

Sir Howard Roberts, president of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, has criticised the "weary fatalists" who argued that there would always be accidents, and that therefore nothing could be done about them. He emphasised that the vast majority of accidents were caused by human error, not by road conditions, the weather, or any other factor beyond our control.

### What it costs...

The Ministry of Labour published an expenditure league for The Average Family. Here's how it looked in 1963, at the top of the table:

Food	£5 11s. 8d.
Transport and vehicles	£2 5s. 1d.
Housing	£2 0s. 8d.
Clothing and footwear	£1 15s. 5d.
Fuel and light	£1 5s. 5d.

# Cutting cars out of Leicester's centre

## COURAGEOUS, REASONABLE, LONG TERM AIM

By W. KONRAD SMIGIELSKI, City Planning Officer for Leicester. From the "Birmingham Post," with permission.

THE recommended solution for Leicester proposes a drastic limitation of use of the private car in the central area.

In order to relieve the pressure upon the city centre a system of "interchange car parks," attached to radial roads with the function of intercepting car drivers and transferring them into the central area by means of public transport, is proposed.

### Unified

These interchange car parks would reduce the traffic density both on the radials and on the proposed inner motorway, embracing the central area, so considerably that only four to six lanes would be required.

A unified city transport under one control, comprising bus services, a monorail and even taxis would considerably reduce the number of private cars in the city centre. A proposed monorail would be to Leicester as the underground is to London—a speedy means of mass

transport of considerable capacity. This wonderful "tube in the air" would bring science fiction and the atmosphere of a James Bond film to Leicester.

### Rickshaw

A new kind of taxicab, a small vehicle of the "rickshaw" type, electrically driven, for constant circulation in the central area, is also under consideration. Pedestrian conveyors, either in the form of pedestrian bridges or elevated walkways down the centre of the main shopping streets, would provide additional means of public transport.

A healthy growth of the city would be secured without destroying its historic values and local identity. There would be no need for widening of existing streets. The process of development would take the form of gradual evolution and replacement of outworn areas instead of revolutionary trans-



And this is what "Christian News" was saying in May last year.

formation of the urban structure.

### Possible

The cost of the scheme is estimated at £135 million as against £500 million for a solution with the full use of the private car to be spent over the period of 30 years, which is considered as being within the financial possibilities of the city council.

LEICESTER'S TRAFFIC PLAN RINGS A BELL OF WARNING TO OTHER CITIES. EVERY BRITISH CITY WILL HAVE TO PRODUCE A LONG-TERM COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC PLAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO EMBARK URGENTLY ON ITS IMPLEMENTATION. TIME IS NOT ON OUR SIDE.

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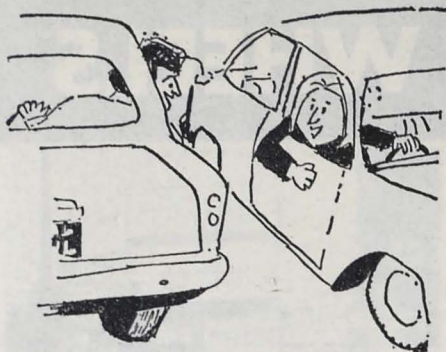
WE NEED GREEN SHIELD STAMPS FOR AN AMBULANCE



## TRUTH FIRST?

AS the free press develops, as the great society evolves, the paramount point is whether, like a scientist or a scholar, the journalist puts truth in the first place or in the second. If he puts it in the second place, he is a worshipper of the bitch goddess Success.

—Mr. Walter Lippman, the American newspaper columnist.



# chatstarters

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

## Hell's dumb-bells!

IF I believed in Hell, I would imagine it as one vast gymnasium with the wicked perpetually engaged in physical training.

—Robert Morley, the actor.

## The Economy and Adam's apple

IF this experiment is to fail, then I think we shall have proved something more than that we cannot come to terms with the economic problems of the day. We shall have tended to prove that a free society cannot exist the way we would want it to exist because of indiscipline and selfishness.

—Mr. Ray Gunter, on the Government's prices and incomes policy.

## WHILE THEY STILL CARE-DECIDE

MORE time may well be needed for the people who have thought through the problems to explain what it is all about. But then the churches will have to decide, while there are still people left in them to take the decision.

—“The Guardian”, on Anglican-Methodist reunion.

## Reds now unchallenged

THE U.S. Government refuses to recognise a Chinese Government which has been in undoubted control of all China for 16 years and which, whether or not it can be held to have been chosen by its people, is unchallenged now. It is not a kindness to the facts to recognise them: it is a kindness to oneself.

—Wayland Young, political commentator.

## Stopping unwanted babies

TODAY'S methods of contraception may be quite different from those we shall use five years from now because the whole field of contraception is being so intensively studied. There has never before been so much time and money spent on birth control research.

—Dr. A. F. Guttmacher, chairman of the Medical Committee of the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

## A matter of discipline...

TO condone unnatural offences in male persons over 21, or male persons of any age, seems to me utterly wrong. One might just as well condone the devil and all his works. If these unnatural practices are made legal a blow is struck at the discipline of the British armed forces.

—Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.

## ...or of development?

FOR many adolescents and young men, homosexuality is a natural stage in their development which they later outgrow. Intervention of the law to brand them as homosexuals is disastrous to their development.

—Monica Furlong.

## It's still there, somewhere

I DO not believe that Christianity has completely lost its hold on anything like the majority of those of our land. It is still true to talk of our country as a Christian country. Our people have an instinct for God and, however far buried, it springs to life at times of national and private need.

—Dr. Neville Davidson, vice-president of the British Council of Churches.

## Better than gin?

MARIJUANA is not a drug of addiction and has no known harmful physiological effects. The drug is freely used in Eastern countries where

alcohol is regarded as more harmful. This is a social prejudice founded on lack of information.

—Guy's Hospital Gazette.

## Kicked into it?

IF England had suffered enemy occupation, the ecumenical movement, which is making fair progress, would by now be very much further advanced.

—Cardinal Heenan, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster.  
\*Ecumenical: The Churches working together.

## Mad, mad world

THIS world is today a madhouse where individuals exaggerate their racial superiority, religious pride, or national egotism and thus become victims of moral and spiritual blindness.

—President Radhakrishnan of India.

## Too good to be holy?



MISS LOREN is the worst possible choice to portray a holy woman. She doesn't have the physique.

—Mother Ursula, of Cabrini College, Philadelphia, on the choice of Sophia Loren to play the part of a saint in a film.

## A jar of hope

WHEN a woman buys a jar of cream, a bottle of make-up or a flask of perfume, she is not buying anything tangible in the true sense of the word. She is buying a look, a feeling, a promise, an idea, a state of mind. Frankly, I call it hope.

—Mary Jane Robinson, executive of one of America's oldest cosmetics firms.

# Untruth, non-truth and nothing like the truth

WHEN a Roman Catholic Cardinal died in 1963, an important funeral tribute insisted that he had not been a “conservative” churchman. The speaker was countering numerous allegations that the dead Cardinal had resisted “progressive” trends in the R.C. Church.

Two months after the panegyrics, the R.C. press revealed that the Cardinal was one of thirteen “conservatives” who had signed a special letter to Pope John. The letter expressed “extreme disquiet” about tendencies at the Vatican Council's first session in 1962.

I will not here argue whether Cardinals ought to be conservative or progressive! I want, rather, to use the story as an example of disregard for truth. It illustrates the taken-for-granted assumption that in an obituary, standards of truth can be lowered.

Like all Christian Churches, the R.C. Church claims to have responsibility for the Truth. There are subtle dangers in giving the word a capital T. It gives a rarified abstract ring, divorced, almost too conveniently, from the everyday obligation towards truth. It is not enough for Christians to see that they value truth; they must be SEEN to value it. I

believe that the Christian value of truth is NOT seen in far too many ecclesiastical speeches, decisions, pronouncements and sermons.

## Contrived?

When I attend R.C. functions I sometimes find myself wondering what has become of standards of truth. I have often sensed that religious gatherings can have the same contrived atmosphere that is alleged of the political meetings in dictatorships.

I am not impressed by the excuse that those listening are adults who recognise special conventions of truth, for

example, that after-dinner speeches are not to be taken seriously. I am complaining not about remarks offered for laughs, but against remarks offered for cheers. In the flattery and exaggeration of official occasions, tributes to Bishop X, Father Y or Mr. Z too often mock the truth.

Nor is the audience always skilled in conventions—adult excuses for doing what we tell children not to do. I think of the prizegiving at which the headmaster paid a teacher a tribute known to be false. The children jeered. If they showed little tact, they showed more regard for truth than the Head. This illustrates the educational importance of the issue. There is conflict and hypocrisy in a school where truth is emphasised in religious and moral instruction, but violated in the “sophistication” of life.

And what of the ecclesiastical authority which gives a

By a Roman Catholic,  
Denis Rice

decision with a fobbing-off reason? Authority need not always reveal its decisions. But there are important differences between withholding reasons and producing false ones. When I was refused the form of wedding which I wished, I was given priestly explanations which I checked and found false. I confronted authority with the deceit, to be answered by: “It's a professional secret; I'm not allowed to tell you.” There was no redress against

the decision, or worse, against the lie.

I want to finish with a positive thought, certainly necessary for my Church, probably necessary for other Christians. Particularly under the influence of the natural and social sciences, modern education teaches a respect for evidence. This is an outlook which the Christian, valuing truth, must welcome and emulate. Our intellectual activity and integrity is enhanced if, as Christians, we refrain from judgments about the world of men and morals until we have looked at the facts.

## Study

We ought not, for example, to pronounce about the “decline” in standards of morality and of family life until we have thoroughly studied the evidence. In the face of the evidence we will see that our easy black and white judgments are based more on detached

ignorance and hearsay, than on attentive concern for our world.

Today, no Christian can call himself concerned and educated if he has not taken the trouble to familiarise himself with sociology. With an awareness of this study he will begin to understand the real world of men—in family, in community, in society and in church. Sociology will dissuade him from pronouncing cut and dried condemnations of the modern age. It will teach him to distinguish pulpit poultices from meaningful solutions to the needs of society. It will enlighten his service in the world.

At Leicester University, a weekend course on “The Uses of Sociology” will be held from September 17–19. We have especially designed it for Christians who, as clergy or laity, take seriously their obligation to understand the society in which we and our fellow men have to live and find God. We are offering the weekend as an introduction to sociology for responsible Christians. I will be happy to send a programme to anyone who writes to me (Vaughan College, Leicester).



## CAVERSHAM BRIDGE

THE NEWSPAPER OF THE ANGLICANS  
FREE CHURCH AND ROMAN CATHOLICS  
OF CAVERSHAM

## Letter to Peter Emery

DEAR Mr. Emery,

Of recent weeks we have had many house-to-house collections, and also flag days, in the borough for charitable causes, some of them specifically Christian, but all deserving support.

The organisers usually turn to the clergy, hoping that we will get members of our different congregations to help with the collecting.

Now this, you may say, is as it should be. But, as you may know, we are on the point, in Caversham, of launching a scheme of social service, and we want to feel that we Christians are trying to be of practical help to those in need in the community rather than just collecting money.

And then the Anglicans among us have taken part in a Christian Stewardship campaign and we promised people when they made a pledge that we would make no further appeals for actual church maintenance; so it naturally gives a wrong impression when non-churchgoers find us knocking on the door with an envelope—in their eyes the Church is still begging.

So why not a better way?

And this is where I want your help when you are lucky enough in the draw and can introduce a private Member's bill.

Why should it not be possible for borough councils to levy a voluntary charity rate of perhaps 1d. in the £. This would be attached to the ordinary rate demand but everyone would be free to opt out (on lines similar to the Church Tax in Germany which goes out with the income tax demands but which only a tiny handful choose not to pay).

If it were known that this meant an end to all flag days and house-to-house collections, I am sure nearly everyone would be willing to accept this voluntary levy. Then the Watch Committee would allocate grants from this rate to those charities who would otherwise have been applying for permission to hold a house-to-house collection or flag day.

I hope you will follow up this suggestion, for if this could be made law, a great deal of the time and energy that goes in these collections could be turned to more practical forms of service, not only in Reading but throughout Britain.

Yours sincerely,

*John Grimdale*

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# Profile of Mr. E. F. Allwood

CAVERSHAM seems fated to lose many of its well-known personalities. Fortunately, although—as many of you know—Mr. Allwood will soon be retiring as Headmaster of Caversham Secondary School, we shall not be losing him from the district.

Probably very wisely, he is choosing to spend his retirement where he has lived for so many years, where he has made so many friends and, one could add, where he has found so many jobs to do. Some of these jobs will, naturally, cease with his retirement, and it is probably with a sigh of relief that he is able to give up his work with the Reading Teachers' Association, the local N.U.T. branch, of which he was secretary for 21 years. But there will be some things he will not be forced to abandon, and we look forward to having him as one of our magistrates for many years yet.

For many years he has been on the National English Schools' Athletics Association committee; in 1951 he was national chairman and for ten years he has been treasurer. This job entails far more work and travelling around than one would suppose, and many a budding athletic champion from this area has reason to be grateful for the work he and his colleagues put in.

Nor is this all; he spends a lot of time arranging and conducting school parties on trips to the Continent. He likes travelling around so this is no mere chore to him but a very enjoyable task. Not, of course, that Mr. Allwood is in the habit of plumping always for the enjoyable tasks. As a colleague says, he is always prepared to take on any menial job that others shirk, and he will be sadly missed when he retires at the end of this term.



Photo: Fred Walker

## BY OUR ROVING REPORTER

Mr. Allwood has lived in Caversham since 1927, so despite the fact that he spent a few years teaching in London in the early part of his career, he can claim to have a connection with the educational world in this area which takes a lot of beating. In his case this did not stop at teaching, and it wasn't long before he found himself on all manner of committees. It would be impossible to list all his activities here, but among other things he has been the teachers' representative on the local Education Committee for 19 years and has served on the local Children's Committee.

One of his main interests has been in the field of ath-

letics and for many years he has been on the National English Schools' Athletics Association committee; in 1951 he was national chairman and for ten years he has been treasurer. This job entails far more work and travelling around than one would suppose, and many a budding athletic champion from this area has reason to be grateful for the work he and his colleagues put in.

We would like to wish him a very happy retirement. After 16 years as headmaster of Caversham School he will certainly miss some of his work, but we are quite sure that he intends to make full use of his retirement, and we look forward to his continued activities among us.

## PAKISTAN CYCLONE DISASTER

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## Harvest Hymn Competition

AT HARVEST Festival, the available hymns imply that we are all farmers or workers on the land. But how many people in Caversham "Plough the fields and scatter?"

We badly need hymns which are relevant to our worship of God in a cork factory, or making "Napisan," in building or joinery, in atomic energy research, in making biscuits, in transport or in countless other ways.

The "CAVERSHAM BRIDGE" is holding a hymn writing competition. A guinea book token will be given for the best of any new harvest hymns which are subsequently used by one of the Churches of Caversham.

They can be written to well-known hymn tunes or popular secular tunes.

The closing date is July 20. Please send your name and address on each entry. The winning hymn will be published in the September edition of the "Caversham Bridge."



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## Future of historic churches

IN "THE OBSERVER" for May 23 there was an article by the Rev. Nicholas Stacey on "How the Church could Survive." Mr. Stacey was of course referring to the Church of England. He is always an interestingly provocative writer and there was one point in particular in this article which struck me. He says "over 500 of the 790 churches which the recent Archbishop's Commission on the problem thought were redundant—a very conservative figure in my opinion—are of historic interest. It is expected that the cost of repairing them over the next five years will be £1 million. But if the Church is not to be dragged to the grave by the weight of historic buildings around its neck it must deconsecrate most of them and hand them over to the State. No doubt many will survive as museums."

Might it be too much to hope that in the present atmosphere of greater understanding between the various Christian denominations, instead of deconsecrating most of these churches and handing them over to the State (possibly to survive as museums), they might first be offered to other

denominations and, if accepted continue to be used for Christian worship, the purpose for which they were originally built? Obviously, this would not save all of them—so much would depend on locality, etc.—but there are many parts of the country where, for instance, the R.C. churches are too overcrowded and, rather than build anew, it might be possible to maintain the old and historic.

Yours, etc.,

Justine Mair.

## Since the fall of Adam...

WHILE stating her reasons for offering to resign as Roving Reporter for "The Caversham Bridge," one cannot help but feel that Winnie Darter forgets a great deal.

Evil has always been in this world since the fall of Adam, but it has always been kept in check by Good. Though Christ was put to death on trumped up charges, he was not defeated.

Every machine that man has invented can be dangerous and war and destruction have always been with us.

That stepping out on the road the next time, riding a bicycle,

(Cont. in next column)

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Mrs. Winifred Griffin was born in Chile where her father was in business. At 14 she came to school in England, and later returned to South America to teach. Subsequently the family moved to South Africa,

where she married. Her husband travels daily to London to administer the family publishing business, of which the eldest of their four children is a co-director.



Photos by Fred Walker

Mrs. Mary Woolley comes from Bladon near Woodstock and was baptised and married in the church there. She worked in the G.P.O. at Reading where she met her husband. Both were keen tennis players and

their daughter Julia has inherited the talent. During the war she served in the St. John Ambulance Brigade, but now she claims to be "just an ordinary housewife."

## LINKS WITH MAPLEDURHAM

MORE THAN 40 people attended a meeting in Mapledurham Memorial Hall early in June when members of the congregation of St. Margaret's, Mapledurham, agreed to seek closer co-operation with the parish of Caversham. Mr. W. C. Christian was in the chair and the Vicar of Mapledurham and Rector of Caversham were present together with members of the congregation of both parishes.

Members of St. Peter's and St. Andrew's are warmly invited to the Parish Communion on Mapledurham's patronal festival, St. Margaret's Day, Tuesday, July 20. The service is at 8 p.m. On the previous Sunday, July 18, after a garden party at the Vicarage, Canon A. J. Watts, rural dean of Henley, preaches at Mapledurham at a special Evensong at 5.30 p.m., and the Rev. Roger Packer will be addressing the young wives of Mapledurham at their service on July 8, at 8 p.m.

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## Evensong — an idea

SOME YEARS ago Evensong was one of the most popular of the Sunday services, but the attendance has steadily declined, so that now, in some churches, the empty pews are almost a mockery of worship. This may not apply everywhere, but where it is the case, would a rota for Evensong between two or three neighbouring churches be worth considering during the summer months?

Otherwise, what can be done to encourage better attendance?

Yours, etc.,

E. V. Beale.

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## Sorry!

"Honest to Goodness" which was last month's Talking Point was by the Rev. E. B. Wright. We apologise for omitting to acknowledge his article.

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## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Parents' role in education

THE ROLE of parents in education was the subject of a recent talk given by the Borough's Assistant Education Officer, Mr. Sergeant to St. Anne's Marian Guild. Because it was so interesting, we are publishing these extracts from it.

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The parents' role in education is basic, vital and continuous from babyhood to post adolescence. Education is not simply a development of technical skills but is concerned with the growth of the whole child as an individual. Teacher and parent supplement each other, the thinking of teachers is the expression of the modern thinking of parents.

## HIS OWN PACE

A child develops at his own pace and this is not a five-minute process. He needs attention and if he does not get enough at home he will demand too much at school.

PRE-SCHOOL YEARS. From

babyhood, opportunities of discovery must be given, questions answered, social aspects developed. At three and four years a child is imitative as a monkey and his first model is one or other of his parents.

Relationships with other children are most important and pre-school children should be given chances to meet playmates of their own age before school lest a sudden introduction to a large class should be shattering. The tying of shoelaces, ties, knife and fork manipulation can all be taught before school.

## IMPORTANT

STARTING SCHOOL. The first day is vitally important, and if the parent can pretend that everything is fine and transfer this feeling to the child it is of great help. Parents should not worry if the children are uncommunicative about their school days. A full day is exhausting for them; they live in a world of their own and their interests and values are not adult. They

will talk when they are ready and then the parents should show interest. During the junior years children follow the same pattern of now wanting to speak of school. If parents are worried they can always see the teacher. Parents can help to organise a child's enthusiasm—books for stamp collecting; a recorder for playing; a chance to learn swimming if the child shows eagerness.

11-PLUS. There is a danger of parents reliving their own lives in their children. Worrying the children to pass for grammar school makes their results worse. The emotional pressures are the same for the teacher, but one should expect the child to do his best and help him by keeping atmosphere and tension under control.

## SECONDARY LEVEL

SECONDARY LEVEL. Parents represent past traditions and enshrine the moral

code in themselves. They need "squareness." At this age children are uncertain of themselves, have big problems and, in consequence, are often rude to the limits of parental endurance, but they expect the parent to crack down occasionally. They pretend to hate you for it but don't, and amid their own changing values and emotions appreciate the stability of adult ideas.

## MIDDLE WAY

The teacher here has an easier task as he can "bring down the axe" with a lighter heart, but both teachers and parents need to steer a middle way in discipline—not too little, not too much. They have the moral standards and must uphold them.

EARNING A WAGE. Not too soon. If the school has still something to offer, let the children stay on.

## REMAND CENTRES

SINCE my article published in the May issue went to press Eric Lubbock, Liberal M.P. for Orpington, raised this question in a letter to the Home Secretary.

In a reply, the Secretary of State, Miss Alice Bacon, said that two remand centres for women and girls are now in use and two others will be available before the end of the year.

The two which are already in use are at Risley in Lancashire and at Brockhill in Worcestershire; the other two will be at Low Newton near Durham and Pucklechurch near Bristol. These four centres between them will serve the major part

not given separately, Miss Bacon gave the figures for 1963 for this age group as 947 untried prisoners; 176 subsequently returned to prison on conviction and 771 who did not subsequently return to there on conviction.

In a memo acknowledging Miss Bacon's letter, Mr. Lubbock says he finds these figures are shocking since they appear to indicate that 771 girls have in effect received a prison sentence for offences they were subsequently found not to have committed or were dealt with in some other way. He asks to be informed if he has interpreted the figures wrongly.

## By Justine Mair

of the country, but there will still be no remand centre accommodation for women and girls in London and South East England. The Home Office is anxious to provide accommodation for this area as soon as possible and consideration is being given as to how its needs can most effectively be met.

In her letter to Mr. Lubbock, the Secretary of State called attention to the Statistical Tables for Prisons and Borstals for 1963. In particular she drew attention to Table C1 which dealt with receptions into prisons, borstals and detention centres 1954 to 1963. Although figures for those under 21 years of age are

I understand from our local Probation Service that the Remand Centre at Risley was opened only last April and it is thought the one at Brockhill must also be very recent. I am afraid my article was written before we had this additional information. As you will see, however, there is still nothing catering for the girls in London and the south east—probably the most densely populated part of the country. I hope, therefore pressure will continue to be put on the Home Office so that this very urgent matter does not remain permanently pending.

## NATTERBOX...

It astonishes me to hear borough councillors boast that Reading has the fourth lowest rates in the country. I would be far from shocked, however, to know that our amenities are among the lowest. Too it seems obvious that low rates mean fewer amenities. So we have large traffic jams, poorly stocked libraries, no theatre, few sports facilities, few flats for the elderly, and few nursery schools.

We're lucky to have the Thames running through the town—for there's little else to crow about.

Three cheers for the Chief Constable! At last someone is being firm about the town's traffic tangle. I hope he succeeds with his various plans for improvements despite the pressures of those people who

seem determined to guard their own interests and make the muddle worse. I hate to think of the hours of productivity wasted and the fuel consumed sitting in traffic queues and looking for non-existent parking places.

I would ask him, however, to encourage his constables to be less timid. I still see them, unblinking, walk past cars double parked in No Waiting areas!

The spiralling cost of living has been exercising my mind (and my purse) recently. I hope, as a result, that the Post Office is making as much money as they expected by putting up postal rates. They're getting little extra out of me. I've taken to writing postcards instead of letters. You can get quite a lot on a postcard, and save on envelopes and paper as well. How

many friends I lose as a result remains to be seen!

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 HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD members were entertained by the New Elizabethan Singers, who gave an excellent programme of songs and choruses. The Social Studies Group heard a talk on the Chilterns by Mr. J. H. Baker, the author of several books on the subject. The International Section heard a talk by Mrs. I. Knox Taylor on South Africa, and one by Mr. Kissey, a Ghanaian schoolmaster.

The Guild was very successful at the recent arts and crafts exhibition at the Town Hall, gaining two gold, three silver and nine red stars for cookery, basketwork and painting.

40 tickets for the Garter ceremony at Windsor Castle were received.

Members of the CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD will be learning about the art of cake making at their meeting on July 15 and at this meeting final arrangements will be announced for the Garden Party to be held at 60, Conisbore Avenue on July 21 in aid of the Dr. Clark Fund. Members hope for a large attendance to enable a substantial contribution to be made to the appeal.

For details of all the Guild's activities please contact Mrs. A. Cowland, Honorary Secretary, phone Reading 71019.

## St. Barnabas' Coffee Pot Club



A group of friends linked with St. Barnabas' who meet in each others' homes. When this photograph was taken Mr. Anderson was giving an illustrated lecture about his visit to America.

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## TEENPAGE

### STUDENT VIEW

A great deal is talked about lack of moral standards today. When a young person is brought up with definite standards of right and wrong and then finds herself in a crowd where these standards don't seem to count — what should her attitude be? A student who lives in Caversham discusses this dilemma.

"I am pregnant." This sentence heard periodically among the people I am working with need not mean "I am going to have a child" because they usually try to get rid of it.

In my student world, I have often felt almost frightened of meeting this sort of person in case I get to like them, and then find that they are "sick."

The common diseases? Drugs; most kinds are available for anyone who wants them. Abortions; precautions are usually taken against their necessity but very few dream of actually having the child. Stolen goods: these are abundant, and seem among some to be a mark of status.

These are but a few of the diseases surrounding us all. Are we to do nothing, but sit and watch the world grow ill and die? Our task is to try to cure, but we can only work slowly. A fast cure only leads to relapses, as I found when I spoke to a girl about stealing. She promised a complete reform — but had relapsed within the week.

#### Finding a path

If one becomes friends with these people, then they will listen to your views, and more important still, will watch your behaviour. But somehow one has to find a path between a stick-in-the-mud and joining the sick. It is best to turn a blind eye on a stolen record if one has just stopped someone in the same group from obtaining drugs, for nagging will only annoy them and they will take no more notice of you.

It is not always easy to stick to your principles for people mock you. But if you laugh with them instead of their laughing at you, the mockery turns to a joke.

But there are times when your moral stand must be relaxed, in order to be a friend. A girl came to me in trouble, needing a friend and not a conscience — for her own was already bothering her. I visited her, looked after her and prayed for her.

But admitted that I was praying for her health, not that she might lose the child, which was her wish.

If we are to remain decent citizens we must not only try to avoid falling into disrepair ourselves, but help others to a new footing also. These are all good people who have slipped. If we help others who need us, then we will find that there are others ready to help us when we begin to flounder.

### They win Sunday School Union Shield

THE Caversham Heights Methodist Sunday School and G.L.B. entered 23 scholars for the Scripture Examination and have been awarded the Reading and District Sunday School Union Shield for the best of the smaller schools.

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#### Prize and Honours

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Jane Hissey, 97.  
Jennifer Tee, 96.  
Anderson Pringer, 92.  
Jane Windsor, 91.  
John Hollingum, 91.

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Rosamund Ward, 89.  
Sylvia Pilgrim, 89.  
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Jane Horner, 86.  
Robin Allies, 85.

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Mark Hollingum, 84.  
Susan Tilley, 84.  
Andrew Reddall, 83.  
Eric Springer, 83.  
Carol Horner, 82.  
Derek Seearce, 82.  
Godfrey Hollingum, 82.  
Celia Wall, 77.  
Roger Reddall, 75.  
Jennifer Sharpe, 74.  
Christine Turner, 70.

#### PARENTS!

Are the teenagers in your family reading this page?

**IF NOT —  
WHY NOT!**

## 'CAMPAIGN FOR TEENAGE VOTING RIGHTS'

YOUNG people between the ages of 18 and 21 have no sense of responsibility. A large percentage of adults must think so by denying us the right to vote.

People over 18 years have either just left school or are attending further education classes, be it at university or technical college. So the standard of education has never been higher, and yet we are not considered capable or intelligent to vote.

#### Should have a say

If we are old enough to drive a car or motor cycle, fly a plane, pay full rates of National Insurance, or even be hanged, why is it that we are still denied the right to vote?

Adults raise the objection that we are not mature enough, which means "ready to be put into action." As you all know, until recently, conscription was enforced upon everybody over 18 years. Surely if we were considered "ready to be put into action" to fight and die for our country, we should have a say in its government.

At the turn of the century, the suffragette movement was in full cry. Women chained themselves to railings, set fire to post boxes and railway stations because

they felt so strongly about their voting rights. If the youth of today did this, then they would be branded as irresponsible idiots and rightly so.

Surely the answer is to form a movement similar to C.N.D., only with a title

of "Campaign for Teenage Voting Rights." This would show the public that we feel strongly about this subject, and maybe then the government would sit up and take notice of our claim.

R.E.

## CUP COMES TO CAVERSHAM



NOT, of course, the F.A. Cup, but the Battalion Cup of the Reading Battalion, Girls' Life Brigade, was won in the first year of its life by the 1st Caversham Company at Caversham Heights Methodist Church. The award was presented to Captain Mrs. E. T. Parker, seen in the picture (by courtesy of "Reading Chronicle") receiving it from the Battalion President during the annual display at Reading Town Hall last month. The trophy goes to the company with the best average attendance and badge-work record each year. With it comes the privilege of carrying the Battalion Colour. The girls of 1st Caversham were also successful in the team games competition during the display, winning two of the three games outright.

The Girls' Life Brigade is increasingly active in Reading, but there is only this one company north of the river at present. The Movement is the oldest-established uniformed organisation for girls and celebrated its diamond jubilee in 1962. It is, of course, sister organisation to the Boys' Brigade, and like B.B., can only exist when a local company is part of the life of the Church. The aim of G.L.B. is to lead girls to a knowledge of Jesus Christ and to encourage them to become useful, self-

reliant Christian women. There are over 100,000 members in Britain and many thousands more in overseas areas; this figure will increase greatly when Girls' Guildry (Scotland) and the Girls' Brigade (N. Ireland) combine with G.L.B. in the autumn.

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# BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES — EXPERIMENT IN SELF-HELP

ONE of the greatest problems since the Second World War has been the shortage of living accommodation.

Families are a long way down the municipal housing list. They pay high rents for accommodation that is often inadequate, and these high rents make it impossible for them to afford the necessary deposit on a house.

What is the alternative? Must a family go on forever paying rent?

In Rotherfield Way, Caversham, there is a group of people who faced this problem 14 years ago. They had not much money, but a whole lot of courage, and by working in their leisure time demonstrated that it was possible to help themselves to a house.

The first step was to form "The Reading Family Housing Association." They were granted a 100 per cent. loan from the local authority and they undertook to build the houses themselves.

There were 50 members. Each member purchased a £1 share and contributed £25 of loan stock which formed the working capital. Fifty houses were to be built, one for each shareholder member.

## ENTHUSIASM

In the early stages the whole scheme hinged on the keenness and enthusiasm of its elected officers, committee and group members: fifty completed houses appeared a long way off. Negotiations for finance, land and architectural planning all took a long time. During this period the group spent its time training and learning building techniques.

## EVENING WORK

Finally the planning was complete and in February 1952 work started. It was a difficult site and a great deal of physical effort was required to prepare the foundations for the first pair of houses. En-

thusiasm abounded and before the winter set in five pairs of houses were roofed-in. A petrol driven electricity generating plant enabled work to continue during the dark evenings. The average hours worked by each member were twenty per week. In addition, a week's annual holiday was worked on the site.

At the end of the first year families began to move into the houses at the rate of approximately one house per month. This kept morale at a high level and proved that the project was working as planned.

A number of the group were skilled building trade workers and they were invaluable in directing the work, but it was surprising how members who were engaged in sedentary occupations during the day soon acquired the necessary skills.

The association's quantity surveyor rightly insisted on only the very best quality materials, and standards of workmanship

## 50 HOUSES

Within a period of four years all fifty houses were constructed and occupied. Fifty Reading families had proved that with sufficient determination it was

possible to help yourself to a house.

Perhaps the greatest single contribution was that of the members' wives: in most cases they were left alone for long evenings and week ends looking after young children and there was little opportunity for any real social life.

## WORTHWHILE EFFORT

Was it worthwhile? — overwhelmingly yes, the group provided homes for fifty families to grow up in. The surroundings are delightful and the houses will be a monument to their efforts for many years to come.

## Presbyterians to have new Minister

Without a minister for nearly a year the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, York Road, will be welcoming the Rev. George Shearer who is to be inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Paul's on June 30.

## CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week this year in Caversham produced £214 12s. 9d. as a result of the house to house collection. This is a great improvement on anything we have achieved in the past but when thought of in terms of our growing population amounts to the cost of a cigarette and a quarter for each person. Is this good enough?

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## CHURCHES LOSE TWO WORKERS

We join with our friends of Wesley Methodist Church in expressing our sympathy to Mrs. Havers, her son and daughter following the death of Mr. Ernest Havers.

Although he only came to Reading 15 years ago, Ernest Havers had been an active Methodist since his early days and few can have crowded so much service into 67 years of life. He held almost every office open to laymen in the Methodist Church and was a Circuit Steward at the time of his death. The considerable competence he showed in any office was perhaps most valuable in his work on the Covenant Scheme where he increased the Income Tax recovery by over 100 per cent. All churches in the circuit have benefited from his experience and advice on this subject.

The Superintendent Minister, the Rev. A. E. Emerson, speaks of him as a man with a high standard of honour who was an adviser and friend to all the ministers of the circuit.

We regret to record the death on May 17 of Miss Maud Trustrum, a member of the Baptist Church. Many will mourn the passing of Miss Trustrum who was a Sunday School teacher and a tireless worker in many fields of Christian Service. The Rev. L. S. Lewis conducted her funeral service and, in paying tribute to her, said that her passing was not a tragedy but the end of a blessing.

We offer our sympathy to her brother with whom she lived at 48, Cromwell Road, Caversham.

## Guides' thanks

St. Anne's Girl Guides wish to thank all their helpers who came to their aid with the jumble sale. The £28 raised will be of more assistance than they can say.

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## ST. JOHN'S

# Membership drive of Youth Club

**YOUTH CLUB.** To celebrate its becoming an "open" club and to encourage new membership, St. John's recently launched out by holding a social evening in St. John's Hall on Saturday, May 8. Members of other Youth Clubs were also invited, namely those belonging to St. Anne's, Gosbrook Road Methodists, the Baptists and St. Michael's Tilehurst. Approximately 60 people turned up to take part.

Thus encouraged, the club has already had a very enjoyable return visit to St. Michael's to play table tennis and has made arrangements to have a similar evening with St. Anne's in June.

### A WEEKEND RETREAT.

On May 21 a member of St. John's had the privilege of accompanying a group of men from St. Andrew's on a weekend retreat to the Mission House of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cowley. It was a memorable experience and it is hoped that in future years others will wish to take part in this wonderful period of worshipping God in the exhilarating fellowship of the Fathers and Brothers of the Society.

The group from Caversham arrived at the Mission House in time for supper on the Friday. From then on a strict silence was observed until after Evensong on Sunday. To many it might appear difficult to spend two speechless days, but throughout this time the group joined with the Cowley Fathers in their daily recitation of the Divine Office and received six simple yet impressive addresses by the Father Superior on the glory of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.

## Delightful gardens

The Mission House has delightful gardens where the Retreatants spent several valuable hours walking or sitting in the sun reading or meditating over the words heard and sung in the Chapel and Church. The garden surely is the best place, outside God's House, where we may enjoy and appreciate his great gifts—the flowers, the birds, not least the sound of the cuckoo—which, alas, this year seems to have passed by Caversham.

What was the purpose of the retreat? An opportunity for a group of Christians to leave the rushing work-a-day world behind for a few hours and to contemplate, in depth, on the presence of God and the Holy Spirit.

Returning home on the Sunday evening the Caversham men felt that they had left behind them in Oxford a dedicated Community of men fully aware of their purpose in life. Surely, as we in Caversham approach Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence in the Body of Christ, and the study course "No Small Change" which many will be following in the autumn, here for our consideration is a perfect example of mission.

**HOLIDAY.** The priest-in-charge and his family will be on holiday, away from Caversham, from June 28 until July 22.

## Baptist church is nearing its centenary

On Sunday, May 30, the Baptist Church Sunday School held its 99th anniversary, the preacher was the Rev. A. H. Paling of Ilford. The afternoon service included a special service of hymns and readings by the children. The highlight of this service was the choruses, complete with suitable actions, sung by the primary children. These were obviously enjoyed, not only by the children, but also by the adults in the congregation.

The anniversary continued in the evening when the older children joined with the church choir in the singing of "I cannot tell why He whom angels worship." Mr. Paling spoke especially to the teachers and members of the church, pointing out that the Sunday School was the responsibility of everyone and not just a separate department of the church.

Seven children of the Baptist Sunday School took the National Sunday School Union Scripture Examination. All of the scholars were trained by their parents and the results were very encouraging as the marks indicate:

Judith Miller (100), Honours Certificate; David Miller (100), Honours Certificate; Gillian Robertson (85), Honours Certificate; Jennifer Goddard (81), 1st Class Certificate; Deborah De'ath (79), 1st Class Certificate; Jennifer Rose (74), 1st Class Certificate; Carol Hall (62), 2nd Class Certificate.

Judith's paper has been sent to London for the national competition.

# Talking Point 'WE MUST BE HONEST ABOUT OUR FEELINGS'

**A BEREAVEMENT** is like getting over an operation; and if the persons who has died was very close it is like having a limb amputated: like losing an arm or leg. It means, therefore, not only a period of great pain while the wounds heal, but a very difficult period of adjustment while we learn to do without part of ourselves.

I am writing this article because, as a priest, I keep meeting people whose lives have been poisoned by the fact that they haven't mourned properly, and so the wounds did not heal nor did they make a proper adjustment, and as a result their physical and mental health have been damaged for years afterwards.

One of the most important things needed is honesty. It is essential that we honestly face and recognise what has happened: that as far as our life on earth is concerned we have permanently lost their physical companionship. One hears of people trying to avoid this by leaving everything exactly as it was: the furniture mustn't be moved, their hat and coat, their hair brushes must stay in the same place; in this way the bereaved hope to convince themselves that their loved one has just gone away and will come back one day. Others will do the opposite and remove every reminder of the departed, destroy their photographs, avoid the old places, will move away. Certain practices are creeping into the funeral arrangements, too, by which the bereaved try to escape facing up to the final parting.

By  
John Stevenson

But health and life are not to be discovered along these dishonest escape routes. We must try to face honestly our loss and all that it means and make the necessary adjustments. This will take a surprisingly long time. We must be ready to remember gratefully the good of the past and face courageously the aloneness of the future: neither avoiding painful reminders of the past, nor pretending the dead aren't dead.

We need to be honest about our feelings, and be ready to express them. There is a very mistaken idea that it is courageous and manly to suppress one's grief. This is utter nonsense, un-natural and dangerous. The brave thing is to recognise and express our feelings, quite possibly in private, and then battle on in spite of them. Nearly always the person who hasn't fully expressed his feelings is the person who has been unable to face the truth yet, and as a consequence has bottled up trouble for the future and sometime, perhaps years later, he must either mourn properly or face a nervous breakdown.

We must be honest about the nature of our feelings, which are bound to be mixed. In addition to love and sorrow, there may well be a feeling of relief and thankfulness because of the freedom their death gives us after nursing them for a long time. We may feel guilty about this. No doubt, too, during the time we have known them, we can remember things of which we are ashamed, and other things which we have never forgiven them and still hold against them. Now we feel guilty for feeling like this towards the dead. So we are tempted to try to bury these feelings. One of the commonest ways of trying to do this is by white-washing the dead, refusing to hear anything bad about them, in case it awakens our own bad feelings towards them. But this, too, is a dishonest way and leads to internal poisoning. We must be as honest as we can, and face the truth about them and ourselves, and confess our faults.

The bereaved Christian needs to be as honest as anyone else in these ways. For even though we believe that the penitent faithful are raised to a new and more glorious life with God, and so we can rejoice for their sakes, and although we believe they support us with their prayers, and that we are united with them in the worship of God, especially at the Holy Communion, nevertheless we have lost their physical companionship and must face the sad truth of our physical separation, as well as our mixed feelings.

In conclusion and all too briefly, what can friends and neighbours do to help? Pray for the bereaved; visit them regularly in their own homes, and a few weeks after the bereavement offer them a holiday away from home. Perhaps the most valuable help is our willingness to give them silent companionship, and to listen while they speak about the one they have lost, their feelings and fears, being unembarrassed by their emotions, very slow to give advice, being content just to listen while they work their own way through.

## 138 YEARS

# CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL'S RECORD

**ON WEDNESDAY, July 7,** we shall observe the 138th Anniversary of the Caversham Hill Chapel. This Church has served Caversham and Emmer Green faithfully and continuously over the years, and up to the 1890's, the Sunday School room was used as a Day School. So although only a small church, it has made its contribution to the great Educational Movement which Christian men of a century ago brought to the ordinary child.

The anniversary service will be at 7.30 p.m. and the special speaker is Rev. Dr. Dermot MacDonald, tutor at The London Bible College.

### Achievement

The result of the Annual Gift Day held on May 16, amounted to £73 which to us is a considerable achievement.

The month of July has another interest for the members of the church for one of our young men will have completed his training for the ministry. David Gardner was one of our most active workers in the church but felt called to train for the ministry. His wife, Sylvia, has given him wholehearted support in this venture. They have rendered inestimable service to the Church and we thank God for

them. Four years ago two other of our leading workers, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, turned their backs on a lucrative position and took over the Pastoral care of a Mission Church in a tough area of Battersea. Some years earlier, Miss Kathleen Smith went from our Church to work with the Barbican Mission to the Jews and is now serving God in connection with the Elizabeth Fry Probation Hostel. We are at this anniversary time grateful to God for enabling us to continue and for taking some from our small community into a fuller sphere of service.

It has also been our privilege to contribute to Missionary Work and Oxfam and similar good causes and even though we cannot in any way be described as an "affluent" Church, yet we have been able to send over 10 per cent. of our annual income to these deserving societies.

We believe that the Church which GIVES is the Church which GETS.

## Methodist News

The Caversham Heights Gift Day realised over £120 and the Trustees wish to thank all who contributed to this result. During the evening, members and friends were entertained by a group from the Sainsbury Singers accompanied by Mrs. Sainsbury.

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As an experiment, it is proposed to hold a Family Service at 5 p.m. at Caversham Heights on four occasions during each year. The Carol Service at this time has proved most successful and we were pleased to see so many members and friends at the Sunday School Anniversary Family Service on May 30. The other Family Services will be at Harvest time and at Easter.

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non; Deborah Jane Matthews;  
Shaun Tanner.

**St. Andrew's**  
May 16: Melanie Clare  
Thatcher.

**St. Barnabas**  
May 23: Lucinda Griffiths;  
Lyn Harvey; Nicola Roberts.

**St. Anne's**  
May: Clodagh Mary Murphy;  
Denise Jane Dymond; Chris-  
topher Peter Duggan.

### MARRIED

**St. Anne's**  
May: Anthony Edgar Palk  
and Averil Ann Midgley; Leslie  
Anthony Ellis Hopkins and  
Kathleen Mary Twort.

### BURIED

**St. Peter's**  
May 27: Richard Henry  
Hawkins.

**St. John's**  
May 19: Ivy Myrtle Crook.

**St. Anne's**  
May: John Orrom; Eddie  
Frost.

### CAVERSHAM METHODIST CHURCH

May 24: Ernest William John  
Shell.

### PATRONAL FESTIVALS

**ST. PETER'S,  
CAVERSHAM**  
TUESDAY, JUNE 29  
7.30 p.m.

The Parish Communion  
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W. Woods (Dean of  
Windsor)

**ST. MARGARET'S,  
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### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION  
11.00 a.m. Matins  
12.15 p.m. Holy Communion  
(1st and 3rd Sundays)

6.30 p.m. Evensong (1st Sunday  
3.15 p.m.)  
11.00 a.m. Sunday School  
Infants — Hemdean  
House School  
Juniors — Balmore  
Hall

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

**St. Andrew's**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST  
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (3rd Sunday  
3.15 p.m.)  
11.15 a.m. Sunday School  
Church Hall

**St. Barnabas'**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (4th Sunday  
3.15 p.m.)  
9.15 a.m. Sunday School  
Church Hall

**St. Margaret's  
Mapledurham**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
(2nd and 4th Sundays)  
9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

**St. Anne's**  
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p.m. Mass

**Our Lady of Caversham**  
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2.45 p.m. Sunday School

**North Caversham**  
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Communion after ser-  
vice on 3rd Sunday

**METHODIST**  
**Caversham Heights**  
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Rev. E. B. Wright (1)	6.30 Mr. M. Calvert
July 11 Mr. C. Evans	11.00 Rev. E. B. Wright (2)
Rev. E. B. Wright	6.30 Mr. W. S. Earle
July 18 Rev. E. B. Wright	11.00 Rev. W. A. A. Tutt
Rev. A. E. Emerson	6.30 Rev. E. B. Wright
July 25 Rev. D. Hindle	11.00 Rev. A. E. Emerson
Mr. L. Scott.	6.30 Mr. D. Tomlinson

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10.00 a.m. (St. Barnabas).  
7.00 p.m. (St. Andrew).  
Thursday, 6.30 a.m. (St. Andrew).  
9.30 a.m. (St. Peter).  
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# TURNING BACK THE PAGES...

**WE** hope occasionally to be able to include extracts from Caversham Magazine. A complete set of this publication has been preserved since it first appeared in 1884, and its pages are a fascinating record of the local history of what was then a small Oxfordshire village.

Earlier in 1885 the "new" burial ground in Hemdean Road had been consecrated, and St. Peter's Churchyard was from then on only used for subsequent interments in existing graves, the last of these taking place in 1950.

The following extract is taken from the magazine of July, 1885.

## Closing of the churchyard

In the course of his sermon on Trinity Sunday, May 31, the Vicar after speaking of the Beatific Vision of the Triune God said: "I feel that this Trinity Sunday A.D. 1885 will be remembered as the last day on which this ancient Parish Churchyard was open for the reception of the mortal remains of the people of Caversham."

"Look around this ancient churchyard, ay! let me rather call it by a time honoured name, 'God's Acre,' where the bodies of the children of the ancient historic Apostolic Church of England have been sown — consigned as seeds — to the parent earth, to be quickened into new life at the final harvest hour."

"Look around I say on this picturesque enclosure bristling with monuments of varied type, and remember that the names inscribed on these memorials are but a tiny proportion of those who have been buried here during a hundred generations."

We regret that space does not admit of giving the remainder of the sermon in extent, so suffice it to say the Vicar spoke in touching terms of the "tiny mounds" raised over those "little ones" so dear to the tender Shepherd: of those "lambs whose albs of Baptism served them also for a winding sheet" — of those who had died in youth — in manhood — in old age.

## The National Schools

In consequence of the heavy expenditure incurred in increasing the accommodation and improving the sanitary arrangements of

the schools, the Managers have felt it incumbent upon them to raise the fees from 2d. to 3d. in the Upper Departments of Boys and Girls.

They feel assured that this increase will be regarded as just and reasonable by the parents, who will in future have the great advantage of a school divided into separate departments of Boys, Girls and Infants.

The mothers especially will welcome this re-organisation, which will provide a separate department for girls, under their own teachers. It is but just and fair to add that whatever the evils or disadvantages which may be incident to a school, where the two sexes are taught together, they have been reduced to a "minimum" by the careful and jealous supervision of the principal teachers.

(From August, 1885)

## Dedication Festival

St. Peter's Day the Feast of the Dedication of the Church was ushered in by merry peals of "Stoney" on the Church bells for the Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m.: they were also rung again during the afternoon, when among other touches 720 Bob Minor was successfully accomplished in 28 minutes.

At 11 a.m. Matins was said and an address given by the Vicar. At 6 p.m. there was an excellent tea in the Vicarage Garden, to which all the Church workers in the Parish had been invited: upwards of 60 sat down, representatives of every department of Church work, including the District Visitors, Sunday School Teachers, choirmen, ringers, Temperance Workers, the Churchwardens, Sidesmen, Parish Clerk and Sextoness.

The day was brought to a close with full Choral Evensong in the Church, when

processional and recessional hymns were sung, and an eloquent sermon preached by the Rev. L. Henslow, Rector of Zeals, Wilts. The service throughout was of a thoroughly hearty character: the singing especially being very good.

We should not omit to mention that the Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, the wealth of roses on the pulpit, and pure white flowers on the font, being very effective.

On this day too, the altar, lectern, and reading desks were for the first time decked in festal array with damask silk hanging magnificently embroidered with gold and other materials, the altar frontal being the work of Miss Radcliffe, the lectern and reading desks covers being worked by the Misses E. and M. Radcliffe, and presented by them to the Church, to the greater honour and glory of God. The set, too, of white markers, was made by another lady who desired the gift to be anonymous.

The offertories during the Festival amounted to £18 7s. 0d.

## Not "Dear Rev."

IT is extraordinary how many people do not know how to start a letter to the clergy: all too often it begins "Dear Rev." or "Dear Rev. Smith," and in conversation also they are often wrongly called "Rev. Smith."

If you are writing to a rector or vicar it is usual to start "Dear Rector" or "Dear Vicar," or you might prefer to say "Dear Mr. Smith." If he happens to be an honorary canon you would begin "Dear Canon Smith."

Assistant clergy and Free Church ministers are addressed as "Dear Mr. Smith." Anglican priests, if members of a religious community, are written to or addressed as "Father Smith," and this also applies to Roman Catholic clergy. This was a practice introduced from Ireland in the middle of the last century. Until then Roman Catholic priests were commonly addressed as "Mr."

## NORTH CAVERSHAM BAPTISTS

At the Sunday School anniversary of the North Caversham Baptist Free Church (Kidmore Road) the guest speaker was Mr. J. D. Mortimer, of Wallingford. The scholars took part in both the morning and evening services by singing and taking readings.

When the church's 26th anniversary service was held the speaker was the Rev. A. E. Waller, of Tilehurst Baptist Church. The Rev. L. S. Lewis led the service, and young people from both churches gave musical items. Refreshments were served afterwards to the large congregation which had gathered for the service.

## ST. ANDREW'S NEWS

**NEW LOOK.** The brightened exterior of St. Andrew's House certainly makes passers-by take a look. Guttering was found to need replacing and this together with certain interior redecorating has now been completed.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr. and Mrs. Harden who recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

**FRIDAY, JULY 16.** Because of the meeting of the clergy chapter on this day Holy Communion will not be celebrated on July 16 at St. Andrew's at 7.30 a.m.

## SCARLET FEVER— BUT HE MADE IT

WHEN the day came for him to move house from Chippenham to Caversham the Rev. Roger Packer, the new priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's, was in hospital with scarlet fever. The firm of removers were able to re-arrange things at short notice and he and Mrs. Packer moved to Caversham on Friday, June 18, just in time for him to start his ministry here as planned on June 20 when he celebrated the Family Eucharist at St. Andrew's.

## NEWS FROM ST. BARNABAS DISTRICT

**MOTHERS' UNION BANNER.** For a long time the St. Barnabas' branch of the Mothers' Union have been hoping for their own banner. Now at last thanks to the industry of some of the members, this has been achieved and the congregation were able to see the finished result on St. Barnabas' Day.

**POSTPONED FROM APRIL.** Planned originally to come in April, Mrs. V. Hodson will be speaking on July 14 at 2.30 p.m. to members of the Mothers' Union about new developments in the activities of the M.U.

## Regatta evening

**SOME 80 members** of St. Peter's congregation spent an enjoyable two hours on June 12 in the Rectory garden on the first evening of Reading regatta. Refreshments ranged from ice cream to hot dogs, cooked in barbecue fashion by Mr. B. Martin. A few people even did what they came for and watched the racing!

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She's 66, part Russian, part Indian, and a refugee from Hong Kong. The World Council of Churches will help her settle to a new life in Belgium.

This old lady is on her way to one of the homes for aged refugees maintained by the Churches. She will be assured of care and affection for the rest of her life.



## The churches shift 13,450 to new life of hope

THE World Council of Churches Service to Refugees reports that during 1964 it resettled 13,450 refugees and migrants by enabling them to move to new countries. Rather more than half the total—7,386—were handled by the Athens office and 1,154 by the staff in Hong Kong.

The movements were from 40 different countries and they went to 20 countries of resettlement. Australia received 9,373 of the refugees and migrants helped by the World Council, followed by the U.S.A. with 2,850.

Since 1948 and up to December 31 last the Service to Refugees has found through overseas resettlement "permanent" solutions for 282,787 needy refugees and migrants, and has helped many thousands more to integrate locally where they had found asylum.

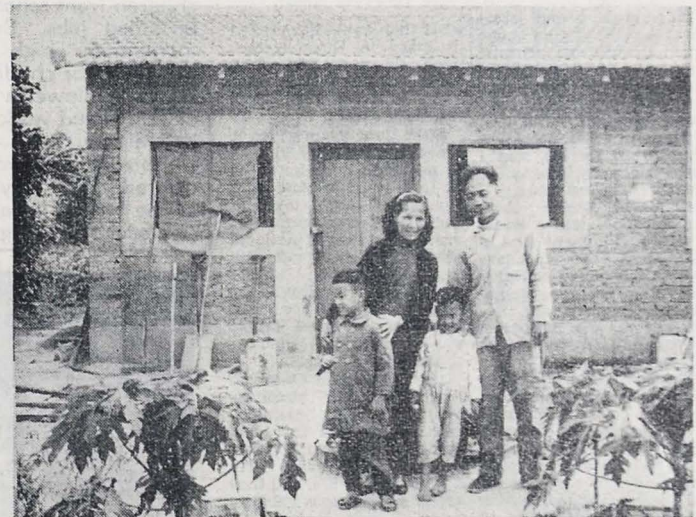
Group integration includes housing projects in Greece and Austria, and a smallholding enterprise in Bolivia for refugees from China.

Behind all these statistics there must always be remembered the faces, and the human hopes, fears, dreams and aspirations of men, women and children, totalling more than 15,000, whom the Service to Refugees on behalf of the churches helped to a new start in life or befriended in emergencies and difficulties in 1964.

The work of the Service to Refugees, carried out on such a scale, was made possible by a team of persons in the field and at headquarters, and by close liaison with churches and governments all over the world, as well as with other interested agencies and individuals in many countries.



Many families have been resettled by the World Council of Churches in Parana State, Brazil. Here Dad arrives on the family wagon with five shy little ones at the site of their new home.



Chinese refugee families have made extraordinary progress since they were resettled in a colony near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. This family is standing outside a home they built for themselves with materials supplied by the World Council of Churches.

## SIR MALCOLM ON HIS FAITH AT 70



Correct, charming, dressed to precision perfection, Sir Malcolm greets the Queen at a recent concert.

ON his seventieth birthday, Sir Malcolm Sargent made a moving confession of his philosophy in an interview on the B.B.C. Home Service.

Here is a part of what he said:

Question: Are you a very religious man?

Sir Malcolm: Oh, what a difficult question! Am I a good man?—no. Am I a religious man?—yes. I was brought up as a choir boy, and my father and mother were believing Christians, so I never found it difficult to believe the ordinary orthodox Christian Faith—the redemption, and the life hereafter. Yes I am a religious man.

Question: Why have you chosen to include three Te Deums in your birthday concert?

Sir Malcolm: It seems fitting to me that on his 70th birthday a man should sing Te Deum Laudamus, at least. I have had a happy life of music making. There have been tragedies and sorrows and so on but on the whole my life has been spent making music under very charming conditions, surrounded by friends and people helping me to do what I could. I think it is music that will help give the most serious minded at least a bit of the fear of God.

Question: What would you

like the world to remember you by?

Sir Malcolm: Quite honestly, I feel death, which I've never been afraid of, which I look forward to... Question: You look forward to death?

Sir Malcolm: Oh, very much. Because I have loved this life so much I know that I shall love death more. Don't you remember somebody saying: "When I came into the world, I do not remember the moment, but I was not a stranger here. When I go into the next world I shall not feel a stranger." Frankly if people do remember me, how splendid. But obviously it won't matter to me a scrap whether they do or don't. And as for being remembered as a great musician, that's a very poor thing to be remembered by really.

I have no ambitions at all about anything to do with commemorations or what people will do after I'm dead. If they will be happier never thinking of me at all, I wish them all happiness. If they will find happiness by regretting my departure, or remembering something good I did, well, that's their look out and not mine.

## Odd? — No, just desperate

WHILE welcoming your efforts to bring world events to our attention, I was slightly nauseated at the tone of sweet reasonableness which permeated the recent article on Vietnam. (Page 2, May).

Particularly I question the use of the words "need" and "necessary." Necessary to whom and by what standards?

And however K.P. might have tried to wrap it up, the suggestion is there that Buddhists burn themselves to death because "they are a little odd that way." These are desperate men, and desperate men sometimes do unusual things. When I march down Whitehall carrying a banner or sit in the mud in Trafalgar Square, it is because I too am desperate—not, I hope, because I am "a little odd that way."

Don't forget that my kind of demonstration is not open to the Buddhists of South

## Letters to the Editor

Vietnam where the last man who dared to breathe the word "peace" is languishing in jail under threat of execution or being thrown out of an aeroplane. Neither should it be forgotten that a German-born woman recently resorted to the same method in America, and

for the same reason.

Please can we have our articles couched in adult language in future?

MISS W. M. DARTER, Cromwell Road, Caversham, Berkshire.

## The Baptism debate

ON page six of your May issue you say: "There is a legal requirement that the child should be baptised, if its parents, being English, request it." What is your authority for this statement, and why are Scots and Welsh babies excluded?

Canon T. B. Scrutton, Cressington Park, Liverpool.

We are grateful to Canon Scrutton for raising this point. A formal statement of the position is that the minister of a parish is bound to baptise the child of any parishioner brought to him on any Sunday or Lady Day (Canon 68).

Since the whole of England is divided into parishes, this Canon gives the right of having his child baptised to anyone who is a parishioner, i.e. resident in some parish, i.e. resident in England. The word "English" strictly construed, does not cover all these persons. Equally it does not, strictly construed, debar them from that right. The word was used simply as a space-saver for the longer paragraph above.

Is this baptismal law enforceable, in the sense that legal penalties can be imposed for its breach to-day? I do not know; but law remains law even when sanctions are difficult, (or impossible) to impose.—Editor.



## BETTER TRAINING IS NEEDED FOR LIFE AFTER SCHOOL

INDUSTRY is advised to put its own house in order without waiting for prompting by statutory training boards in a report based on the work of regional groups of managers, trade unionists and sociologists associated with the Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth study conferences.

One group found that many schools needed to

widen their horizons beyond a purely academic training if children's talents were to be developed to prepare them for life outside.

### BLAME

In areas like the Midlands where a wide choice of jobs exists for the school leaver of average ability, the report says that management carries

a good deal of the responsibility for the lack of knowledge about industry in the schools.

Mr. C. E. Guinness, chairman of the Central Committee of Study Groups, responsible for the report, said that it mainly concerned those who entered industry direct from school.

These constituted roughly two-thirds of boys and nine-tenths of girls unable to obtain apprenticeships or job training.

### WASTE

"This results in disenchantment and frustration, giving rise to a well-nigh criminal waste of the potential offered by young people, and causing serious social consequences."

It is recommended that all young people entering industry should receive a course of planned training coupled with further education. Something better than the learning by imitation, described as "sitting next to Nellie," is essential.

The "sacred cow of set apprenticeship periods" is described as irrelevant to conditions. It artificially restricts the training of

young people because of the barrier imposed between apprentices and other trainees.

### OVERDUE

It is proposed that all up to the age of 18 should continue their education by day release. The Government should initiate the overdue re-appraisal of the industrial set-up.

# Let them leave school at 12!

## THREE YEARS OF BOREDOM!

## ARGUMENT

## MORE, NOT LESS SKILL

by Laurence Yardley

IF they want to, children should be allowed to leave school at 12.

By that time they will have been taught the basic skills necessary to manage a sensible adult life — reading and writing and the rudiments of arithmetic. And they will be old enough and have the physical capacity, in these days, for certain basic jobs of work in which they could earn wages, however small.

This shocking and irresponsible point of view is one which I hold from personal experience. It is not many years ago since I left school at the age of 15, and I have always been convinced that the teachers did not know what to do for me, and I hated it anyway, during the last three boring years.

Education under these circumstances was a waste of time and money. And in the faces of secondary modern schoolboys and girls today I see the same lack of interest, boredom, and impatience for the day when they can earn their first personal coppers.

There would have to be other considerations apart from the child's willingness to leave school. The parents would have to consent; the head teacher of his school would have to agree, and a full time area school leaving officer would adjudicate on the wisdom of the move.

### Wild

Nobody needs to fear that a young child would run wild. I believe they would easily find useful full-time employment, and moreover would bring to it a youthful enthusiasm which three more years at school might have dulled for ever.

They could be messenger and delivery boys, shop girls, gardeners, farm helps, junior apprentices, baby sitters, and office helps. Jobs could be made for them which would ease the load on adults. Why not make them telephone kiosk cleaners, street tree guards, stray dog rounders-uppers?

A huge army of bored children is languishing in schools. They would be happier, healthier and far more useful to society, if they could be released once it was decided they could not usefully learn anything more, and allowed to earn their living.

The upshot of it could be that when they became 15 they might be enthusiastic to return to their school desks, and possibly in that frame of mind could assimilate in one further year

what they would have failed to grasp in three beforehand. Then, experienced in labour and learning, they could look for even more responsible work.

After three years at work, I eventually found kindred in my mind a desire to go on to university. And with much hard slog I made it, and stayed five years. It was in the days of national service, and there were still men completing their courses after serving in the services during the war. Education to these people was a valued, precious opportunity.

The difference between them and the striplings straight from grammar schools was that they had been into the world, and had been able to stand back from academic life, and thus assess its enormous value to them.

### Best chance

So they were able to make sounder judgments, and apply themselves seriously to their work and their play.

Too many of the boys and girls straight from school had been encouraged to develop into tense little swots. Even after two years some of them thought that if they took ten minutes off to kick a football, attend a meeting, or drink coffee, they were betraying their mothers, or breaking their schoolteachers' hearts.

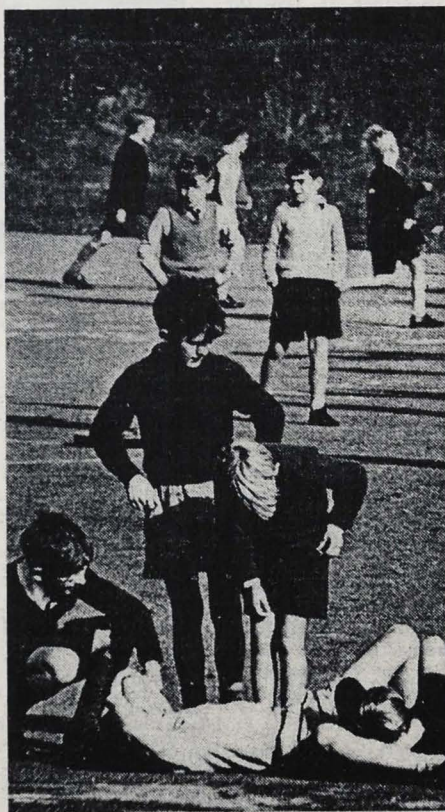
It is my view that the last three years at school are for say a quarter of the secondary school population a dreadful bore. If they could get out of the way of those who honestly want to study, it would relieve school overcrowding and the teacher's time, and give both sets of children the best possible chance for the future.

The possibility of the public accepting ideas of this sort are, of course, very remote. We have been brainwashed by and large into thinking that the status quo of regimentation and mass general education is the only proper way to run the country. It isn't true.

Educationists are working towards the day when the school leaving age can be raised to 16. Will all children automatically benefit from another year at school? May not the reverse be the case, and some children benefit more from being allowed to leave school earlier than they do now?

The question may not be so potty as it seems. At the moment we are churning out children from school by the barrel load into unskilled jobs. But the world demands increasingly high training. Maybe the answer is for children from the age of, say, 12, to be allowed a good deal of interchange of school and work in an extended form of day release.

Here, two extreme points of view are offered. They may be considered as part of the general debate about the comprehensive education programme.



"Christian News" plans a frank and perhaps startling look at the controversial question of religious education in State schools. Look out for our September edition.

by Ken Fielding

THE first suggestion of Mr. Yardley (hereinafter referred to as Dr. Gobbledygook) conjuring up the picture of a mass exodus at the age of 12 of 25 per cent. of our schoolchildren, certainly has a sort of zany grandeur.

Unfortunately a wee flash of instant sanity makes him hedge his bet. He adds safeguards galore. The proposed obstacles a 12-year-old would have to overcome before leaving school make the millionaire's entrance test to the Kingdom of Heaven look like a mere limbering-up exercise.

First, the consent of the head teacher. This isn't young Gary's (or Vinolia's) class teacher for the second period of Friday afternoon (who would give instant assent), this is a man mostly well insulated from young Gary, and a man whose salary to some extent depends on the number of children on his books. A tough obstacle!

Then, parental consent. Nearly all adults with 12-year-old children have grown thoroughly conservative (no matter how they vote). "I had to stop until I was 15; I don't see why he shouldn't." Little joy for Gary there.

Last, a problematic quantity, the "full-time school-leaving officer." Either he would be on the staff of the education department, in which case he would soon be taught to see The Light, or he would be the employee of another department. In that case Dr. Gobbledygook intends to foment the bloodiest empire building war ever in local government history — and there have been some juicy ones already!

### Outrageous

To leave school at 12 by overcoming these three desperate obstacles young Vinolia (or Gary) would have to behave so outrageously as to win a place almost certainly at the sort of school called, oddly, "approved."

Suppose some determined kids did go "over the wall . . . ?"

Dr. G. thinks they would love their "first personal coppers." He should talk to a newsagent with vacancies for paper boys. Coppers won't get them today; it takes silver at least. Maybe (on the basis that the best gamekeeper is the ex-poacher) the kids would become tree preservers or tele-

phone kiosk wardens. I suspect that Dr. G. unconsciously envisages a pool of cheap labour for necessary, little-regarded, dead-end jobs.

And at the end, what? There is in the U.S.A. a hard core of two million unemployed. Almost all are untrained, unskilled men. The same pattern is going to develop in this country in the next 10 or so years. More training, not less, will be the urgent need.

The Three R's just will not serve today. They never did, in fact. Social skills, compliance with the law, living together co-operatively yet exercising critical judgment, how to cope with the opposite sex; these things are part of basic education. Partly they are given by the family; partly by the school. Few children have reached school leaving level at 12 years old as regards these aspects of life.

"They could get all this additional training after a few years in the great wide world," replies Dr. G. He envisages adolescents maturely and gladly going back to school.

A few would. The vast majority would not, or we are reading today's evidence all wrong.

### Exception

Possibly a longer period of part-school, part-work ("extended day release") if you like) will be the educational pattern which will emerge. I do not deny that there is some of that boredom of which Dr. G. writes. I dare not deny the need for extended training which technological change is bringing about. But school leaving at 12—no!

Dr. G. can, and does, point to himself. My assessment is that he is exceptional. My guess, too, is that his home background was a very good one. His life pattern then would be understandable.

Yet to say "I did. So can 25 per cent. of our children" is rather like the self-made millionaire who blandly declares: "I made a million. Anyone can, if they've got guts and go."

It just ain't true.



**WOMEN today are chained by the million to the treadmill of job, home, husband and children until they drop with exhaustion. There is no time for tenderness, no time for love, no time to comfort, inspire and guide. Women have lost their mystery and their glamour, and they have therefore killed romance.**

LADY DARTMOUTH

## LOVE? — SURE, I JUST MAKE TIME

by Pat Plant

**TIME?** What's that? Pardon me while I answer the telephone . . .

("Yes, Anthony, 1.30 at the Scout Hut. You're in the three-legged and the relay . . . One of my Cubs enquiring about the afternoon sports)."

This is Saturday. With a four-day working week, this housewife uses Saturday for catching up on the household chores—vacuuming, window cleaning, a spot of washing to keep down the Monday stint—and the weekend shopping.

Husband is safely ensconced in the study on personal correspondence. Now perhaps we can get down to our article. We say "hello" politely to the youngest son's friend who has called round to play. And we settle ourselves at the typewriter on the dining table well out of husband's way.

Excuse me: the telephone again . . .

("Yes, it's absolute nonsense. Whoever heard of a puppy being fierce at eight weeks? . . . A friend wanting advice from a fellow dog breeder on the ethics of a customer's complaint)."

Now—Lady Dartmouth. Of course she is wrong. Love is a state of constancy that has nothing to do with time for its fulfilment. Either it exists or it doesn't.

Middle son interrupts here to say he has helped by making his bed. I am reminded with a swelling maternal pride that the love of a mother for her children needs no embellishment.

("Stop chasing madly about the place, you two. Go and do some train-spotting or something . . . Maternal admonishment in the interests of concentration)."

Appreciative husband emerges from sanctum sanctorum to seek harassed wife's guidance on curtain runners and shelving for new house currently on the stocks. Loving wife appreciates husband's desire for joint consultations.



Ten minutes and back to Lady Dartmouth and our correspondent's complaint that "glamour and mystery are for the rich." She, too, is wrong. Again, glamour has nothing to do with wealth.

Forgive me while I answer the door-bell.

("A brick and a sliced, please, and how much do I owe you?"—the baker).

Any woman can be glamorous if she likes to take the trouble. (Mustn't forget to press my party dress for this evening). But any sort of glamour palls when there is a surfeit of it.

It is all a matter of degree. Sophisticated society becomes bored with the very things that evoke envy among those with less chance to indulge in theatre first-nights, fast cars and Riviera scandals.

There goes the door again . . .

("Yes, I'll send out a search party for it. Let me have your phone number and I'll ring you if we find it . . . The owner of a local cattery who was 'boarding' a neighbour's cat while they're on holiday, the cat having escaped and disappeared)."

### FRANTIC

An early lunch for the family's afternoon exodus to the Scout sports means that mother now has to start cooking. In a frantic abandonment of this article, we seek sympathy from appreciative husband.

"How can I possibly write about love with all these interruptions?" is the lament in his ear. A quick hug and a loving assurance put us right for the next stint.

Three hours in a change of role prompts a further observation after tea: another manifestation of love is the dedication that many a working mother has for her job. Despite the demands on her time, she is happy directing her surplus

affections into a rewarding occupation.

Others who take on voluntary work helping the aged or the handicapped find they are filling a need for service to others that gives them an enormous sense of fulfilment. Quoting personally, this comes with our voluntary duties as Cub "Akela."

Now, what about that bit of glamour? Children bedded down, a bath is the next order of the day—a comforting, relaxing, refreshing hot bath steeped in glamorous bath oil and 20 minutes to transform the workaday self with feminine wiles into a creature one's husband is flattered to take along to the evening party.

No, not the telephone again . . .

("Right, we'll see you at Whitsun. Yes, we can fix up camp beds for the children". . . Brother in Cornwall ringing to warn us of his family's impending visit).

At last, we are out. Convivial company gives a new lease of life after coping with the same sort of "three lively youngsters" which our correspondent claims deprive her of all glamour and mystery.

"No time for glamour?" There's always time, even without servants to do the cooking and chores.

"NO TIME FOR LOVE?" HERE'S ONE WORKING MOTHER WHO IS NOT SO CYNICAL . . .

### Television

## The long night watches

by Goggles

**THE** uses to which human beings put the hours of darkness are many and various. It used to be thought, with justification, that people who were alert in the small hours were up to no good. Men who "sleep o' nights" were the best men to have about one. You knew where you stood with them, because when they were dangerous it was daylight, and they could be watched.

Evensong used at one time to put the lid on the day, and the idea of composing oneself to rest at 4 p.m. was common. Candles, oil lamps, gas light, then electric light, gradually disposed of that idea.

### COSY

Now Early Bird promises to render the night as cosy as the day for those whose idea of heaven is other people's voices and human goings on all about them.

The B.B.C. report that as many as 11,000 people took the trouble to telephone the Light Programme after midnight with

requests for tunes to be played. The programmes which go out then are, according to the head of the Light: "Companionable programmes, liked by a lot of lonely people and night owls."

Early Bird brought us, at enormous expense, but very well and clearly, the heavy-weight fight in which people who might have turned round to look for their matches missed the crunch. If that can happen, then Early Bird may well bring us as the months pass, more daytime doings of the American people, as they happen, to cheer the night watches here.

The point of all this is to remark that darkness and light, which used to be the same to Almighty God and nobody else whatever, are on the way to having the differential extracted from them by our mastery of space communication techniques.

It wasn't just the men who got up specially early who had the privilege of seeing the rapid re-enthronement of Muhamed Ali. Thousands must have stayed up. To ease the tension for them the B.B.C. showed us the film: "Build Your Gallows High."

An excellent film. As a neighbour remarked: It beats dreaming.

## Sorting out the stranger at the gate

**MRS. HELEN ELLIS** is a Swiss by birth who married her English husband nearly 30 years ago. They live in Limes Road, Folkestone, and he teaches history at a grammar school.

Immigration has worked out well for Mrs. Ellis but knowing that for many it works out disastrously—or not at all—she has given herself the task of helping less fortunate immigrants at Folkestone and Dover. For more than 17 years she has been doing this voluntary work, and doing it largely at her own expense. Now she has official recognition (through the Kent Council of Social Service), but although she has received some private donations she still has no support out of public funds.

Last year she gave a helping hand to 184 people, from 29 different countries. Here are some examples of the sort of case she has to deal with. A mother arrives with her baby, in search of the baby's father. He cannot be found and she is refused entry. Mrs. Ellis looks after them overnight (thus keeping them out of detention), sees them on to a boat the next day and takes up matters on their behalf with the appropriate welfare authorities.

### REFUSED

Or a girl arrives with a septic throat, and is refused entry. Mrs. Ellis sends her to a hostel in Calais to be nursed back to health and meanwhile finds her a suitable "au pair" family in England.

Or there is a Hungarian who came to England in 1956 and held good jobs until he suffered a mental breakdown. Since his release from hospital he has been a tramp and he now wants

By John Grigg,  
with permission  
from the  
'Guardian'



Mrs. Ellis

to stow away. He has no money and no travel documents, and he has not eaten for days. Mrs. Ellis gets him a tent and a sleeping-bag, clothes and unemployment benefit, while she sets about the elaborate process of obtaining repatriation papers.

Evidently, this work calls for an unusual combination of sympathy and worldly wisdom, including knowledge of the Continent. No wonder the police and immigration authorities have come to regard Mrs. Ellis as an indispensable ally. They have a harsh, but necessary, law

to administer, and she is able to humanise its operation.

### BETTER

A nation can very properly be judged by the way it treats the stranger at its gates. Thanks to Mrs. Ellis, Britain's showing at Dover and Folkestone is better than at most other ports.

She is doing work of national importance, and I think she deserves financial backing from the State. But for the time being help may have to come from unofficial sources—the State has so little money to spare.

A letter from Auntie Julie

## OFF CAME THE CHIMNEY POT!

DEAR Children,

Do you have the chimney sweep at your house? I had him to sweep our chimney not very long ago, and when he came to the house he looked very clean and very pleased with himself.

"What's making you look so happy?" I asked him.

"We have a new machine," he said. And he showed me a big container like a dustbin, with some cable hanging out. It was an electric vacuum chimney sweeper, and the man was very pleased because it did the work quickly, and didn't make everything dirty.

But even with an electric vacuum cleaner you still have to have a brush, to get all the soot out. He was just about to push the brush through the top of the chimney when it got stuck, and as he pushed a little harder, the chimney pot fell off! It crashed into the garden.

When we called in a builder afterwards he looked at the cement which held the chimney pot on, and said, very sadly: "There's too much sand in this cement."

So he had to make some more, and make sure that this time he got the mixture right. I don't think the chimney pot will fall off again.

All my love,

Auntie Julie

## "YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE!"

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# Was Liston hypnotised?

**Ernest Adkins looks at the evidence for a shock theory about that heavyweight farce**

## JUST WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE FIGHT BETWEEN CASSIUS CLAY AND SONNY LISTON?

As a bewildered world knows, Clay, or as he prefers to be called, Muhamed Ali, felled the challenger Liston with a blow that to most television viewers appeared unlikely to disturb a normally robust child.

The immediate cry from the ringside, and throughout the world, was "fake." The suggestion was that Liston in order to accomplish a large scale betting coup, had taken a dive.

It is worth noting that the bookmaking fraternity, not renowned for their reticence, have been significantly quiet about it, which suggests that at least THEY don't consider the fight to have been fixed.

Liston is regarded as the most destructive puncher of the age; the man has fought and beaten the hardest hitters in boxing; one of his more anti-social moments required him to be restrained by 15 policemen using batons.

### HOW CAN A MAN LIKE THIS SUCCUMB SO MEETLY?

The professional observers on the spot failed to provide a satisfactory explanation.

Desmond Hackett's account of the fight in the "Daily Express" was headlined: "The boxing gangsters have gone too far this time." Failing to enlarge on this, he went on to describe the infamous punch as a massive blow, and Clay possibly the greatest heavyweight of them all.

### Karati?

The "Observer" tried to draw a fine distinction, saying the fight was "not fixed—just rotten."

Alan Hoby in the "Sunday Express" thought the fight was a fraud but the blow "a peach of a punch."

The "Sun" tried to explain the mystery by suggesting that Clay had used a Karati blow to a nerve centre. This is an explanation that subsequently appealed to the champion himself, who in fact when interviewed after the fight very clearly had no idea which punch had dropped Liston.

There remains one possible explanation, hinted at in the national press—

"Liston looked psychologically beaten from the first punch." — "Sunday Express".

The "Daily Express" referred to Liston's "sweat-streaked, terror-etched" face.

Is it not possible that Clay had verbally and mentally pounded Liston into submission before the first bell?

Is there not more to Clay's pre-fight antics than just gimmickery?

This prophesying pugilist, now the most hated champion ever, is no fool. By chance or design his seemingly lunatic predictions about the end of a fight—"come early, I've got a surprise for you"—have always worked out.

He never misses an opportunity to intimidate his opponent. Could it be that he not only convinces himself about the outcome, but also by some form of hypnotism, his adversary? Call it what you will—mind over matter, voodoo, or the application of accepted psychological principles—for Clay it works.

**Perspiring**  
A memorable moment prior to the fight was as the fighters were receiving their instructions from the referee. Clay's eyes were burning like coals, and they were fixed on Liston, who was perspiring heavily even at that stage. Harry Carpenter, the B.B.C. commentator, observed: "have you ever seen two boxers look at each other like this before?"

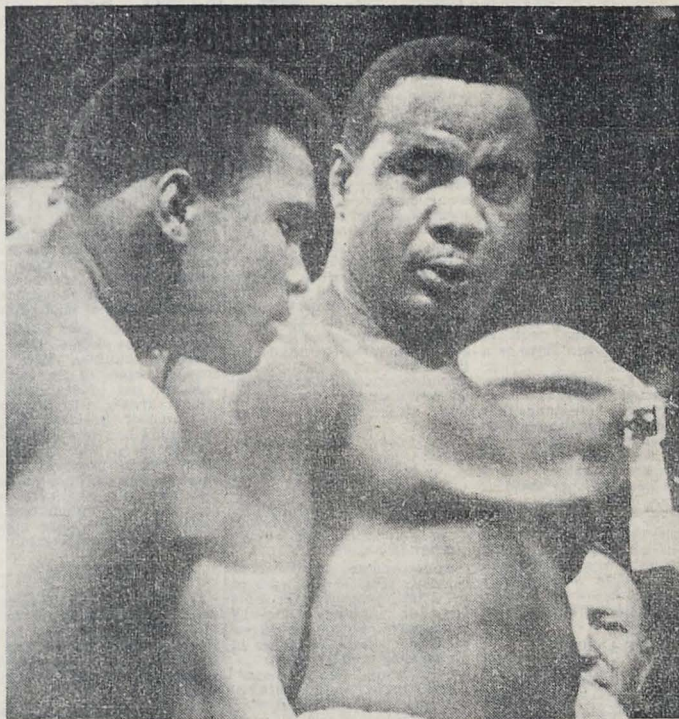
Either this man Clay is a charlatan, or he has introduced a new dimension into boxing.

### Now the Vicar is mobile

A COUNTRY vicar who for two years has had to travel round his scattered Derbyshire parish on foot or by bus is now riding in the luxury of a car.

Three weeks after asking parishioners at the annual church meeting if anyone had a spare car the Rev. Cyril MacFarlane, Vicar of Burbage, near Buxton, has been given a 1964 Ford Anglia saloon by a total stranger.

Liston is already a worried man at the weigh-in as Clay jabs in with a straight left from his tongue.



## WHEN A PARENT HAS TO GO...

A WARNING to parents to think seriously before allowing their married children to move in with them comes from the welfare department of the new Redbridge (Essex) Council.

For the council has handled cases of parents actually being forced into the street through giving the tenancy of their homes to their children.

A welfare department spokesman says: "It is alarming the number of children who do give their parents notice to quit once they have secured the tenancy of the house."

"Although we are only directly concerned with instances in this borough, we are certain the same position applies throughout the country and must be tackled on a national level."

### Rent

"When these old people find themselves out on the streets, they can only turn the borough looking for other accommodation, but the exorbitant rents are usually above their pensions."

"This is a deplorable state of affairs and starts so innocently when the children simply say they want somewhere to stay until they find a place of their own."

"Instead they decide to stay put and get rid of their parents by various means."

## Better old folks' homes—target set

FORMER public assistance institutions still serving as old people's homes should be superseded within the next 10 years, Mr. Kenneth Robinson, Minister of Health, said in a speech read in London at a Welfare conference.

Mr. Robinson said he expected hospital authorities, when re-

viewing the Hospital Plan, to see that priority was given to geriatric and psychiatric provision.

Present plans provide for the abandoning of about 200 buildings which no amount of expensive adaptation could turn into modern homes.

The much greater age and infirmity of old people entering homes today might be due less to resistance to the idea of homes or to greater ability to maintain their independence than to lack of homes to go to.

Similarly, with the scarcity of home helps. Was the scope of the service always limited by difficulties of recruitment? A survey last year had suggested that in some places it was limited essentially by an arbitrary financial allocation.

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## A FORECAST—

'Population of U.K. will hit 74m. by 2000'

POPULATION of the United Kingdom will rise from the 54.2m. of 1964 to an estimated 61.4m. in 1980 and 74.7m. in 2000, says an article in the May issue of "Economic Trends," issued by the Treasury.

By 2000, the expected rate of increase will be over 800,000 a year, compared with the present 400,000. The excess of females over males is likely gradually to disappear.

Live births will rise from an estimated 1,012,000—the number registered last year—to 1,136,000 in 1980 and then to 1,527,000 in 2000.

## AND A QUESTION—

In an introductory speech to the annual meeting of the Family Planning Association the Director, Sir Theodore Fox said: "The time has come, surely, to ask whether the present enormous multiplication of human beings is really necessary—really what we want."

## Coloured constables coming soon?

SIR FRANK SOSKICE, the Home Secretary, has said that he hopes to see coloured policemen in Britain soon. He added that a number of chief constables had told him they would be "only too ready" to take on coloured applicants so long as their qualifications were suitable.

Only one in every five or six candidates who applied for appointments in the Metropolitan Police could be taken on. The fact that there were no coloured policemen was not in any way because of a bias against them.

Sir Frank continued: "Naturally the chief constables have to bear in mind at the outset that a coloured applicant may find he has some difficult tasks to perform, which may be more difficult in some areas than for a white officer."

"Therefore, they are anxious that when they get one he should be a very good one and fully up to the standard. I shall be very disappointed if we don't see them in due course."

He was speaking at a police conference at Llandudno.