



# WE SHOCK THEM!

Immigrants to this country are often under fire from white people.

Often we are shocked by them.

Sometimes the criticism is fair and justified. Sometimes it is prejudiced and unjust.

But nearly always the views expressed are in one direction.

## WHAT WE THINK OF THEM

But do we ever stop to consider what they think of us ?

Sometimes we shock them.

This month Christian News publishes a challenging article on what some West Indians think of us.

It is worth taking seriously

YOU CAN FIND IT  
ON PAGE THREE

It is said that a Thai woman marries at 16 and, until the age of 43, produces about 26 children of whom three survive infancy, but that is one too many.

— Dr. P. O. de Koch of the Macauley Institute, Aberdeen, in a speech at Winnipeg, Canada.

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I have long been convinced that if the World Church with its vast potential and its peculiar access to the

power of the Holy Spirit had been in the vanguard of the peace movement, already the possibility of nuclear annihilation would be almost as remote as the return to cannibalism, and the astronomical sums now being spent on nuclear weapons could be used for the benefit, spiritual as well as material, of the underdeveloped coun-

## POPIQUOTES...

tries.  
— Roger Gray in a speech to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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When a minister (political) begins to think like his officials and understands before they explain, his work in that office is done: He is losing the power to see the issues in a political light from the

outside, which alone is what he is there for.

— Mr. Enoch Powell.

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Listening to so many preachers is like staring at the dead cinders in the grate at two in the morning: It's too cold even to promote sleep. Why, I ask the angel of the churches of London and Laodicea — why?

— Rev. Erik Routley,

Minister of Augustine Bristo Church, Edinburgh.

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We badly need a public which is not overawed by the pronouncements of scientists, can react against the deceit and facile ignorance of some of their statements, and balance the advantages of technological development against the potential damage to our living

environment.

— Tom Margerison, Sunday Times.

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Bewildered Trade Unionists have repeatedly found that inflation has swallowed up all their gains, but the T.U.C. has never made the slightest attempt to explain to its members that if everybody brings an orange box to watch the procession nobody will have a better view.  
— Bernard Levin.

**It has always been our policy to speak our mind. It has also been our policy to give space to letters of those who disagree with us or our contributors. This month we publish two such letters. The final judgment lies with you, our readers.**

## **Kaunda — Dictator or Statesman ?**

Dear Sir,

I refer to your November front page article under the heading of HOME RULE. That it is one-sided is beyond doubt, whether it is politically slanted and therefore unsuitable for a church newspaper is a matter of opinion.

My objection, however, concerns a matter of fact; in the penultimate paragraph it is stated—“And remember this — that if we had given Africans a chance of a decent education they would now be even further on.”

Firstly this statement is completely untrue and misleading as I know from many years service in West Africa. From about 1860 onwards Africans commenced to receive education from Christian missionaries and later the Church Missionary Society built up a considerable education system including the chain of C.M.S. bookshops. The Catholic and Methodist missions did likewise and in later years widespread Government education was set in being by the British administration. This continues to operate.

I can assure you that the education provided is “decent,” I can hardly imagine Christian missions offering “indecent” instruction. Though I have small personal knowledge of East Africa I understand that the situation is much the same.

Secondly, the statement I refer to is most damaging to the Christian missions as it infers that nothing has been done in the past to provide education with the funds subscribed by church members in this country. It is a slur on those devoted men and women who have gone out to Africa to spread the gospel. Large numbers of them sacrificed their lives in the early days cultivating the ground with the plough of education so that the seeds of Christianity could be sown.

I would suggest, with respect, that greater care should be taken in future to prevent articles appearing in your newspaper which are obviously written by persons who are either ignorant of their subjects or so politically or otherwise motivated as to be unmindful of facts and the truth.

N. S. MILLER.

11, Eric Avenue,  
Emmer Green,  
Reading, Berks.

Dear Sir,

I feel that I must reply to the article in your November edition where you state that Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia is a statesman in the highest world category.

I just cannot understand your reason for saying this when the facts are that he is as power-crazed as any dictator Africa has so far created.

At this time he is deporting white men from Zambia on trumped up charges of racialism when it is he, in my opinion, who will be found to be the racist.

As for a dictator, I, like many others, have seen photographs taken in Zambia of men, women and children shot to death by Zambian soldiers, their only crime being they were followers of the religious leader Alice Lenshina.

This man, like Hitler, ruthlessly smashes any opposition to himself; he is daily making speeches against white people which is stirring the decent Zambian people to racial violence.

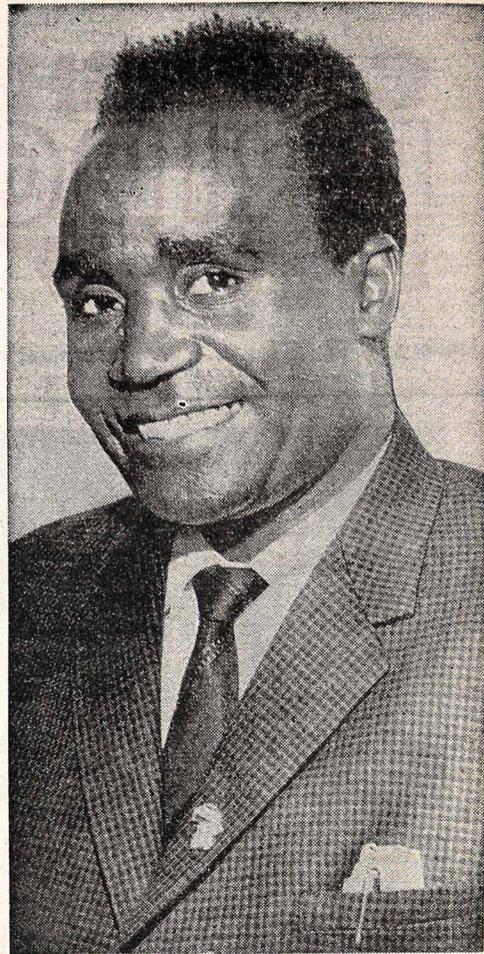
I do feel that your paper in trying to brainwash your readers with articles of this nature are doing a dis-service to normal coloured people by putting a man like Kenneth Kaunda on a pedestal; your paper also is supporting a man who has his eyes on Rhodesia. He is continually making violent speeches against Ian Smith and the white people, who after all have built a fine country and rule it in a better way than any other in Africa.

If it is correct, as your paper repeatedly states, that we should treat all people by their deeds, then in my opinion, Kenneth Kaunda should be treated as a dictator and not as a saint.

D. FINNEY,  
Chairman,

English Rights Association.

20, White Road,  
Smethwick, Staffs.



## **Abortion** **What is a “Right thinking” Christian ?**

Dear Sir,

As a person of independent views neither particularly for or against Christianity, I was appalled by the letter from six doctors in your November issue regarding abortion.

To me this tends to show the fantastic gap between Christian charity as preached by Jesus in the Bible, and the bigoted attitude displayed by many “right-thinking” Christians.

What right has anybody (except possibly the father) to moralise on this issue; the decision is that for the prospective mother to take and hers alone; any doctor could abstain from carrying out the abortion on conscience grounds. Otherwise the remainder of the argument is pure twaddle and an outrageous interference in a person's private affairs.

B. SCHOFIELD,

140, Hillingdon Street,  
London, S.E.11.

## **LOVE**

Our Father in heaven  
we are your children, your loved ones,  
and we bring our love to you.  
May the power of your love inform us  
and strengthen us in love  
so that you are lord of all our loving  
and your will be done in us.  
Give us enough love today  
to make up for our lack of it,  
and forgive us our failings and our faults  
as we forgive each other's.  
Do not put our love to too great a test  
for we are only children in the life of love  
and need your power to set us free  
to give ourselves to you and to each other.

O Father in heaven,  
you are the king of love,  
the power of love,  
and the glory of love,  
for ever and ever.

Amen.

PETER HUTCHINSON

## **ABERFAN** **—The Fund**

Dear Sir,

Many will share the Aberfan parents' apprehension over the way the fund money is likely to be spent. The apparent uneasiness is justified when recalling what usually happens to large sums of money paid into a fund to relieve distress. Surely there is no need for hesitation when the right and proper course is to provide every parent with a new home in a locality far away from the scene of the loss of their children. A change of environment could help recovery from shock and tragedy.

FRANCIS B. WILLMOTT.

Forward Works,  
River Street,  
Birmingham 5.

**Whether you agree or disagree with what appears in this paper, why not let us know what you think?**

# He was shocked about the Old Country

**—AND THERE WAS NOTHING THAT I COULD SAY**

By Percy Burnell



MANY IMMIGRANTS DO NOT FIND THEIR WORKMATES SO FRIENDLY

One Sunday evening a Jamaican nailed me after the service and asked if he could "have a talk with you." I had expressed my disappointment in the lack of West Indian response to our repeated invitations to them to join with us in our churches.

I am sure he spoke for thousands of coloured people in Birmingham—and in other large cities. He left me in no doubt as to why Jamaicans and others—Negroes in particular—steer clear of our churches, although they are a religious people.

The reason goes deep. They are disappointed in the Old Country... disillusioned, grieved, wounded in spirit—and many have become bitter. What, then, can the trouble be.

When this Jamaican friend arrived in England he made his way to London. Although his face is black (and he's proud of being a negro—and why not?) he is a British subject, hence, he regards England as his Mother Country. He contends that he has a perfect right to live here— as much as you or I.

### Refused

In London he applied for a job. His would-be employers consulted representatives from amongst their workpeople to ascertain whether or not they would work alongside a Jamaican. They flatly refused to do so.

Eventually he obtained work in Birmingham and has lived in the city ever since— unless he has recently moved away.

**The point is that he got off to a bad start. That, naturally, has coloured his outlook upon what he feels to**

He is disappointed. He had high hopes of England and cannot come to terms with the fact that very few of his workmates are Christian.

### Different?

Under twenty per cent. of our population attend church, or make any profession of Christian belief. It is more than likely that the attitude shown towards the coloured man inside the churches would be very different from that adopted to him outside.

the working man in that he apparently has no time for religion and little use for the churches.

He sees him as a man whose interest is in horse racing, football pools, TV and the public house.

The working man's total disregard for Good Friday leaves our Jamaican astonished... amazed. If he can by any means persuade the management to allow him to work on that day, so that he can earn "double time," he will. That the Crucifixion of

to. A good deal of it is only too true.

From his point of view, why should we be anxious about Jamaicans and other coloured people not attending our churches when we obviously have a pretty big job on our hands to lay hold of our own people?

**Whether we like it or not, the fact is that we have failed these people morally and spiritually. When I say "WE" I mean the rank and file of the folk here in old England.**

Because of what missionaries and others have

done (and are still doing) in giving them the Christian Faith, and in teaching them how they should live together, and with others, they expected to find in this country a nation behaving and living in accordance with the principles of righteousness that they have been taught.

### Empty

**INSTEAD, WHAT DO THEY FIND? EMPTY CHURCHES AND A WHOLESALE DISREGARD FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.**

(Note: In Jamaica 60% of the people go to church. In England only 4% of the Jamaican population go to church.)

## Brum incident

*An Irish woman pushed her pram into the road between two parked cars and in front of another, moving, car. The West Indian driver managed to avoid her and the baby—who had fallen out of the pram in the confusion. The West Indian got out of his car and the woman shouted, "Why don't you go back to your own country instead of running over our children?" A Jamaican bystander commented that the woman must have been very upset by the incident and had not thought what she was saying.*

—This happened in Birmingham

**The Christian Church welcomes all. If there is a CHURCH THAT DOES NOT IT HAD BETTER NOT CALL ITSELF CHRISTIAN. It is certain that CHRIST has no place there.**

Then my Jamaican friend is disgusted with

Christ is central to our Christian faith, and should, therefore, be observed by a people living in a country that claims to be Christian, never enters his head.

Let us become as angry as we will with this Jamaican, but it is not all nonsense that I listened

## Church shows film town thought too horrific

Public showings of the controversial film, "The War Game," considered too horrific to be screened on television, were arranged last month by Chesterfield Parish Church. The film was shown twice at Church Halls in both Chesterfield and Dronfield.

The Rev. Ian Wearing, senior curate of the parish church, said before the showing "We think this is a film that everyone should have the chance to see. It raises important questions about our defence policy and important questions for Christmas."

"It ought to be publicly discussed and we hope hundreds will attend the perfor-

mances. We decided to show the film because it seems unlikely that any local cinemas are going to do so."

The "X" certificate documentary, which deals with the subject of nuclear warfare, was made for the B.B.C. but was never shown. Headmasters, magistrates, local councillors, the M.P. for Chesterfield, Mr. Eric Varley and his Liberal and Conservative opponents at the last election, were invited to the performances and informal discussions on the film were held afterwards.

Admission was free, but care was taken to make sure no-one under the age of 16 was allowed in.

# I DRESS LIKE THIS TO DAZZLE, MATE!

Men have become increasingly fashion conscious over the past few years and that this interest is still continuing to grow is shown by the large profits of the Men's Wear Division of Calico Printer's Association.

From styled shoes — it's broad toes and buckles for men this year — to eye-catching hats, which would make an Ascot-conscious lady look dowdy, man today is fast catching up with women in the seasonable scramble to be in the front line of fashion.

Maybe it won't reach the mini-trouser stage — there's those knobby knees to be overcome — but certainly man is taking on a more shapely look thanks to his clothes, not to mention colours that he will be blossoming out into next spring.

Anyone who saw the TV documentary on Saville Row and Carnaby Street some time ago will agree that the tide seems to be turning against the sober grey suit.

Apparently it's all psychological. Since women are now able to follow their own careers and no longer entirely rely upon the male bread-winner for their security, their attitude to men has changed. They no longer want pillars of secure respectability, but flamboyant males who dress to dazzle and captivate their mate.

Whether those men who are beginning to spend more on "way out" clothes are aware of why they're doing it is open to some doubt. The fact is that they are, and maybe it won't be long before we're back to the frills, flounces, and rich colourful velvets of the fashionable days of Beau Brummell.

## Rector hits at Church's £1m. "officialdom" budget

A complaint that the Church of England must support the second biggest civil service in Whitehall has been made by the Rev. H. D. Chapman, Rector of St. James's, Clitheroe.

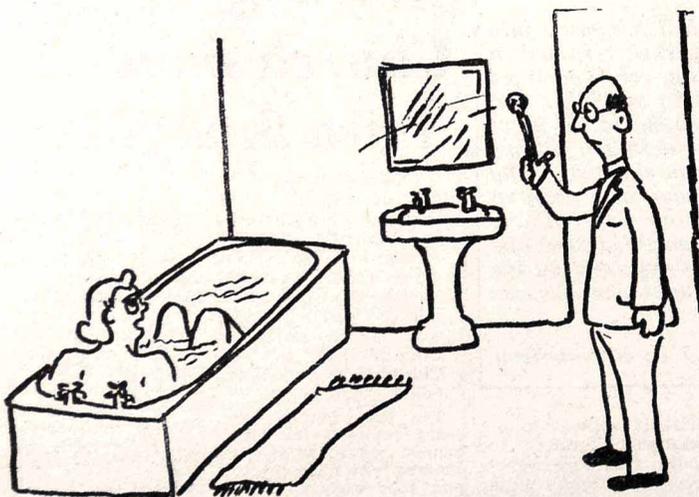
He criticised the amount of money spent on salaries and expenses of the Church Assembly in the November

issue of his parish magazine. Mr. Chapman states: "The Church Assembly budget amounts to over £1,000,000." Grants were given to people training for the ministry and also for pensions.

"However," he adds, "what is staggering is the fact that 40 per cent. of this budget — over £400,000 — is spent on headquarters services — in other words as

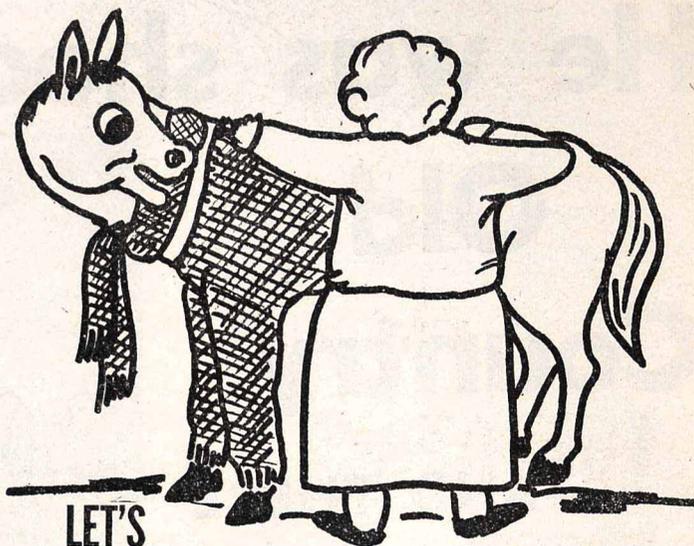
the budget freely tells us the salaries and office expenses of those who work in Church House, Westminster. One wonders if it is right that this vast sum should be spent annually on what is little more than officialdom."

The money came from thousands of parishes in England and it was time the bureaucrats were told that they were getting no more.



... More than 40 people came to the new Vicarage House for a service of dedication by the Bishop ... The Vicar and his wife led the Bishop to various rooms in the house and in each one the Bishop prayed God would bless the special function of that room.

—Fordcombe Parish News.



LET'S GO TO THE SHETLANDS AND KNIT!

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## WOMEN WHO CHECK THE MARKET TRENDS

EVER THOUGHT OF BEING A FIELD AUDITOR? NO, IT'S NOT A RARE KIND OF ANIMAL; IT'S SOMEONE WHO WORKS FOR MARKET RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS.

Retail auditors call on shops at regular intervals to find out how fast or slowly certain goods are selling, which lines are becoming more popular and which are lagging behind.

Here is one field where the services of part-time women workers appear to be highly valued. One big market research firm, Retail Audits Limited, employs 500 such workers and finds them most suitable for the job.

The firm says the wives and mothers on their staff who can work only a limited number of days every month appreciate the

flexibility of the arrangement and also enjoy the variety of their rounds, meeting as they do a great many different types of people in every kind of shop.

Manufacturers for their part find it most useful to be kept posted day by day on the movement of their goods through the shops. It helps them to speed necessary changes in their production and marketing plans.

This is good for trade, good for the customers whose wants are met more swiftly and good for the girl who wants an interesting part-time job.

## Mr. Jones crosses the channel

Mr. Penry Jones takes over as head of Religious Broadcasting in the B.B.C., succeeding Mr. Kenneth Lamb who has been appointed secretary of the B.B.C.

Mr. Jones, formerly Religious Programmes Officer of the I.T.A., is a Presbyterian and was educated in Birkenhead and at Liverpool University.

He has been general secretary of the Altrin-

cham and District Y.M.C.A., Student Christian Movement secretary for the universities and colleges of Southern England, Industrial secretary of the Iona Community in Glasgow for ten years, and producer of religious programmes for A.B.C. TV (where he started "Sunday Break") and Religious Programmes Adviser for six years.



Penry Jones

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## THE OTHER FIFTY-ONE WEEKS

Elsewhere in this issue we announce plans for the week of prayer for Christian unity. And no Caversham Christian can fail this year to be aware of the growing move towards unity. Any prophet who had said a few years ago that 1967 would see a Jesuit preaching at Caversham Heights Methodist Church would have been told to stop talking nonsense. We have certainly come a long way.

All over England Christians are growing increasingly impatient at the slow pace towards unity which our leaders set. It is easy at local level to be unrealistic and ignore the very real difficulties, but there is a grave danger of a rift developing as a result. 1967 must bring some decisive action from our leaders, and we must all pray that the difficulties which still stand between Anglicans and Methodists may be overcome in such a way that the consciences of all find it possible to agree to the union which both our churches have already agreed must eventually be achieved.

On all sides there is growing evidence of increasing impatience. And the failure of church leaders to recognise reality is doing grave harm. If the laity of one church have for the most part long since ignored the official teaching of their church about the birth control it is also apparent that members of all churches are growing increasingly impatient about restrictions on inter-communion.

On the Continent even more startling things are happening in this connection than are happening as yet in England. The Anglican commission on inter-communion must have more courage than did the members of a recent commission on the sharing of churches whose work has not unfairly been described by one Bishop as "as damaging as it is pompous."

I was privileged in the spring of 1966 to be invited by the Bishop of Oxford to be chairman of a diocesan working party which has by Easter, 1967, to make recommendations about ecumenical action in this diocese. We naturally at once co-opted Free Church and Roman Catholic members with whom it is a great joy and privilege to work, but I often come away from meetings of our group feeling that we in Caversham are lagging far behind.

The national economic situation stopped our exciting ecumenical plans at Caversham Park and so beyond the splendid work by an ecumenical youth group in carrying out a survey during the autumn we can report little ecumenical progress in 1966.

What can we hope for here in Caversham in 1967? On January 26 do we all go back to our separate ways after the week of prayer for Christian unity? Our prayers during that week must be directed to seeking God's guidance for the future. And we might begin by seeing that Christian Aid Week is tackled in Caversham on a proper ECUMENICAL basis this May with every congregation providing a quota of collectors.

Our failure to act ecumenically in the past in this matter must be put right. But what can we do about youth work and Sunday Schools and many other matters? And if we can come together one Sunday night a year why not more often, for Sunday night congregations are, if we are honest, not so enormous as to justify the holding of so many separate services?

In the spring of 1968 we hope throughout Caversham to take part together in a common study project under the title of "The People next door." This will involve the arranging of scores of ecumenical house groups, and if this is to be effective all denominations must be in on the planning of this from the start.

Our "Post Bag" this month is the largest and liveliest we have ever known. May we hope for an even larger and livelier one next month as our readers make some constructive suggestions for the next push towards Christian unity in Caversham in 1967.

*John Grimwade*

## A seat on the hill



Overlooking the Thames Valley is this seat, nearly at the top of the recently widened St. Peter's Hill. Nearby are several homes and flats occupied by old people, and as a mark of their desire to be of service to the community, members of Caversham Heights Methodist Church have, with the co-operation of the Borough authorities, given this seat for all who feel in need of a rest after climbing the steep hill.

Photo: Walton Adams.

## JESUIT TO PREACH IN HEIGHTS METH. CHURCH

Christians all over the world keep the week of January 18-25 as a time of prayer for Christian unity.

In preparation for the week all "Caversham Bridge Churches" have agreed to cancel their normal services at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, and join in a special service at Caversham Free Baptist Church at that time. This will be conducted by the minister, the Rev. Lyn Lewis.

On the first night of the week, Wednesday, January 18 the world-famous Methodist leader, Lord Soper, preaches at St. Laurence's, Reading, at 7.30 p.m. On the following night Evensong will be said at 8 p.m. in Caversham Parish Church for all Caversham members of the Reading Council of Churches, and they will then meet at 8.30 p.m. in Caversham Rectory to discuss future plans for common action.

On Sunday night, January 22, at 6.30 p.m., a special Youth Service has been devised by the Rev. David Clift and will take place at 6.30 p.m. in Caversham Heights Methodist Church where the preacher will be a Jesuit, Fr. Brian Porter, from Heythrop College, near Banbury.

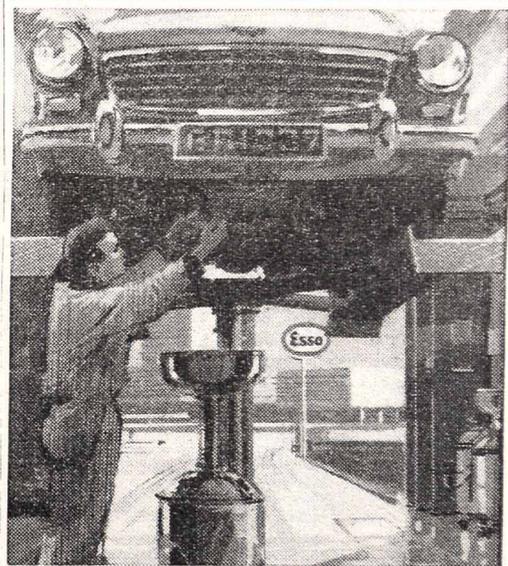
### SOCIAL

On January 23 at 8 p.m. a social is planned in St. Anne's hall for the 200 distributors of the "Caversham Bridge" and also for those who have volun-

teered to help in the Bridge scheme of social service.

While some of these special services and gatherings are, like the youth service, intended for a particular

group, we hope that all our readers will make a real effort to be present at the united service on the evening of Sunday, January 15, and also at St. Laurence's on January 18.



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# To the Abbey, with love

How many Caversham people know that in the back room of a very ordinary shop in Prospect Street there is a bit of Westminster Abbey in the making, something which we hope will delight visitors from all over the world for many years to come?

Yes indeed, Mr. Sear, our well-known canvas-work embroiderer, is hard at work again. This time he is producing a really magnificent canvas for the High Altar Rail Kneeler. Three-and-a-half yards

long, eleven inches wide, the half of the kneeler which he has now finished has taken him approximately 600 hours to stitch.

His target is to complete the second half early in 1967. When it is finished he hopes to be permitted to present it to the Abbey as a private memorial to his mother.



Photo: Walton Adams.

# Happy family goes on the move again



Photo: Walton Adams.

When the winds of change started to sweep through the Church recently, there can be few young couples who seized the opportunities it brought as keenly as Peter and Jean Fry. It is obvious from the number of copies of the "Bridge" which Mrs. Fry sells that she welcomes the opportunity to get to know people not directly connected with any church.

Actually the Frys, who have spent most of their life in Berkshire, moving to Caversham five years ago, have always been keen Church members, but they are clearly happier in their membership now than at any other time in their lives.

With their three delightful children, Sarah, Jonathan and Caroline, they make up a happy family unit that will be very much missed in Caversham when they move to Woodstock shortly.

Interested in everything under the sun, Mr. and Mrs. Fry are wonderful conversationalists and expert in the art of making friends. Among their main interests is that of collecting anything of an historical nature, and their home abounds with odd "finds," cannon balls, French horns and a hundred and one things they have picked up on their travels.

Peter is particularly proud of his name, Peter Hawes, since discovering that his great grandfather of that name was Mayor-elect of London at one time. It will clearly not be long before they add the study of family history to their other interests.

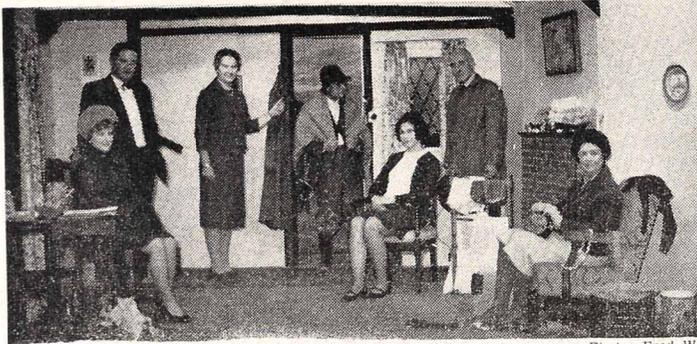


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**Mapledurnam Repertory Association**

## PLEASANT "SECRET TENT"

Ruth Martyn, a young wife whose past is unknown to her husband, disappears on the way to the cinema where she is to meet her girl friend.

A young woman is found battered to death and identified by Ruth's husband as his missing wife. During the investigation, the husband learns the truth about Ruth — her family came from the slums, mother died and father was jailed for manslaughter of his baby daughter, her brother was a hooligan and a member of a gang of housebreakers.

The story takes a sudden turn with the reappearance of Ruth. The murdered woman's face was unrecognisable and Ruth's husband only identified the coat she was wearing.

When she realises that during her absence the husband learned the truth about her past, her "secret tent" collapses and she decides to leave home and her two children. The mother-in-law steps in and makes the husband, who still loves his wife, see reason and forgive. The story ends in happy reunion.

Ruth Martyn was played by young Heather Mumme, who is coming along very nicely. Ray

Lacey's Christopher Martyn, her husband, could have been better had he not tended to over-emphasise Christopher's childlike emotions. Kathleen Bubb as Christopher's mother and Eileen Wake as Miss Mitchum-Brown, the local gossip, were once again "made to measure." The same can be said for Albert Wake's Inspector Thornton.

Miss Pearce by Yvonne Taylor was good but a little too forceful. Norman Griffiths' Ernie Briggs, the local simpleton, was a hit. On the whole, a pleasant performance produced by Kathleen Lacey.

P.G.

**Mr. D. W. Collier**

We regret to record the passing of Mr. Donald W. Collier at his home, 71, Kiln Road, Emmer Green, on Monday, November 14.

Mr. Collier was the son of the late Mr. W. E. Collier, the well-known local builder. He was educated at Leighton Park School and Cambridge University where he graduated with honours in engineering. During the First World War he served on an ambulance train for four years and on demobilisation joined Cadbury Brothers Limited at Bournville as an engineer and later he was appointed a director.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Collier was extremely active in Church circles in the Birmingham area. He served for 28 years as secretary of Kings Heath Baptist Church and, as the Rev. Colin Furze indicated at his funeral service, his Christian principles were manifest in a quiet and convincing manner in all he did.

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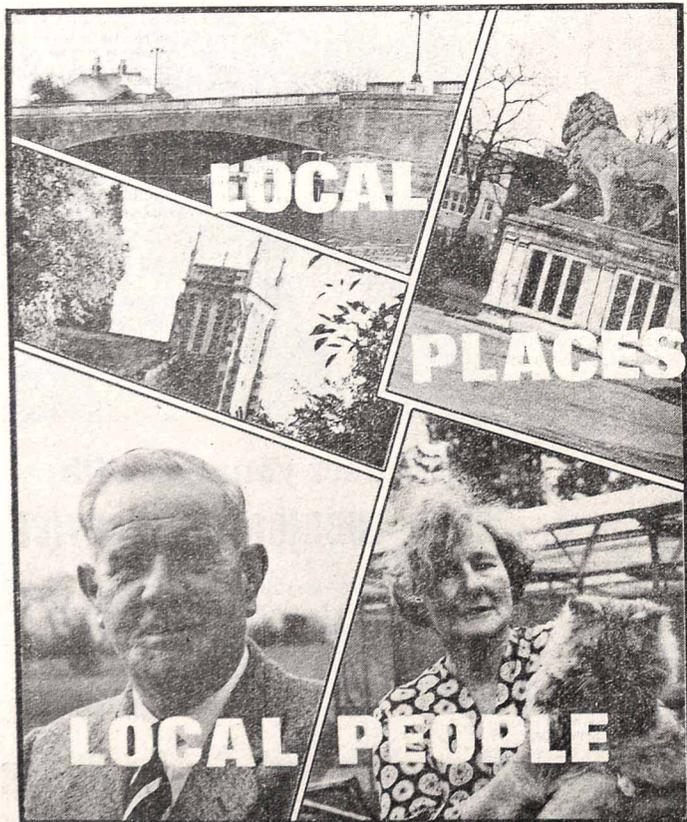
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I DID NOT ENJOY reading the November edition of "Caversham Bridge," at least the local pages. The reason, three people contributed articles which I disagreed with. This of course is fair enough, but I would like you to know why.

No. 1. Peter Emery pontificates to give us a lecture on integrity. All very nice but half way through he gets in his point and why he wrote the article. A swipe at Harold Wilson, suggesting that he lied to Parliament. Reading the article carefully, one can see that the operative word is "elaborate." Could anyone call the Government freeze on prices and incomes elaborate? Many people wish they were. Please Mr. Editor don't encourage politicians to pontificate and lecture us.

No. 2. I really couldn't understand why Paul Goriup went to such lengths to describe Comprehensive Education to us, only to show that he is not very keen about it. He also makes the erroneous statement that the Government has turned down the proposed expansion of the Grove School. As I understand it the Education Committee were requested to postpone the building of the extension for one year because of the Credit Squeeze. Let us hope it will go ahead then, for it is a lovely site for such a school.

No. 3. Was the article "Progress? please!" by Winnie Darter? This was a criticism of the proposed Shopping Centre on the site of the old Caversham House in Church Road. Miss Darter refers to the Borough Council and their advisers as using "the kind of Alice in Wonderland thinking" about this project. Well I have heard the Council called many things but this comparison gives food for thought. I am in favour of the scheme as a whole. I am also a member of the Borough Council and Vice-chairman of its planning committee.

For the past twenty years my work has taken me all over the country and overseas. I like Reading and the Thames Valley and Caversham in particular. I can recall my childhood when Caversham really was a village before it was incorporated into the Borough. It had its own Fire Brigade and Police Court, etc.

I attended Sunday School at St. Peter's church when the Rev. Cleaver was the rector. Later the Rev. Stoney came to Caversham and I recall how I listened with keen interest and pleasure his recounting to the children of his life in Swaziland as a missionary. I hope Mr. Editor you will pardon this digression.

The Reading Borough Council when they were considering the scheme for a shopping centre, (and we should remember that

no representation was made to the Council when this area was shown as being scheduled for shops on the Town Development plan) carried out a comprehensive survey of the district, and, having marshalled all the facts, produced a plan which in the opinion of the Council, will give Caversham what it so badly needs; a pedestrian precinct with adequate public car parking facilities.

I would like Miss Darter and those who oppose the scheme to consider the alternatives. If the new shopping areas are built on the outskirts of Caversham such as Caversham Heights, Emmer Green, Caversham Park, etc. I believe that Prospect Street as a shopping area will wither and die.

Let us face it, with few exceptions such as the Co-

operative, the Chemists and some others, little has been done in the way of modernisation. This is understandable as most of the properties are older than I am and sub-standard in many ways. The forecourts, where they have them are small and the surfaces uneven. The pavements are too narrow and the roadway quite inadequate, for with the heavy traffic moving in both directions it is a very harassing experience to shop in this area. With all due respect I want to see this part of Caversham live, to be prosperous as a centre. In my view more shops with adequate car parking will attract more customers to the area.

I do appreciate Miss Darter's feelings on this matter but in my view it is wrong to suggest that the houses and homes of this part of Caversham are about to be bulldozed away without any protection, legal or otherwise, for the owners. This is a very distorted picture (Alice).

The excellent modern centrally heated homes now being built by the Corporation at various sites within the Borough including Caversham are, I can assure her, appreciated by those persons displaced by new developments such as the town's new ring road and civic centre.

I sincerely hope that this scheme for Caversham will succeed and be of great benefit to the people of Caversham and beyond. Let's face it, the shopping generally in Caversham with few exceptions is, as a visiting friend of mine described it, "Tatty." I do not wish to be unkind about this. The fears that lots of people will suffer, that the developer is going to extract fat profits from the scheme is, I am sure, very much exaggerated. In the opinion of many people this is an imaginative scheme, carefully considered and designed for the pedestrian, the car owner, the young and the old. I think it is thrilling and look forward to its completion.

Thank you Mr. Editor for allowing the space for this letter in your paper and thank all those who work so hard to make its publication the success it undoubtedly is.

G. F. MANDER

## Abortion: Christian support

THE VIEWS PUT FORWARD in the Caversham Bridge in the December Issue about the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill seem to assume that no Christian could possibly support this measure.

I think there are solid reasons why Christians should support it, and would urge all readers to study the Bill carefully for themselves before being swept into petitioning against it.



## In your Opinion...

What does clause (c) do? It provides for the termination of pregnancy where two registered medical practitioners agree that "the pregnant woman's capacity as a mother will be severely overstrained by the care of a child or of another child as the case may be."

Dr. Collett fears that doctors will have to "prophesy" about a woman's capacity as a mother and to destroy life "on indefinable social grounds."

As I read the Bill, doctors will only be asked to consider evidence of parents themselves, and be guided if they wish by the opinions of non-medical specialists who have an intimate knowledge of the family's needs. I would not think that one had to be a prophet to foresee the results of a pregnancy where, for example father is near retiring age, there are four children under five, debts of £500, and possibility of eviction through rent arrears. Nor would I ascribe such social grounds as indefinable. And there are many cases similar to this, which is fictitious but in no way exaggerated.

Nevertheless, if some doctors still feel in the face of evidence such as this that it would violate their consciences to terminate pregnancy I cannot see how this permissive law will "oblige" them to do so any more than they are at present "obliged" to prescribe contraceptives to similar families if they have conscientious objections.

I do not personally agree with these objections because to me "respect for life" is more concerned with the humans already born (many of whom are hungry and homeless) than with academic discussions about a newly formed foetus. (How do you prove when it becomes human?)

I am encouraged to think that I am not alone in my views by the fact that this year the Methodist Conference, after one of the longest and most thorough debates it has had on any social question, saw fit to endorse clause (c) as it stands.

Of course we must be vigilant about the possibility of abuse,

and abortion cannot possibly be considered in isolation from our attitude to birth control sterilization and our whole scheme of education (or lack of it) for parenthood in this century, bearing in mind world conditions and Christian responsibility.

The medical profession is not expected to be the sole judge of all the issues involved. These are also the concern of all educators, social workers, clergy and indeed all families and society itself.

DOREEN HOLLINGUM

## U.N. and the bill on abortion

THE MAJORITY of those who support this Bill appear to assume that the opposition to it emanates from members of the Christian churches.

They ignore or forget that one of the most weighty pronouncements on the subject was made by the United Nations when, meeting in plenary session in November, 1959, to draw up the Charter of the Rights of the Child. This Charter affirms that the fundamental, inalienable rights of human beings belong to a child before as well as after its birth.

This Bill denies the fundamental right to existence and is thus a threat to the good of society.

Abortion once conceded, the logical sequence is the killing off of people who are incurably ill or diseased. It is true, of course, that the sponsors of the Bill will indignantly and sincerely deny any such purpose, but once the sanctity of life is denied we embark on a slippery slope. A (supposedly) good end does not justify evil means, and this Bill is a reflection of the increasing paganism of our society.

FRANCIS J. ANGERS

## Open reply to Alan Marshall

YES, MR. MARSHALL, Caversham's traffic problem is growing and the need to tackle it realistically becomes more urgent. Every pedestrian, car and bus user in the area is aware of the danger and frustration.

While little can be done without a new river bridge to speed the north/south flow, as you are aware, a plan to ease our three worst bottlenecks has been put forward by Mr. Weston. Although this plan could be put into operation quickly, at relatively low cost, without disturbance to anyone and without use of residential roads, you choose, for some reason to ignore it.

Basically, the plan is:  
(a) To make the Prospect Street/Westfield Road/Gosbrook Road triangle one-way.

(b) To build new the road from Hemdean Road across the vacant land to Bridge Street, with traffic lights at Hemdean Road / Church Street, and to make Bridge Street/Church Street new road one-way. Even the Council sees the need for a similar road in some seven to ten years' time, but why wait?

(c) To provide large free or low-cost car parking space on the vacant land.

What is impractical in this plan? The cost? The Council's scheme will cost the rate-payers far more. At the public enquiry, when pressed, the developers refused to accept any financial responsibility for the new roads. The land needed now belongs to the developers, but if the Council can happily contemplate the eventual compulsory purchase of some 200 houses as a direct result of the shopping precinct, what is sacrosanct about the developers' new derelict property?

What does the Council's scheme offer for the next decade? There is no shred of evidence that new daily-need shops will affect the flow of shoppers to Reading. All we can expect is chaos while the precinct is being built — using existing roads. Later we are to have an access road from Wolsey Road (a school road) via Gosbrook Road. Imagine the pile-up at peak periods when shopping traffic meets through traffic on Gosbrook Road.

What of the future—in 20-30 years? What does the Council's scheme offer them?

Nothing for the Caversham village residents but more congestion and more danger.

Nothing for the growing population on the outskirts who will still be forced to travel to Caversham village for their daily needs.

Nothing for the motorist as two-way through traffic mingles with two-way shopping traffic on the new road.

Nothing for the bus travellers but longer queues and a more inefficient service.

Nothing for the present shopkeepers but years of uncertainty and then gradual decline.

And nothing for the 600 Caversham folk whose homes are threatened.

Nothing for anyone except those who have no connection whatsoever with Caversham — the shareholders of the Development Corporation.

Let us get our priorities right, Mr. Marshall. Let us have a traffic plan which does not revolve round the interests of private developers. Let us put the homes and needs of local people before outsiders' profits. Let our Councilors pay attention to the wishes of the people they represent and let our employees—the Council officials—seriously reconsider their proposals.

DORIS THOMAS

## Are there other Cavershams?

I WAS very much interested to read in the "Caversham Bridge" of November under the heading "news from the Churches," about the visit to the Rectory of Mr. and Mrs. Wedekind, members of the congregation of St. Peter's, Caversham, New Zealand. Some years ago a couple from Caversham, New Zealand, called at one of our local schools (Wolsey Road) and, after consultation with the Headmaster presented the school with a new flag.

There is another Caversham in Natal, somewhere between Ladysmith and Pieter Maritzburg, but not marked on the map. It is near that wonderfully beautiful region locally known as "the valley of the thousand hills," and is the proud possessor of a tiny

railway station all of its own. I wonder if any of your readers has ever had a visitor from that Caversham or knows of any other Cavershams?

R. ff. HASLUCK.

## Abortion: the Bill defended

WHILE I SYMPATHISE deeply with those of your correspondents who are very worried about the new Abortion Bill, I cannot help thinking that they are inclined to dodge the issue. Rightly or wrongly abortions do take place, in very large numbers, without the aid of the Bill.

Abortions today are generally of two kinds, the expensive and the inexpensive. Among the circles in which I move, there are people only too ready to pass on the address of a good abortionist in the same way as others will recommend their hairdresser or tailor. I understand the current price is somewhere in the region of £300.

But it is the second class with which we are, or should be, most concerned, the type of abortion which is carried out by amateur methods and more often than not leads to considerable ill-effects, sometimes death. Any hospital will tell you of the number of such cases which sadly come their way all too often. What alternative do your correspondents suggest to the current Bill to deal with the problem of those determined to have an abortion, cost what it will either in cash or in health.

Of course, the ideal solution would be to stop all abortions except where the mother's life is in danger. But that could only work in a society which was prepared to go to any length to help mothers of unwanted babies to cope with their problems, a society prepared to withhold all condemnation of illegitimate mothers. Alas, we do not live in such a society. Until we do I can see no alternative to a method which would at least ensure that the lives of young mothers were not jeopardised and the hospitals no longer cluttered with these pitiful attempts at amateur abortion.

ANON.

(Name and address supplied)

## A bee about sex?

I AGREE WITH THE OPPOSITION of the Churches to the relaxing clauses in the Abortion Bill. In the modern welfare state every child can be well cared for.

But did the Churches show equal enthusiasm for the abolition of capital punishment or war? Have they still got a bee in their bonnet about sex? In past ages population increase was necessary. Now experts tell us that the population explosion caused by modern science will cause world-wide starvation in 30-40 years time in spite of contraception.

Before long it will be necessary to decide between destroying life in the making or allowing it to be born to starve to death.

RETIRED  
MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

# Hot news—and it reaches the

# nation via Caversham

CAVERSHAM IS NOT ONLY a delightful residential area, neatly tucked away between the trees and looking down at the rest of Reading across the Thames, but also a place whose importance goes far beyond the borough boundaries.

Its name is well-known in certain circles at home and abroad, thanks to the B.B.C. Monitoring Service at Caversham Park. It is here that broadcasts by numerous foreign radio stations in Asia, Africa, and Europe—especially eastern Europe and the Soviet Union—are intercepted and processed day and night, round the clock, on weekdays and Sundays, Christmas and Bank Holidays.

The reason for doing this is to provide news and information broadcast in foreign countries which can be of interest to us in this country. The official definition, which you may find in the "B.B.C. Handbook," is that "the B.B.C.'s Monitoring Service at Caversham Park, near Reading, is the national agency for reporting on the content of foreign broadcasts."

It proved particularly useful during the last war when radio broadcasts from Germany and occupied territories supplied the only "hot news" in the absence of the on-the-spot correspondents. Hitler's speeches, as well as speeches and articles by other Nazi leaders, often provided excellent material for propaganda departments in this country which were able, apart from everything else, to combat and ridicule Nazi arguments.

## HAROLD HODGES—the man who cheers



Photo: Fred Walker

HAROLD HODGES, of 156, Kidmore Road, has for many years been a sufferer from multiple sclerosis. He has shown wonderful cheerfulness and courage in overcoming this physical disability. He works at home making handkerchief umbrellas. Each one takes an hour to make and so far he has completed 5,000, which have been sold for charity. At present he is making them for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. He works about nine hours seen in his wheeled chair making the umbrellas.

On Tuesday evenings, Mr. Hodges can be seen wheeling into St. Andrew's Hall for the whist drive where his cheery presence is much appreciated. His wife is a faithful member of the St. Andrew's

congregation and gives most valuable service to the Working Party. She is also secretary of the Guild of St. Raphael—a guild of intercession for the sick and disabled of the parish. G.W.

### Foreign opinion

Since the war, the habit of broadcasting in foreign languages has spread from one country to another, each one trying to tell the other what it is doing, thinking, and planning to do, not to mention the fact that these broadcasts are often used for all kinds of political reasons and schemes. After all, radio stations in most countries are government controlled and one can safely assume that opinion voiced by them very often represents the view of the government or government departments concerned. And what about a number of clandestine radio stations blasting away at the existing regimes in some countries?

In this light, too, monitoring of foreign broadcasts can provide a useful picture of the situation and thinking abroad, especially as regards important international problems such as Vietnam, disarmament, East-West relations, Common Market, Rhodesia, and so on. Round the clock watch is kept for developments during the times of crisis, such as the Cuban for instance, and Caversham Park was the first in Britain to hear the news of president Kennedy's assassination.

We are obviously interested

in what foreign radio stations have to say to their listeners at home about life in Britain and the British attitude towards international affairs. This knowledge is important also for the B.B.C. broadcasts directed to foreign countries in order to explain or even to combat incorrect and sometimes illintentioned interpretation of this subject.

Another example of the operation of the Monitoring Service was for instance the coverage of the Vatican Council, Pope Paul's journeys to the United Nations, the Holy Land, and India, or of the visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Ramsey to the Pope. The service covered the last dramatic moments in the life of Pope John XXIII when constant watch was kept on the Vatican radio for two nights and three days. The same applied to the election of the new Pope, Pope's encyclicals, his speeches, and his annual Christmas and Easter messages.

### World coverage

On the whole, members of the Monitoring Service are interested primarily in the hot news—whether it is a coup d'état or the wedding of Chi-Chi and An-An.

Some of the news can be shattering, other pleasing and

amusing. They must all be dealt with with the same attention. They are channelled to appropriate B.B.C. and government departments, certain news agencies, and a limited number of subscribers.

Broadcasts are listened to by expert linguists with a broad knowledge of world affairs and especially of the area they cover. They record all broadcasts listened to and select from them material which they translate and present either in condensed form or as text, depending on the importance and requirements of the customers. Their reports are processed in turn by the Reports Department which publishes a daily report and weekly supplements, while the News Bureau channels more urgent material direct to its destination by teleprinter.

So, while the rest of Caversham may be fast asleep in the small hours of the morning, Caversham Park monitoring station goes on bustling with activity. The service, of course, does not consist only of the station at Caversham Park, although this is the only one of its kind in this country. The Monitoring Service itself works in some 35 languages and, together with other stations, reports on broadcasts from about 120 countries. And this, I think, speaks for itself about the size of the operation.

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# SCOUTING IN CAVERSHAM



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NELLIE TOMLIN organises the Sunday breakfast at St. Andrew's. She is also a keen member of the Mothers' Union and helps with refreshments on "state" occasions. Besides looking after John and the other members of the family seen in the picture, Mrs. Tomlin also looks after her mother who lives with her, and in term time, two students from the university. She delivers the "Bridge" near her home in Kidmore Road.

SCOUTING WAS in 100 countries throughout the world. Some of these Cub Scouts (as they are known today) and an experimental camp at Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour in August, 1907. The camp was conducted as a Troop of Scouts divided into four patrols. The boys were drawn from different classes and from different localities. They were given a week's instruction in Scouting and "though the boys got but a mere smattering of the proposed teaching, its methods and scope were put to a good practical test."

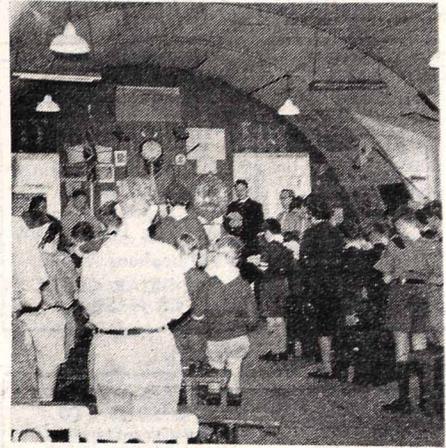
It was not all the plain sailing that people imagine; we have today forgotten that Scouting was derided, and impeached from the platform and the pulpit and held to ridicule in the Press.

**HEALTHY**  
Scouting came through its trials of infancy to a healthy child, and in the two years following 1908 had a membership of 124,000 boys. Today there are over 10,000,000 Scouts

around Christmas time you saw these boys doing the annual good turn at the almshouses and the old people's homes singing carols, presenting people with parcels of groceries and sweets. The good turn brings much joy to the giver, as well as to the recipient.

Today, the movement is undergoing a gradual change and in 1968 we shall be seeing Scouts, Venture Scouts and Scouters in their new look uniform, but the ideals of Scouting will remain the same.

One of the problems that face the Scout leaders in our district is



A "Scouts' Own" service is conducted by the Rev. H. J. H. Stevinson at the Milestone Wood Scout Headquarters.

the lack of camping facilities which is so vital in the training of the Scout in the "out" in Scouting.

**HOUSING**  
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The Scout leaders who

run Pack and Troops give their time voluntarily as do the helpers who undertake badge class instruction, i.e. First Aid, Ambulance, Cyclist, Swimming and other badges.

The age of the Cub Scouts from 8 to 11 years, the Scouts from 11 to 16 years, the Venture Scouts from 16 to 20 years.

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# News from the

Round the Anglican Parish

## 1967: KEY YEAR

In preparation for the KEY FORTNIGHT next October we have had preliminary visits from the four members of the Society of St. John the Evangelist who have promised to help us in this vital work of seeking to "make God real."

Fr. Mark Gibbard led the way at St. Peter's, and all who heard him preach or met him during his stay are aware how fortunate we are to have his tremendous skill available.

The following weekend Fr. Jonathan Young visited St. John's. As he is expecting to be living in Reading shortly in a new house acquired by the Community we are particularly pleased that he will be one of the team in October.

Third came Fr. Campbell to St. Andrew's and as we go to print we await the visit of Fr. John Shand to St. Barnabas. It is quite apparent that a lot of hard work must be put into the preparations for Key Fortnight. The Church Council will be considering this at their January meeting.

### ARCHBISHOPS REPRESENTATIVE VISITING CAVERSHAM.

We are very privileged to be having a visit to the parish of the Rev. John Neale who is the personal representative of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York for recruitment to the ministry. He will be preaching at Evensong at St. Peter's on Sunday, January 8, and hopes to meet afterwards anyone who wishes to discuss any aspects of the ministry, lay or ordained with him. Mr. Neale is secretary of the Recruitment Committee of the Advisory Council of the Church's Ministry but has been seconded by the Archbishops to intensify a positive approach to recruitment to the ordained ministry. The Rector has recently been appointed a member of the Ministry Committee of the Advisory Council (A.C.C.M.).

**ST. ANDREW'S DAY.** The Parish Communion at St. Andrew's was better attended than last year—there were 169 communicants. It was a great privilege to have the Principal of Cuddesdon as our preacher, and the fine service and friendly gathering in the Hall afterwards rounded off what has been a most happy series of patronal festivals this year.

**CLERICAL INVALIDS.** Infections and bugs of different kinds have smitten the clergy heavily of recent weeks, and for five weekends someone or other has been off duty, sick. We hope for better things in 1967.

**NEW SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION.** The Church Council was faced with a long agenda at its recent meeting. A final report on the achievement of the stewardship was received, and the report of the Overseas Working Party debated: it was agreed that it would be an excellent thing if the parish could "adopt" a particular overseas diocese, and it is hoped to make more specific recommendations later.

But perhaps the most important subject discussed was the question of the new service of Holy Communion. It was decided that it would be valuable to hold discussion groups in each district during Lent on this topic and that a meeting of the whole parish should be held towards the end of Lent.

This subject will thus be our principal matter for study during Lent and in addition to the discussion groups some Sunday sermons will be devoted to the subject of "Worship—and the need for Prayer Book revision."



Photo: Fred Walker

Key man for a key year—  
 Father Mark Gibbard

## St. Peter's News

**BELLS AND CAROLS.** The Advent carol service was heralded this year by the ringing of the church bells by a band of eight girls from Queen Anne's School, who rang the octave unaided by the usual ringers. It was very well done and six of them then moved from belfry to chancel to sing in the choir. The service itself brought the largest congregation known for many years and we are all much indebted to Mr. R. J. Brind, Miss E. Leahy and Miss M. Hazel for all the hard work put in by them—to say nothing of the choir of eighty.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC PREACHER.** It is with great pleasure that we can announce that a Roman Catholic priest, Fr. Ford, has been given permission to preach at St. Peter's after Evensong on Sunday, January 22, during the week of prayer for Christian unity. Formerly an assistant priest at St. Anne's, Caversham, Fr. Ford who was secretary of a former Reading Council of Churches is now at Sonning Common.

It is hoped that a large congregation will make it apparent that we are very pleased that he has been able to accept this invitation.

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**LET'S BE GAY.** A party for all of us who worship at St. Peter's is planned for Baltimore Hall on Friday, January 20, at 7.30 p.m. We shall be welcoming as our guests those who were confirmed on December 10, and hope that this will be an occasion when we can all get to know each other a little better. The Social Committee is also planning entertainment for Shrove Tuesday, February 7.

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**ECUMENICAL READERS.** Carols will be sung in place of Evensong at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, January 1. Our Readers this year are drawn from the other congregations of Caversham, not just Anglican but Free Church and Roman Catholic. We look forward to welcoming them.

**VISITING PREACHERS.** In addition to the visit of the Rev. J. Neale mentioned elsewhere, we shall be welcoming other visitors in January. The Rev. Guy Armstrong returns to preach at the Parish Communion on the night of the Epiphany (7.30 p.m.), and you will be able to natter with him and, we hope, other Armstrongs in Toc H after the service. On Sunday, January 8 the preacher at the Parish Communion and Matins is the Rev. C. J. Eldridge-Doyle of the Missions to Seamen and the following Sunday also at 9.15 a.m. and 11 a.m. we have the Rev. D. R. Griffiths to tell us about the important work of the "Feed the minds" campaign.

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**ON THE INCREASE.** With reports of dwindling church attendance common these days, it is worth noting that communicants on the Sundays of October and November showed an average increase of eighteen over the same period in 1965.

**A WORTHWHILE EXPERIMENT** on January 1, we start our second programme of special Sunday evening Services. During the autumn, we have been having a very mixed programme based on a monthly pattern of an afternoon family service at 3.15 on the first Sunday in the month, Sung Evensong at 6.30 on the second, said Evensong at 6 p.m. followed by an interval of ten minutes, to allow people to come or go, then at 6.30 the special Service, on the third and following Sundays.

This experimental programme has been very well received and has stimulated considerable interest.

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**ON JANUARY 1,** the St. Laurence Players are presenting the Nativity Play "Most Highly Favoured Lady." On the 8, there is Sung Evensong. On the 15, there will be no service in St. John's in the evening, for we will be holding a united service in the Baptist Free Church at the end of Prospect Street.

## News from St. John's

On January 22, we are taking the general theme of Lay Pastoral Work in the Special Service at 6.30. There will be three speakers— a Methodist on Stewards and the Class System, a Presbyterian on the work of lay Elders, and a Roman Catholic on Catholic Action and lay associations.

Each speaker will be allowed five minutes to outline his particular aspect of lay pastoral work, then there will be half an hour for general discussion. The Rev. G. Shearer will be coming with some of his congregation to take part in this service and discussion. Unfortunately the Methodists are otherwise engaged and so will be unable to come en bloc.

Finally on the 29, we will be showing that excellent film "We haven't begun" depicting the work of the Church in Masasi, and starring Bishop Trevor Huddleston C.R.

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**VISITING PREACHERS** on January 15, Rev. C. J. Eldridge-

Doyle will be preaching on the work of the Mission to Seamen at 9.15 a.m. Three weeks later on February 5, we will be hearing about the Archbishops of York's "Feed The Minds Campaign," from the Rev. A. R. Thomas, this will also be at 9.15 a.m.

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**WELCOME** on January 8, Mr. Jackson will make his first public appearance as our new organist and choirmaster, though we will already have benefited from his choir practices since the beginning of November. Many readers will remember him from the time when he was on the staff at Micklands Junior school; he has since moved from there and now teaches in Maidenhead. Mrs. Jackson is also a teacher, she is on the staff of the Church school in Shiplake. We welcome them both most warmly to St. John's.

# Caversham Churches

## St. Andrew's

**YOUTH STEWARDSHIP.** There are about 70 young people who support the St. Andrew's Youth Stewardship—either through time and talents or with money or both. At a recent meeting of the Youth Stewardship Committee (which consists entirely of those under 21, apart from the Priest in Charge) it was felt that these 70 people should be called together to consider how Youth Stewardship could become more effective in the district. There will therefore be an open meeting in St. Andrew's Hall on Thursday, January 26, at 8 p.m. to which all Youth Stewardship supporters are invited.

Among other things we hope that the results of the recent sociological survey will be available by then. In addition the more general needs of St. Andrew's Young People will be considered. For example is there a need for discussion groups, youth fellowships, coffee evenings and such like? If you think that the answer to this question is "yes" please come and tell us on January 26.

**YOUTH DRAMA.** The New Year will also see the start of a new venture at St. Andrew's with the formation of a Youth Drama Group. This will be open to all between 16 and 21 years (a few years either way won't matter) living in Caversham and Mapledurham. An inaugural meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Hall on January 27, at 8 p.m. Any young people interested in drama and the stage are most cordially invited to attend.

## St. Barnabas

**JANUARY — A MONTH OF BEGINNINGS.** May I begin by wishing everyone a very happy New Year. While this month marks the beginning of 1967, it is a beginning in another way for some people. It is the beginning of full membership of the Church for those who have been confirmed recently. Each made his or her own decision to take this step, each has publicly affirmed a faith in God. We greet them, and wish them joy and peace throughout their lives.

**A MEN'S GROUP.** It has been suggested, on several occasions that there should be a group for men in this district. A preliminary meeting will be held during this month when we will discuss what form it should take. From the opinions that have been voiced already, however, it is clear that its basis and programme will be both serious and light-hearted. Please watch the weekly notices for further details.

### FOR YOUR DIARY.

1. Saturday, December 31, is a day of parties. During the afternoon the Sunday School will hold its Christmas party, while the members and guests of the S.B.S. and the P.C.G. will hold a New Year's Eve social and dance during the evening.

2. At 9.15 a.m. on December 8, the preacher will be the Rev. D. R. Griffiths who is a representative of the "Feed the minds" campaign.

3. At 9.15 a.m. on January 29 the preacher will be the Rev. C. J. Eldridge-Doyle for the Missions to Seamen.

## Who's adult enough to want to know?

"Growing up" is a period of acquiring knowledge, of coming to grips with life and its many problems. Caversham as a community is growing up and the thirst for knowledge has been demonstrated by the upsurge in membership of Caversham Evening Centre.

The Centre was inaugurated in 1964, at the old Parochial Schools, hidden away behind Gosbrook Street, in School Lane, with a dozen or so courses but has grown so rapidly that use is now made of the Primary Schools at Hemdean Road, Emmer Green and Caversham Park and the school buildings at the Grove and Caversham (Wolsey Street) while this year one group has had to be accommodated at Cintra School in Whitley.

More than 600 people are taking part in 40 different courses, which include Art, Cinematograph, Scottish Dancing, English Maintenance, Dressmaking, French, Italian, German, Spanish Handicrafts, Holidays Abroad, Hostess, Party foods, Keep Fit, Literature, Mathematics, Pottery, Comparative Religion, Soft Furnishings, Wine Making and Woodwork.

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Caversham Centre is catering for the need for cultural development, educational advancement and instruction in practical skills of the local people. This in congenial company, with a happy atmosphere among friends.

The time has come when you, the people of Caversham, must decide whether you wish to exercise your democratic right to express your desires for your educational future.

Are you "grown up" enough to make known your needs?

Is there anyone who feels he has any knowledge he thinks would be worth passing on to his fellow citizens?

The Caversham Evening Centre exists to supply educational needs. We can organise what We think you need but would rather organise what YOU think you need! If you want to know, let us know what you want to know. We exist to make available whatever is demanded of us in the field of further education. You ask and we will do our best to supply.

C. R. WELFARE,  
Caversham Evening Centre,  
School Lane,  
Caversham.

## St. Anne's News

### School football . . .

St. Anne's completed their league fixtures for the first half of the season. In the new six-a-side competition seven matches were played in all. Twelve boys making up two teams represented the school and won all of their matches bar one, being defeated by the English Martyrs 6 goals to 4.

In this competition St. Anne's total aggregate was 62 goals for and 15 goals against. The team now looks forward to the eleven-a-side league and cup games that are due to be played in the New Year.

Two members of the school team have been short-listed for the Reading Boys' Primary XI, namely Michael Duffy and Stephen Cox.

### Marian Group . . .

The Marian Group continues to meet in the school at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. In November several members went out to dinner at the "White Hart," Nettlebed. In December a representative from Cooper's gave a talk on wine, and in January there will be a film and talk on "Words in Colour," a new method of teaching reading, writing and spelling.

The annual subscription is 5/- and new members are welcome. Any further information about the group can be obtained from Mrs. M. Steele, 35, Mill Green, Caversham, telephone Reading 71437.

### Coffee morning . . .

On November 23, a coffee party was held at 40, Priest Hill, by kind invitation of Mrs. Murphy O'Connor. Dom Dunstan Cammack, O.S.B., from Douai Abbey gave a most interesting talk on "The English Benedictines."

He traced the history of the Order in broad outline from St. Benedictine down to the present day. He explained the dual purpose of the Order as firstly the Liturgy of the Church and the singing of the Divine Office, and, secondly, he portrayed the "family" spirit inherent in the Order which makes such a deep impression on the boys in their schools.

## CHANCE FOR A KEY CHAT

One corner of the well-attended social in Balmore Hall when members of St. Peter's congregation met Fr. Mark Gibbard and discussed with him plans for Key Fortnight in October, 1967.

Photos: Fred Walker



# We record . . .

**BAPTISED**  
**St. Peter's (Adults)**  
 December 4: Margaret Davis; Anne Jones.  
**St. John's**  
 November 6: Lisa Newbury; Sandra Pembroke; Tracey Scott. Received: Patricia Mace.  
**St. Andrew's**  
 November 20: Neil Atkinson; Richard Fullard; Helen Norrell; Alistair Thatcher; Adele Reynolds; Stephen Rippin.  
**Caversham Methodists**  
 November 20: Alison Eaton.  
**Caversham Baptist Free Church (Believer's Baptism)**  
 November 6: Rosemary Miller; Gillian Pilgrim; Peter Rose.

**CONFIRMED**  
**St. Peter's**  
 December 10: Katherine Abercrombie; John Anderson; Monica Anderson; Catherine Barnett; Gillian Blackwell; Elizabeth Bodle; Philip Coope; Anthony Davis; Margaret Davis; Ann Fenwick; Lyn Fisher; Susan Grey; Christine Harvard; Ann Home; Stephen Hubbard; Hugh Hunt; Elizabeth Jones; Susan King; Linda King; Gillian Lawrence; Pauline Martin; Philippa Martin; Paul Mettem; Peter Stratton; Colin Wareham.

**St. John's**  
 Shirley Eighteen; Stephen Gillett; Sandra Gordon; Patricia Hammond; Colin Harris; Trevor Harris; Christine Love; Susan Love; Peter Nicholls; Neil Ovenden; Colin Trinder; Ivy Ward; Richard White.  
**St. Andrew's**  
 December 10: Janet Barnard; Jane Beabey; Elizabeth Bentley; David Chick; Margaret Dorward; Teresa Hurlie; Janice Jarman; Richard McDougall; Terence McDougall; Clare Shepherd; Patricia Spite.  
**St. Barnabas'**  
 Jonathan Alderman; Frances Harvey; Richard Patel, Susan Roderick; Lynne Shatwell; Jane Shatwell; Martin Shoemith; Sharman Stringer; Sally Turner; Sara Vanderpump; Angela Webster; Jacqueline Wickham; Iain Windeatt.  
**MARRIED**  
**St. Peter's**  
 December 10: Terence Dezille and Elizabeth Hooban.  
**BURIED**  
**St. Peter's**  
 November 29: Eleanor Aldridge.  
**Caversham Baptist Free Church**  
 November 17: Donald Collier.

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<b>St. Peter's</b> 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION 11.00 a.m. Matins 11.00 a.m. Sunday School (Balmore Hall and Hemdean House School) 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays) 6.30 p.m. Evensong  8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST 11.00 a.m. Children's Church 6.30 p.m. Evening Service (1st Sunday, 3.15 p.m.)  8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Sunday School (Church Hall) 6.30 p.m. Evensong (3rd Sunday, 5.15 p.m.)  8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 9.15 a.m. Family Eucharist 9.15 a.m. Sunday School (Church Hall) 6.30 p.m. Evensong (3rd Sunday, 5.15 p.m.)  8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays) 9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION 6.30 p.m. Evensong SUNDAY JANUARY 15: 6.30 p.m. CAVERSHAM FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.	<b>St. Anne's</b> 8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Mass  <b>Our Lady of Caversham</b> 9.50 a.m. Mass. (except 1st Sunday when at 8.50 a.m.)  <b>BAPTIST Caversham</b> 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship Communion after Evening Service 1st Sunday after Morning Service 3rd Sunday. 2.45 p.m. Sunday School.  <b>North Caversham</b> 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship Communion after service on 3rd Sunday.  <b>METHODIST Caversham Heights</b> 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship. 10.15 a.m. Sunday School. Senior Dept. 11.00 a.m. Sunday School. Junior and Primary Dept.  <b>Gosbrook Road</b> 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship 11.00 a.m. Sunday School.  <b>SALVATION ARMY Prospect Street</b> 3.00 p.m. Young People. 6.30 p.m. Adults.  <b>CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL</b> 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship. 10.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Sunday Schools  <b>UNITED EVENING SERVICE AT BAPTIST CHURCH.</b>

## METHODIST CHURCHES

**JANUARY PREACHING APPOINTMENTS**

Caversham	Caversham Heights
1 Mr. M. Winch (11.00)	8.00 Rev. E. B. Wright (1)
Rev. E. B. Wright (1)	6.30 Mr. C. E. Buck
8 Rev. J. O. Cochran	11.00 Rev. S. M. Wendt
Rev. W. A. A. Tutt	6.30 Rev. H. M. Sugg
15 Rev. E. B. Wright	11.00 Rev. W. A. A. Tutt
22 Mr. L. R. Ash	11.00 Rev. E. B. Wright
Rev. S. M. Wendt	6.30 United Youth Service
29 Mr. K. Burchell	11.00 Rev. E. B. Wright
Rev. E. B. Wright	6.30 Rev. F. Hunter.

Note: (1) Covenant Service.

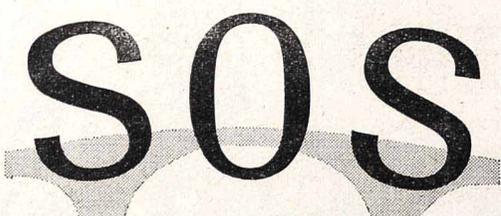
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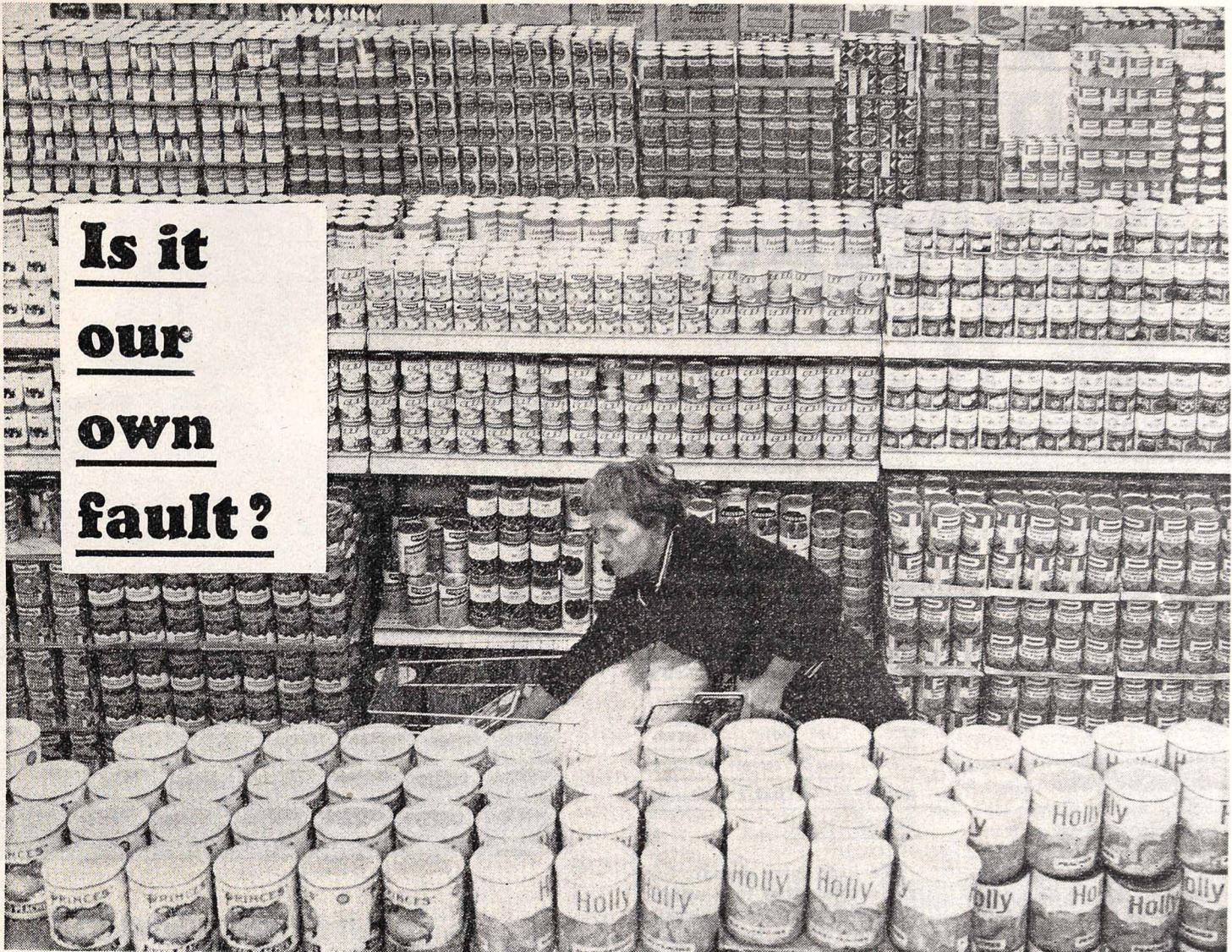
## Round the Clubs

**CALLING NON-ANGLICANS**  
 Started for Anglicans, the Churchmen's Luncheon Club which meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in St. Laurence's Hall is now extending membership to men of all denominations.  
 Caversham Anglicans attend in good numbers, and seem to make up nearly half of the membership but it is hoped that their Free Church and Roman Catholic friends will join them at this monthly gathering which ends by 2.15 p.m. promptly. The next meeting is Thursday, January 5.  
**YOUTH DRAMA CLUB.** A new youth drama group is being started (age range 16-21) under the leadership of Mrs. J. Debenham — first meeting St. Andrew's Hall on Saturday, January 27 at 8 p.m.—all young people interested in drama are welcome.  
**CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD** held their annual meeting in November, when members voted for the retiring committee members. The following were re-elected.  
 Mesdames Butler, Gant, Hammond, Haydon, Kitcher, and Ross.  
 A stall arranged by the arts and crafts section was well supported, and a donation of £15 is being sent to cancer relief in Reading.  
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The social studies group are to study careers in the coming year, and the international group have speakers from many countries, besides those from the commonwealth.  
 Meetings are held at St. Andrew's Hall, on the third Thursday in each month and new members are always welcome.  
 The secretary is Mrs. Lott, 6, Richmond Road, Caversham.  
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 The Annual General Meeting of **CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD** was held on November 17 and the retiring chairman, Mrs. A. Cowlard, was in the chair. New committee members were elected as follows: Chairman, Miss E. R. Baker; Vic-Chairman, Mrs. P. M. Tiffen; Secretary, Mrs. B. Stratford; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. P. M. Tiffen.  
 A full and interesting programme has been arranged for next year including a visit to Cadbury of Bournville in March.  
 New members will be welcomed and anyone interested should contact the Secretary, Mrs. B. Stratford, 35, Peppard Road, Caversham, Reading, T.N. 75350.  
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**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION**  
 On Tuesday, January 24 Lord Caradon, Britain's representative at the United Nations will visit Reading. He is speaking at the University in the afternoon and Reading U.N.A. will be arranging a meeting for him in the evening. (Notice of this will appear in the local press).



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The extra hard-earned money in people's pockets is available for extras, for little luxuries, for indulging one's own tastes. Price reductions mean you can have more things for your money; but people who have enough do not want or need more things.

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Why, if the vast majority of consumers prefer not to choose "more for their money" should they be forced to do so?

Freedom of choice for the customer seems to me a basic freedom which must not be taken from us.

# ARE PART-TIME JOBS HARD TO FIND?

Asks  
Joan  
Best

I HAVE been trying to make a rough assessment of the effect of the selective employment tax and other restrictive measures on part-time work, and have been finding the job quite difficult.

Both national and local papers still seem to advertise the usual quota of part-time jobs for women. One reporter has told us about firms, among them at least two of the main five banks, who are employing two part-time workers on alternative weeks to avoid the payment of the new tax for both at the same time.

Enterprising housewives are still doing well out of running small suburban typing and envelope-addressing agencies in which they and their helpers work part-time. Some firms, it is said avoid paying the Selective Employ-

ment Tax by farming out work to part-timers and self-employed workers.

On the other hand, the Industrial Society (an independent body studying conditions in both private and nationalised industries) found during a recent survey that well over two thirds of the companies interviewed intended, if redundancy arose, to lay off their part-time workers first.

The Society adds that it has as yet no indication that this is happening — but its findings do give weight to some of the gloomier forecasts.

It is interesting to note that most of the firms interviewed liked their part-timers and said they worked as well and turned up as regularly as their full-time colleagues.

## Fine old City

IT gave me special pleasure to read about the success of British Week in Lyons because I know this fine old city well and have always liked and admired it.

The shopping crowds in this sophisticated town (third largest in France) have been snapping up

British clothing, food and drinks. Its technicians and laymen have been fascinated by the British Pavilion of Technology.

First estimates forecast a rise of British exports to the Lyons area from between £20,000 and £40,000 a year to about £750,000 by the end of this year. Our manufacturers have scored a victory on hotly-disputed ground for Lyons is the crossroads of many ancient and modern trade routes.

It has always been an outward looking city and Britain's exporters made an excellent choice when they decided to make it the target for one of the greatest overseas sales promotions ever staged.

## Into man's land

IT does one's heart good to come across a firm which not only admits girls into "masculine" domains but does so with a flourish.

I have just been looking at the British Aircraft Corporation's staff journal in which they feature their latest batch of girl entrants—with attractive photos, interviews, tributes to their achievements and information about their personal backgrounds and hobbies.

Only the vital statistics are missing!

If you are young and clever — clever enough in technical matters to pass the stiff entrance test — you will certainly be welcomed with pleasure by the Corporation — and on equal terms among the trainee engineers and apprentices. One girl has just been awarded an exhibition by the firm to study for a B.Sc. degree in aeronautical engineering.

It must be good fun to be the only girl among 450 young men, all aviation-minded as yourself.

## Girls with sense

I HAVE deep admiration for the three young women employed by Acme Building Contractors Ltd. in Kent for their spirited show of independence and their sense of fairness.

Although they are not members, a Union is eager to negotiate a pay increase for them. The girls replied, "Don't bother, we're quite happy with what we get."

They were invited to join the union several weeks ago, but they preferred to keep their independence.

# SEXY? BUT OF COURSE! AND PROUD OF IT . . .

Who turns their head at a pair of knees flashing cheekily from a form-hugging, brightly coloured mini-skirt? Well, I do . . . and we all do. But how do we react, what are our attitudes?

How cold? Cor, what an eye-ful? How disgusting? Sexy? Pretty? Brazen minx? I'd never let my daughter out like that? Three cheers for Mary Quant? I don't know what young people are coming to these days?

All too easy it is to let young people bug us. "They're irresponsible," we say, flamboyant, self-conscious, extravagant, inconsiderate . . . and perhaps they are. But perhaps our attitude is affected by a wistful envy of those youthful high spirits, carefree ways and optimism which it is all too easy for us to lose sight of as responsibilities crowd in upon us.

The gay plumage of youth can remind us that living is not such a desperately serious business after all — that there is a place for fun and the odd extravagance.

"Shocking!" Some people will say of the apparent flaunting of sexuality by short skirts and tight jeans. But do we imagine that we shall keep a "high moral tone" in the country (whatever that commonly used phrase may mean) by keeping knees demurely covered and figures loosely draped?

The polite silence on sexual matters in the quite recent past only led to a muddling, fearful, guilt-ridden, secretive fascination with this essential part of our nature. Current teenage fashions reflect a healthy liberation in sexual matters, whatever may be the problems that the liberation can bring.

There is a fundamental honesty in young people's

pride and pleasure in their newly-found physical maturity and sexual attraction that is more constructive than many "stiff upper lip, short back and sides" attitudes of people who in the past have been terrified of admitting their true human nature and sexuality.

"Why can't you wear sensible clothes?" "You're making an exhibition of yourself," "Get your hair cut."

"Why don't you sit at home quietly?" "What a ridiculous pair of shoes!"

To hear some parents talk you'd think that they wanted their children to pass straight from childhood to being pale reflections of Mum or Dad, without passing through the colourful, chaotic, untidy teenage stage. We've all met pale reflections of Dad and we all know how saddening it is to see youngsters standing feebly in the shadow of their parents with no character, personality, ideas or interests of their own.

We're all familiar with teenage "gear" from garish stockings to bell-bottom trousers. It's all a sign that they want to be independent, different from their parents, they want to grow up, make their own decisions, their own mistakes. Too, they want to wear the uniform of the teenage crowd because if you're growing up you're uncertain and a crowd can protect you.

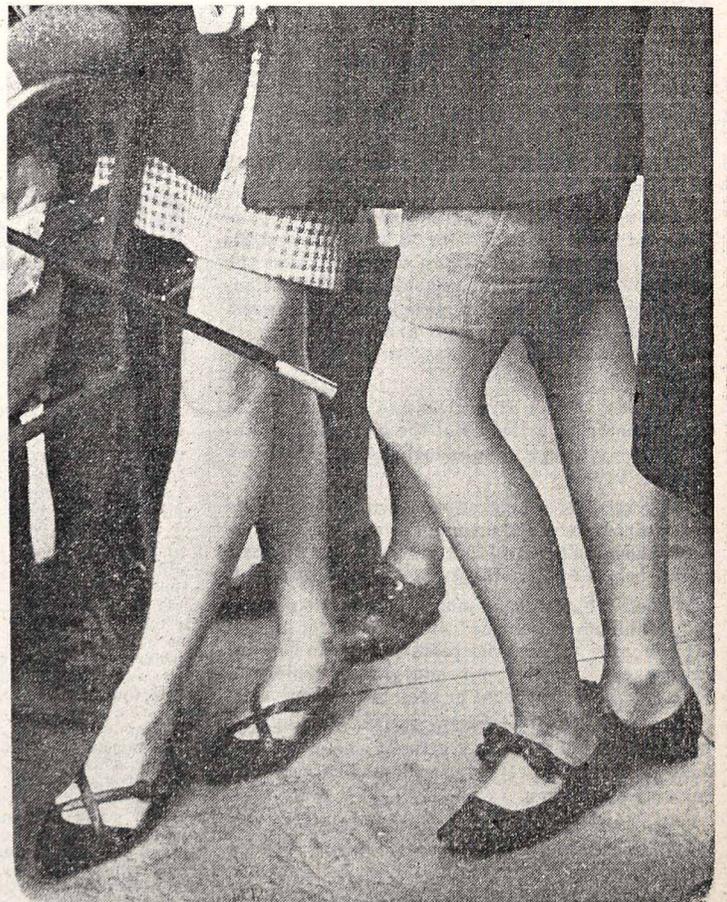
**SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT MARY'S MINI-SKIRT, EVEN IF HER LEGS ARE LIKE ROLLS OF LINO AND WOULD BE BEST COVERED A LITTLE. DON'T WORRY IF JOHN'S HAIR TEMPTS YOU TO OFFER HIM A RIBBON OR HIS TIGHT TROUSERS MAKE SITTING DOWN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE.**

**START WORRYING IF THEY'RE MIDDLE-AGED IN WAYS AND DRESS BEFORE THEIR TIME.**

## Colourful, chaotic . . .



## . . . and glorious!



# THE HOUSE FULL OF TREASURE

Dear children,

I have a little friend who lives on the side of a very steep hill. When you look out of their front room you can see all across the valley to another steep hill at the other side. One day my friend was reading a book about treasure hunting. It was early in the morning, and he looked up and saw the sun shining on the hill opposite and something was glinting in the strong light. He couldn't imagine what it was, but he thought perhaps that it just could be a great collection of jewels sparkling at him and inviting him to come and help himself.

So he ran to his mother and asked if he might go across the valley and find "the gold and diamonds."

"But it's a long way, and you won't get there until very late," said his mother.

"I don't mind," said the boy. "I'm sure there are jewels there, and it will be worth it."

So off he went, with sandwiches and cake and a bottle of pop to keep him going. He trudged over the fields, ran over the bridge that spans the river, and climbed puffing and panting up the hill on the other side.

At last he came to a house. It was quite small, and there was an old lady sitting in the window. He went up to the door, and knocked. The old lady came.

"Yes?" she asked.

"I'm looking for something very bright and shiny that I saw from my house on the other side of the hill," said the boy. "I believe it's treasure. Can you tell me if you know where it is?"

The old lady smiled. She was amused, and puzzled. Finally she managed to work out what the boy was talking about.

She said: "When you started out the sun was shining from your side of the valley to mine, and what you saw was the light flashing on the window of my house. Now the sun is shining the other way, and if you turn round you will see something very surprising."

The boy turned round, and saw that the sun was flashing on something very bright there on the other side, just as it had done in the morning.

"It looks to me," said the lady, "as if it might even be your own house."

And it was.

A very happy New Year,

MRS. SMALL.

# Too late to view—and too good to miss

Television, by Harold Jeffries

**HO HUM... PARDON MY YAWN.** It's not having enough of the old eight hours that does it. The trouble is I'm telly tired from stopping up until nearly midnight to take in all those excellent programmes that come on after 11 p.m. Of course I could go to bed and miss them, but I'd be missing some of the best television screened, and I don't want to do that.

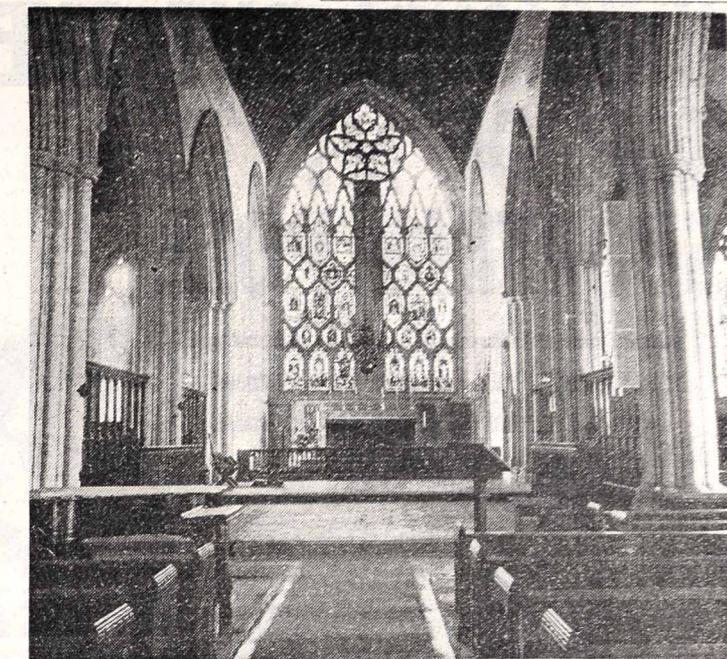
I should like to heap all the blame on to the shoulders of the TV planners, but I can't. They know that the best you can hope for in this life is to please most of the people most of the time, and this they do by cramming peak viewing hours with serials, domestic comedies, popular plays and variety shows.

They know that this is the kind of stuff the majority of people want, and so they give it to them. I don't blame them, and neither for that matter do I blame the people who prefer to be entertained rather than educated by their TV set.

Nevertheless, the fact still remains that a large number of people who are interested in the development of babies, the education of children, foreign languages, astronomy, and the many other fascinating subjects dealt with by late night television, have to lose sleep in order to enjoy this kind of viewing, and one would have hoped that there was some solution to the problem.

Is there really no way in which at least some of these programmes could be viewed comfortably in the middle of the evening, with no nagging conscience telling you that you ought to be in bed, or fuddled, tired brain, trying to think intelligently about the subject in question, with very little success.

Personally, I should have thought that part of the answer, at least as far as the B.B.C. is concerned, lies with a more imaginative and con-



# DORCHESTER ABBEY—TO THE GLORY OF GOD

by Elspeth Jarvis

THE SUN WAS SHINING when we stopped at the beautiful little Oxfordshire village of Dorchester — shining on the river with its border of willow trees, dressed this last week in April in their greenest and best, and here we found the Abbey church of SS. Peter and Paul.

lovelier than this treasure house, built to the Glory of God, and dedicated to those beloved Saints, Peter and Paul.

Tended

We entered the church behind a lady bearing an armful of flowers. Obviously one of those faithful people who work tirelessly be-

hind the scenes to keep our Churches well tended and beautiful, and noted how easily her fingers found the light switch, flooding the building with light. How often, we wondered, had she performed this simple act made by constant repetition, so familiar.

An "Appeal" is being made at the present time to restore the ancient stonework of this beautiful building, the centre of Christian worship for thirteen centuries.

We had good reason to rejoice, for wasn't this our first real outing since I began to walk properly again, after a stroke 18 months earlier. What if I was a bit unsteady on my feet I WAS walking, and this in itself was almost a miracle!

We have seen many beautiful churches in Oxfordshire, but none

hind the scenes to keep our Churches well tended and beautiful, and noted how easily her fingers found the light switch, flooding the building with light. How often, we wondered, had she performed this simple act made by constant repetition, so familiar.

Leaving our new acquaintance to her work, we passed into the nave, to see the full beauty of the chancel and the glorious sanctuary beyond where the great east window extends from wall to wall.

We deliberately left the best to the end!

I had always wanted to see a Jesse window, that genealogical tree of Christ's descent from Jesse, and here on the north side of the sanctuary we found the most famous of these windows, with priceless stained glass and sculpture beyond compare with anything else in the country.

Worn

What hours of labour must have gone into these carvings! Small wonder that the paving stones that lead from the porch into the

church are worn hollow, not only by the foot-steps of the millions of faithful entering to worship, but also those many people who visit the Church each year to see this rare and exquisite example of man's handiwork.

I like to think that they kneel for a moment before returning to the distractions of the day, to thank God for His gift of clever and devout hands to those, who in their many generations have bequeathed gifts of such beauty, to give joy and inspiration to those who follow them.

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# UNKNOWN BUT THEY'RE TOP OF MY SPORTING POLL

**E. F. Adkins looks backwards and forwards on the sport world**



E. Mason and D. Hunt are my joint sportsmen of the year for 1966. It is just possible that you may not be over-familiar with the doings of Ernie and Dudley, both of whom are in their sixties and members of the Pickwick Cricket Club Nomads XI, which team has its counterpart in every community.

Let it be clearly understood that these cricketing gentlemen are not in the side under sufferance, or out of any sympathetic consideration for services rendered, but solely on the grounds of merit.

In the first two games last season Mason, bowling immaculately, took five wickets in each innings, and Hunt, who not so long ago topped the batting averages, was as reliable as ever in the middle order.

These are men who have come to terms with their game; success and failure they take in their stride. Each game, each season, is a fresh challenge. Their names may never appear in Wisden or the national averages, but in my book men like these, given a few kind summers, will always be top of the poll.

For sheer brilliance of individual performance the top professional sportsman of 1966 was R. W. Barber, of Warwickshire and England. The knowing ones said that his technique was all wrong for an opening bat, and that the Aussies would soon find him out.

Perhaps they did, but he thrilled a continent with his stroke play during the process and warmed those early winter mornings for those of us who followed every ball on the radio.

Typical of a man who seems to have stepped down from a bygone age, he declined to play full time cricket last year and the game was the poorer for it.

In a year dominated by England's world cup success — essentially a team effort — there were

many notable individual performances we ought not to forget.

SANTANA at Wimbledon, the people's choice, winning with charm and a disarming gentility.

KEINO running with the lazy arrogance of a man who knew he could only win.

SOBERS and HALFORD, let off the hook at Lords by Cowdrey, going on and on to save the game and establish for ever the maturity of West Indian cricket.

There were moments tinged with nostalgia. Russian goalkeeper YASHIN, conscious of the occasion, leaving the Wembley pitch for the last time.

The man who, in 1953, changed the face of English football in 90 minutes, PUSKAS, making his farewell appearance at Chelsea.

WES HALL — what a player! — shall we ever see him again?

What I would like to forget of the sporting scene in 1966: Petulance on the soccer field — thuggery on the rugby scene that exceeds the "just the boys enjoying themselves" excuse — the bad smell that is heavyweight boxing.

Predictions are really a mixture of hope and expectation. In 1967 I expect an Irish horse to win the National and a French one the Derby. An American will take the Open.

The Aussies will carve up Wimbledon. Tommy Docherty will antagonise more footballers than any other manager.



Bob Barber—brilliant, stepped down from a bygone age . . .

Yorks and Northants will fight out the County Cricket championship.

Henry Cooper will, I hope, retire.

Bob Lord will, I hope, have less to say about football.

The Football League and the M.C.C. may, I pray, face up to realities.

Arsenal and Leicester will reach the cup final.

## NOT QUITE . . . .

The three-hour film entitled "The Bible," directed by John Houston, has received less than glowing reviews from New York's daily newspaper critics.

One New York critic found the film "reverent but dull," another complained of its "fundamentalist treatment," and a third held that it had not lived up to his hopes, providing fare not calculated to "engross sophisticated audiences."

All reviewers made much of the fact that "The Bible" covers less than the whole Holy Bible, extending only from Creation to Abraham. Two of them predictably said that the film was not quite up to the Book.

## WOMEN ORDAINED . . . .

In Vienna Bishop Gerhard May of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Austria has ordained the first two Lutheran women theologians in his country, Dr. Stefanie Prochaska and Dr. Elisabeth Strehblow. Dr. Prochaska is responsible for the Church's film and television programmes.

Dr. Strehblow teaches religion in a secondary school. Now that they are ordained the women can be appointed as assistant pastors, school chaplains, or pastors of a congregation which expressly calls them, according to a decision of a Synod in 1965.

## TOP ACTION . . . .

Flashes from industry through the U.K. show that Quality and Reliability Year is top action point from shopfloor to management. Quickfit and Quartz, chemical glass manufacturers of Staffordshire are offering a weekend in Paris for two as a prize for QR ideas.

In Scotland Nairn-Williamson Ltd., of Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire, lino manufacturers, is to run a £5,000 cut-wastage campaign which aims to save £200,000 at their factories.

At Barrow-in-Furness the Vickers Shipbuilding Group has invited suggestions from office workers on how they can save 250,000 pieces of paper during QR year.

## NEW HAND ON THE CONTROLS

The full-time management of Christian News administration is now in the hands of Vivienne Scouse, who takes over from Mavis O'Connor.

Mrs. O'Connor has been with Christian News for three years, and now graduates to motherhood.

Mrs. Scouse is an active member of St. Mark's Church, Smethwick, and is busily engaged in the Girl Guide movement as a Brown Owl.

