

# BEYOND THE FEAR THERE IS HOPE

## Good Friday and the victory of Easter

JESUS HANGS helpless and dying on a cross. The scene around the cross focuses our attention on human sin, folly and despair which traps us all.

Pilate and scheming politicians and priests find Jesus a disturbing questioner of their cynical lust for power — so, though innocent, he must be killed. The soldiers who pierce his hands and feet are hardened and callous through years of obeying orders. The crowd is swept along by a mixture of nationalism and fascination with the cruelty of Calvary, Jerusalem's sordid place of execution. His disciples and followers are a broken, frightened, disillusioned group.

But even this darkness is brightened by Jesus's calm and by his compassion for those surrounding him; by his care for his mother and the dying criminal who hangs on the cross next to him; by his forgiveness of his executioners.

Even the obscene evil of Calvary cannot extinguish the love which his whole life shows to men, caught up in fear, aggression and sin. And on Easter Day Christ rises from his man-made death. His love is shown to be finally



victorious over the evil man makes for himself.

From Christ's helplessness, from the pain, cruelty and guilt of Good Friday, springs new life. This is the Christian hope — a looking beyond unavoidable fear, confusion and death to new understanding, new opportunities, new life.

And that is not merely "looking on the bright side" — it is trust in the action of God in the world.

THE LONDON BLITZ was nothing; destruction in Vietnam is nothing — nothing to what the hydrogen bomb could do to us. If you've dared to see the film, "The War Game," you'll know about the massive destruction at the centre of a nuclear explosion and the blinding, the burning, suffocation, degeneration and madness which would be the lot of those unlucky enough to survive.

Nuclear facts are brutal facts. Most of us have learned to live with them: but we kid ourselves if we think that the dangers of nuclear war is not real or its consequences horrific.

"Ban the Bomb," shout some, and wear their CND badges in protest against what they see as the folly of statesmen and nations. There are plenty to demonstrate, campaign, preach, write and march for nuclear disarmament. At least they're not complacent.

On the other hand, we are told that peace — or at least freedom from nuclear war — is only possible if the Great Powers are strong. If you can hit back, give as good as you get, no-one will attack you. That's the theory behind the balance of terror and the arms race — nuclear warhead for nuclear warhead, rockets pointing at New York, rockets pointing at Moscow, bomb for bomb.

Perhaps the bomb has bought us twenty years of peace — or perhaps twenty years of unnecessary fear.

The debate goes on: and who is right?

This paper cannot answer that one. Like most of you, we often despair of an answer. We feel helpless, trapped, bewildered. Everyone, even LBJ and Kosygin — perhaps they above all — feel these things, know the disturbing, cynical uncertainty of life in the nuclear age.

And yet could it be that this obscene, spine-chilling thing can open the eyes of the world to see that nations must live together and that fear and force and lust for power can never be a foundation for lasting peace?

The despair and helplessness of all men before the Bomb's spectacular destructiveness could jolt the nations into sanity. Peace founded on new responsibility of nations for each other can spring from the rubble, pain and guilt of Hiroshima. Our years cowering under the mushroom cloud could be the beginning of a lease of new life for the world.



Rev. Paul Burroughs  
Picture: "B'ham Post and Mail"

## BOOKS

by Peter  
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### Reads well

**Good God—John Hadham. S.C.M. 5s.**

This is not a new book: it was first published in 1940, but it still reads well. It's what people call "refreshing." "So far as I know him, there is nothing God dislikes more than that kind of humbug which cloaks itself in false reverence," he says. But that doesn't mean the style of the book is journalistic — John Hadham writes simply, carefully and coolly from a depth of experience and a first-hand, thought-out, position.

### Never dull

**Ring of Truth—J. B. Phillips — Hodder and Stoughton. 3s. 6d.**

J. B. Phillips, translator-in-chief of the New Testament, is never dull. He writes this book out of his own experience in putting the gospels and epistles in modern English and in order to combat scepticism about the validity and relevance of those documents. It shouldn't need saying that he's no fundamentalist but a thinking man with a living faith who found that "it was the sustained down-to-earth faith of the New Testament writers who conveyed to me that inexpressible sense of the genuine and the authentic."

### Just dead

**What's Right with the Church of England—Bishop of Leicester—Lutterworth, 8s. 6d.**

A book to recommend to anyone who is conventional, establishment, or just dead from the neck up.

We are grateful for this letter from a priest working among overseas people as a reply to our January feature, "We shock them," "What they think of us" on the problems of racial integration. This is the sort of constructive letter we like to receive.

**"We shock them"**

**BUT WHY**

**'WE' AND**

**WHY 'THEM' ?**

Dear Sir,

You lay yourself wide open — and who can blame you? — by rightly discussing the problems of "race" in our vastly cosmopolitan city.

After more than seven years working entirely among peoples from overseas in Birmingham, I want to shout indignantly at you that we have got to stop talking about "them" and "us."

This for two good reasons. First that we are rapidly moving into the days when a very great number of our school leavers entering Birmingham's industry have forgotten or never known anywhere else but Birmingham! Skin-deep they may appear foreign, but they are now "Brummies."

When they are charming and happy, as many are, Birmingham has made them so: when they are bad and suspicious as some are, again this is what Birmingham has made them.

Secondly, who are "they" anyway? "Their" diversity is far greater than that of English folk and, goodness knows, we are mixed up enough. "They" must include, for example, the African who wrote to me this week because he wants to do welfare work in city housing (and he is eminently qualified to do it).

#### PROBLEM

Or the Jamaican Children's Department Officer who sent someone to discuss a problem with me. Or the West Indians opening a young people's club this week largely for "white" children of a poor neighbourhood.

Or the 150 Indian Christians who on Christmas Day charitably listened to a sermon of mine and gave me a Christmas present!

Or, of course, the fellow who asked my help yesterday because a "pal" had planted him with hemp and then called the police! Yes, "they" are good and bad so utterly diverse that we must drop the meaningless phrase "coloured immigrant."

Moreover we ought to realise that people from overseas are thinking far more about the folks back home and their often great needs than they are about "us." I would take Indians and Pakistanis to task, because, in fact, they very seldom do think about "us" at all! Life is too real and earnest.

Or if like Charlie from a remote West Indian island with whom I sat last week as he finished his supper, you are ten years and 4,000 miles apart from your wife and four children and your old and ailing mother — well, you make your way as best you can and plan for the time to return home.

#### REDUNDANT

"And every night I pray that I won't become redundant in my job," he said. He will, in fact, be in Church tomorrow to pray for the folks back home. Like thousands of others from overseas, Charlie has made good money in Birmingham. But in factory, foundry, hospital and in transport, Birmingham is relying on folk from overseas to keep her city wheels turning. And so they are now becoming "us."

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**'Copter  
will top  
off  
new  
spire**

**PLANS are almost finalised to use a helicopter to place a large gold cross and aluminium spire on the new lantern tower of Blackburn Cathedral at a special ceremony on May 20, when the final stages of the spire are completed.**

**The Bishop of Blackburn, Dr. C. R. Claxton, is making nation-wide inquiries to find a helicopter for the job although there is an objection because of the cost.**

**With the erection of the lantern, spire and cross a large part of the Cathedral second phase of redevelopment will be completed in May. Work still has to be finished on the internal transepts and the new central altar—unique in an English cathedral.**

**The lantern and spire, which will cost about £35,000, will rise a total of 179 feet above Blackburn. The spire is 90 feet high and the gold cross surmounting it will be floodlit at night.**

**The lantern is octagonal and is made of reinforced concrete faced with stone.**

**The glass in it will consist of thousands of small fragments of coloured glass welded on to a plate glass backing to give a rich effect of light and colour.**

We continue another debate by publishing a further letter from Millard Lindley in reply to the Rev. F. E. Chard's letter in which he considers that Spiritualists are being caught up in a "psychic treadmill of empty dismay."

## Spiritualism

**— NO EMPTY  
TREADMILL  
OF DISMAY!**

Dear Sir,

I STRONGLY resent the attitude of the Rev. F. E. Chard in connection with psychic studies. It is an insult to the intelligence of some of the finest people in Britain who have made a sincere study of this subject. Such a man is Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, leader of "The Few" in the Battle of Britain, of whom flying ace Group Captain Douglas Bader C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., remarked, "This was our Nelson of the air."

Ivor Novello, after his first seance, described it as, "the greatest day of my life." Lady Seagrave was a broken-hearted woman after her husband's tragic death. Then she got proofs of his survival and was able to say, "It has brought me peace and comfort in my hour of trial."

Mr. Chard displays great ignorance of this work or he would be aware that Dr. A. M. Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, has given his blessing to psychic investigation and commended the work of the Churches' Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies, which has a score of bishops as its patrons. He wrote to Reginald Lester, its founder, stating that the fellowship was carrying out important work."

#### DEVOUT

Reginald Lester had been brought up in a very devout family and had been a regular churchgoer until his experiences in the First World War, after which he drifted into agnosticism. His wife died and after a period he decided he could not keep on living and was contemplating suicide. A friend who was very concerned about his condition begged him to get into touch with Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, as she knew he had great respect for the man whose record in the Battle of Britain he had so much admired. The result of that meeting changed the whole course of his actions.

Lord Dowding related his own remarkable investigations into psychic matters and Reginald Lester began his investigations and found irrefutable proof of survival after bodily death, and knew that suicide was wrong.

The Bishop of Southwark, Dr. Mervyn Stockwood, who is Vice-President of the Churches' Fellowship for Psychical Studies, says he thinks spiritualism can throw some light on the question of whether we survive death. His remarks published by a journalist in the "Sheffield Morning Telegraph" were: "Naturally as a Christian I believe in survival but from twenty years of study of psychical research I believe that spiritualism can supply supporting evidence." The Anglican Church has never committed itself on spiritualism. Archbishop Lang set up a committee in 1937 to report to him on the subject but the report has never seen the light of day.

#### NO GUTS

"They did not have the guts to publish it," Dr. Stockwood commented.

In the December issue of the Quarterly Review of The Churches' Fellowship, the Rev. Leslie D. Weatherhead, the eminent Methodist and author, writes: "If there is one field of study and enquiry not itself religious which is relevant to religion, surely it is the field of psychical research. I prophesy that when this field is explored more fully by serious and trained investigators, an immense enrichment of understanding will follow."

I can assure the Rev. F. E. Chard that mine is not a psychic treadmill of empty dismay.

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# ATTITUDES TO MENTAL HEALTH

SUPPOSE you have been feeling run-down and depressed for several weeks. You are reluctantly persuaded to visit your family doctor. You tell him all about your symptoms, expecting him to prescribe a tonic but, instead he says, "I think you ought to see a psychiatrist."

What would you feel at that moment?

Dismay?—"This can't be happening to me."

Anger?—"What a suggestion!"

Or relief?—"I knew all along that I needed help."

Perhaps we, too, would get worked up if this happened to us or our friends. Perhaps we wouldn't be so understanding after all.

We fail to understand through ignorance. This may seem surprising at a time when we are constantly being presented with the subject of mental illness in newspaper articles, television programmes, novels and films, but we do not learn very much from these until we have come up against the problem ourselves.

When we are faced with it we fail to understand because we feel afraid. We may meet someone with a diagnosed mental illness whom we cannot understand.

We wish to escape. We feel that they might suddenly act in a violent or unpredictable way and that we should not know how to cope. Or we are faced with a crisis point in our own lives. We are afraid that we might crack up, so we struggle with it alone, too ashamed to talk, not knowing where to go for help.

## SHAME

Our fears, our shame, our anxieties prevent us from giving or seeking help. We don't want to know.

There is nothing very surprising about these feelings which, in our more honest moments, we all admit to having. After all, the attitudes of the experts in mental illness have only changed for the better in recent years. Less than a century ago it was believed that "mad" people should be segregated from the rest of society as if they were suffering from a contagious disease. They were often ill-treated.

Now that so many mentally ill people have been able to achieve a complete or partial recovery through the exciting new discoveries that have been made in the medical, psychotherapeutic and social aspects of the treatment of mental illness, experts have been able to adopt a far more hopeful attitude.

## And the ways in which we could help

This is good, but mental illness is still a burden. We, in the community have to find some way of helping to bear the burden in spite of our feelings. Experts now recognise that mental illness is something that happens to an individual and that hospital treatment can only solve part of the problem.

## STRESSES

The illness may have been brought on by stresses in the patient's own life or in that of his family: an unhappy marriage, financial problems, the birth of a child, physical illness or the loss of a job. He is also likely to be suffering from a breakdown in his relationships with other people: he may be alone in the world, have cut himself off from other people or his family may have rejected him.

Taking up the threads of ordinary life again may be very hard. Employers may consider him a "bad risk" and may be intolerant of his difficulties. He may not have come to terms with his illness and his problems. He may be a difficult person to live with. He may be afraid of facing people.

We can help if we are able to lay aside our prejudices about the mentally ill. We need to recognise that they are people just like ourselves who have to cope with the same kind of problems of living. They may have a greater handicap but we can

all earn from their experiences.

We need to find ways of making contact with the mentally ill and their families so that we can build up real friendships. We could visit our local mental hospitals, make friends with the patients and perhaps invite them to our homes. We could join the local Association for Mental Health both to increase our own knowledge and to spread information.

## VISIT

We could visit our local hostels and after-care social clubs for the mentally ill or try to get something organised if there are none in the area. We could make them welcome in our own clubs and societies.

The really important thing is to get to know them as people and this will do more to change our attitudes than any amount of fund raising. Let's try.

## TOPIQUOTE

There is no divine rule which decrees a healthy body must lapse into unconsciousness for eight hours a night. It is not lack of sleep which is dangerous, but worry about lack of sleep.

—Alan Brien  
—New Statesman

Broke? Broke is a relative term.

—Dr. Emil Savundra, in a television interview.

## Keeping in touch

Jack Winslow once quoted the head of a large mental home as having said: "I could dismiss half my patients tomorrow if they could be assured of forgiveness."

In a time when mental illness is an acute and growing problem—over 40 per cent. of cases admitted to hospital are mentally ill—the separation between the ministry of the Church and that of the psychiatrist is little short of tragic.

A hopeful sign is the attempt being made in "Clinical Theology" courses, which are designed to equip clergy not to act as psychiatrists themselves, but to recognise mental illness in its various forms and to cooperate with those whose task it is to carry out treatment.

## PATIENTS IN A GROUP



## PATIENTS AT WORK



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# There's no substitute for cigarettes

IF A CLERGYMAN walks into a pub as a stranger there is a sudden chill in the atmosphere. It is assumed that drinking is frowned upon, and if later it is discovered that he doesn't mind a bit, then he is set aside as nicely peculiar—"not like the others."

When the fags are handed round there is slight hesitation when it comes to the man in the dog collar. When anyone says anything stronger than "bother" or "goodness gracious" there is an immediate apology, and those people sitting in the corner playing solo with their money out on the table look distinctly ill at ease.

The idea that drinking, smoking, swearing and gambling are four major sins is a tradition that dies hard, and its death is made slower by those who still genuinely and sincerely believe that they are sinful.

This could be the launching pad of a great, rip-roaring argument, but forgive me if I dodge it. I'm not concerned here to defend drinking, swearing and gambling—although I believe that within proper limits they are worthy of the stoutest defence—but I would like to have a closer look at smoking.

It is now admitted that the smoking of cigarettes is harmful to health. This gives even greater weight to the arguments of those people who consider smoking not only a

danger but a sin. They say that nicotine is simply a drug to which one becomes addicted. When the addiction is very bad the expense is enormous and the satisfaction slight.

The best thing is never to start. Apart from anything else those who blow great clouds of smoke into the atmosphere of buses and cinemas cause an offence to others who don't smoke, and so selfishness is added to stupidity. Smoking should be banned.

Now give and take a little; I am prepared to agree with most of these arguments. I don't take much notice of them because I, too, am one of the millions who patriotically support the government by contributing on a fairly generous scale to the Chancellor's tobacco tax.

Am I irresponsible? Possibly.

Stupid? Perhaps.

Sinful? It might well be.

But I am not an addict. I smoke moderately, and not very often alone. For me the cigarette has a social function which is just as important as the pleasure of the tobacco, and this is a factor which those who would have smoking banned never consider.

Let me be more precise. I believe that in the handing round of cigarettes there is a tremendously important act

of giving and receiving which is an accepted and built in part of the way we behave. The cigarette isn't just a drug that gives a particular kind of satisfaction, it is a social lubricant helping to oil the creaking, grating machinery of human relationships.

In a perfect world and with perfect people such a lubricant would not be necessary, but as things are we need all the help we can get in breaking down barriers and easing tensions. The cigarette can be the outward and visible sign of comradeship. Its offering can take the tension out of a difficult situation or break the ice at that awkward meeting. If you get rid of it—what will you substitute for it?

This is the question that those who condemn smoking must answer. The banning of cigarettes will leave a social vacuum that nothing I can think of will fill. "Do you suck?" as we offer our bag of humbugs hardly has the same ring as "Do you smoke?", and what will replace the solemn ritual with matches or lighter—unwrapping your friend's fruit bonbon? It's worth thinking about—and if you come across a solution I'd be glad to have it.

FRANK MILES.



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Kerkenhof Park

**Spring holiday in Holland — fine for the**

## lovers of real beauty

HOW ABOUT a holiday in the Spring this year for a change, away from the bustling crowds and litter strewn beaches? A visit to Holland for instance when the flower fields at this time are at their very best.

It's very economical to fly there "night tourist" or you can, if you prefer, take the boat, but its rather a long journey and not so "hot" if you're one of those people who suffer from sea-sickness!

Once there you will be delighted with the quaint old-world charm of Amsterdam and a trip on the canals of the city is a must. An interesting afternoon can also be spent at the famous Rijksmuseum where collections of paintings by Dutch Masters, such as Vermeer, Franz Hals and Rembrandt are on show.

This very old city with its historic buildings and unusually large number of antique shops and book shops, is contrasted somewhat by the extremely up-to-date airport and you will be

mildly surprised on your drive from the airport at the vast number of modern buildings which have been erected in the outlying districts.

The centre of Rotterdam was entirely destroyed during the War and from the crumbling remains has grown a city which is the pride of all Holland. Alongside its busy waterway stands an enormous park which may not seem unusual until I tell you that the building land is very expensive, particularly in the West of Holland.

### MARVELLOUS

This city which is now one of the busiest and most prosperous ports in the world, boasts a 380 foot high Euro-mast. A trip to the top by lift is not to be missed so that you can survey the marvellous view of the city and harbour.

Other places of interest worth a visit are Alkmaar, where the colourful and picturesque open air cheese market is held; the Royal Delftware Factory where the famous Delft Porcelain is made; Leerdam and Maast-

richt, the important glass-works, and the Delta Works where an enormous amount of money is being spent to close off the main outlets to the sea to prevent a recurrence of the 1953 disasters.

And lastly there are, of course, the bulb fields in all their blazing glory with literally miles and miles of sweet smelling hyacinths, bright coloured tulips and the like. This really is a glorious spectacle and it is difficult to think of Holland without the flowers. This country seems to be a flower-loving nation as nearly every garden is a picture in itself.

The climax of my holiday there was a visit to Keukenhof Park which conjures up for me a picture of fairyland with flowers in profusion, rustic bridges, windmills, streams, waterfalls and Dutch girls in National costume.

Yes, a spring holiday in Holland is a refreshing change with lots to see and do without the hustle and bustle of the modern age in which we live.

Valerie Soames

# GEORGE HARRISON COULD NOT HAVE STARTED QUITE LIKE THIS!

by Jim Stewart



WELL, IT LOOKED easy enough. Think of all the groups — strumming like mad in the midst of all that gyrating, or standing stony faced and not so much as glancing down to see where to plonk the next ring — studded finger. And it's so much more portable. Try strapping a piano to your back and you'll get the point. I should have known better.

I've had dreams where I can't run because my legs have turned to jelly or fights where my fists are like suet puddings — good for slapstick but not much use for knock-outs. Pick up a guitar and it happened for real.

### PTHUD

Try the easy chords, I'd been told — A's and E's.

Easy! I put three fingers down — sprawling all over everywhere. I tried strumming with an air of professional ease. The cat squinted

at me, hissed and walked out.

There was a horrible jangling noise that set my teeth on edge alternating with a dull pthud. I tried again, shifting the fingers up a bit. Less jangle and almost a healthy twang. I was encouraged and looked at the book for the next chord shape. E. After 10 minutes I'd even got that.

The big moment had arrived. Play A and change to E. Any moment I'd have Bert Weedon looking for a job. I got A and strummed three times. I'd then meant to change to E but at the last moment thought better of it and strummed some more on A.

I was safe there.

I carried on.

It was like keeping a foot on the bottom at swimming lessons. I daren't let go. Three more and I'd change. One, two, three — they wouldn't move. I was

locked in the A position. My hand ached with cramp and the strings were slicing into the tops of my fingers.

I stopped strumming and willed the left hand to get into action again.

Nothing.

### PODGY

It was ridiculous but I couldn't get my own podgy little fingers to do what I wanted. I was reduced to peeling them off the fret and planting them in position with my right hand. It was so degrading. George Harrison couldn't have started this way.

I persevered though — well I mean to say a bloke's dignity is at stake. Can't let the old "pickers and stealers" get the better of you. I could do it after a month too — change from A to E. Trouble is I don't know any songs that only need A and E.

# CAVERSHAM BRIDGE

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## A social conscience

**L**ORD SOPER'S recent sermon in St. Laurence's during the week of prayer for Christian unity seems to have made a deep impression upon his vast congregation. But what evidence is there to suggest that his words will rouse the Christians of Reading to show a concern for matters of national and international importance?

Throughout the world the Christian Church is engaged in a mammoth task of internal reform. The work of the Vatican Council has in effect only just begun so far as the Roman Catholic Church is concerned. Anglicans have an overloaded plate—reunion talks with other churches, revision of their public worship, revision of their system of church government, a mass of legislation promised arising from the Paul Report of 1964, to say nothing of the fact that we expect soon to be confronted with proposals for the division of the diocese.

Free Churchmen are also wrestling with many matters, of which reunion proposals are only one. All these things are in themselves important—but there is the very real danger that we Christians are getting so preoccupied in trying to set our own house in order that we forget the needs of the world whom the Church is called to serve.

Too often when a preacher ventures to suggest that the Gospel has something to say about war and peace, race or economics, the cry is raised "Keep politics out of the pulpit." And so often too many devout Christians have regarded their faith as a matter for their private life but not for their business or public life.

So it has been good that we should have been debating in these columns the issues of abortion, and it is more than time, as Talking Point makes plain, that we faced up to the gravity of the situation in Vietnam. Soon, perhaps, the composition of a cricket team will compel us to be realistic about the racial issue. These are all matters which must be our concern—if they are not we have not begun to understand the meaning of the Incarnation.

One small practical matter we can take to heart at once. Caversham's contribution towards Christian Aid week has been in past years shamefully inadequate. A few people have worked very hard but too many of us have left the few to do all the work, and not even been willing to do much about the giving. Nor has it really been an ecumenical effort, as it is intended to be. This year a quota of roads has been allocated to each congregation that participates in the "Caversham Bridge" and Miss Redmayne and her assistants deserve loyal support from us all, whether we be Anglican, Baptist, Methodist or Roman Catholic.

Anglicans, as an announcement on another page tells them, will be listening to one of the most stalwart debaters in Church Assembly, Mr. George Goyder, as he speaks at the annual parochial meeting this March and suggests to them that matters of social and international importance are their concern. Let us hope that both what he says and what Lord Soper has already said will prick our consciences—it may even have some effect on the way we vote next time we go to the polling booth.

*John Grimwade*

## Village Association takes stock

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CAVERSHAM PARK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION TOOK PLACE ON JANUARY 12, 1967. AT THAT MEETING THE ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN, SQUADRON-LEADER P. COCKMAN, GAVE A FULL REPORT OF ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED DURING 1966. IT HAD BEEN A YEAR WHEN MANY PEOPLE HAD EXPENDED A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT.

Clearly, because of the nature of Caversham Park Village and the problems facing its residents, much of this effort will not bring results until some future date. Nonetheless, despite the economic climate, some of their endeavours have already met with success, which has been to the benefit and enjoyment of the residents.

The Association membership now stands at 147, that is 95 per cent. of the total number of residents. This figure is extremely encouraging for the stalwart few who have carried the majority of the initial load in launching the Association. However, for a group whose motto is "Our membership is our strength," 100 per cent. membership is the ultimate target figure.

### EVOLVED

During the past year the Association has evolved an efficient organisation which is so essential to any strong and active group. The Association Committee keeps in touch with members through four district representatives whose task it is to visit newcomers and give them a folder containing a variety of useful local information. They also distribute the Association's monthly information sheet.

During 1966 the Association endeavoured to forge links with many of the outside authorities, who are concerned with Caversham Park Village. For example, official contacts have been made with the Reading and Berkshire County Council, The Henley Rural District Council, the Parish Council, and with such voluntary bodies as the National Federation of Community Associations.

During the year there have been frequent meetings between the members of the Association and representatives of Davis Estates Ltd., which have been marked by a steady growth of mutual understanding.

### RESULTS

The Association has been active in many different directions, as a glance at some of its successes amply illustrates. It has influenced the provision of public telephone kiosks in the village; its insistence has resulted in the imposition of a 30 m.p.h. speed on all village roads even though these are unadopted as yet, and in the provision of various road signs; much effort has been directed towards ensuring that as many of the parkland trees as possible are preserved; progress has been made towards the provision of a 'bus service.

### CENTRE

Among the keenest aspirations of the Residents' Association is the provision of a community centre as soon as possible. To this end a committee has been instituted to plan the project, taking into account all the points which were recently ascertained in a questionnaire. To achieve a community centre in so short a time the Association appreciates how much effort must be put into fund-raising.

Another welcome development in the village that is soon to be started is the provision of a shopping centre.

The Association supports an active Social Committee

whose successes include dances, a children's party and a gathering on bonfire night.

The Youth Committee provides facilities for the young people. There is a thriving Brownie Pack and it is hoped to start a Cub Pack in the near future.

Other facilities include judo and ten-pin bowling.

The young people are not the only ones to enjoy such things, however. There are thriving football and tennis clubs which are open to all.

For those who prefer to spend their time in less athletic and more cultural pursuits, the Arts Committee provides many opportunities. There is a drama group with thirty members, which is to present its first production in May. Those interested in music have enjoyed record evenings and excursions to the Proms. There is also a photography group.

The residents have also made contact with the Chiltern Edge Further Education Centre where many of them attend classes.

Clearly, the Caversham Park Residents' Association is a very thriving and successful organisation. The residents are fortunate indeed to have such able leaders among their number. As the community grows the problems confronting the Association will change. Much thought will have to be given to such matters as the community centre, education, and the place of the Christian Church in Caversham Park Village. But we all sincerely hope that in the years ahead the Association will succeed in fostering the same community spirit that has characterised its efforts in the past year.



Caversham Village Development

# THE BRIDGE SCHEME

★ The BRIDGE SCHEME has been in operation for two years. It is a social service scheme, inter-denominational, and available to anyone in Caversham requiring help. So far the response for volunteers to run the scheme has been encouraging, but if the scheme is to fulfil the needs adequately many more helpers are needed.

At the present time our greatest need is transport for taking relatives to and from hospital to visit patients. A constant stream of requests for this comes in and more names of those willing to do this on occasions would be most welcome. There is also a permanent need for visitors of housebound people — just someone who will call in two or three times a week and say "Hallo" and chat for a short time is often all that is necessary. Picture to yourself what it must be like to stay all day, perhaps in one room, and after the milkman has been early in the morning know-

★ ing that no one will call again until he comes next day—and so it goes on each day.

# SOS

## THE BRIDGE SCHEME

### A HELP-YOUR-NEIGHBOUR VENTURE

#### WHOM TO CONTACT

**CENTRAL ORGANISER**  
Mrs. K. P. Besley,  
38, Priest Hill, Caversham, 72374.

#### AREA ORGANISERS

**Dr. E. V. Beale** (North Caversham),  
1, Brooklyn Drive  
Emmer Green, 71644.

**Mr. F. C. Moore** (South Caversham),  
52, Highmoor Road  
Caversham, 72694.

**Mrs. J. Swift** (East Caversham),  
224, Henley Road,  
Caversham, 73221.

**Mr. W. A. Vincent** (West Caversham),  
12, Albert Road, Caversham, 72965.

**Mrs. G. Thompson** (Mapledurham),  
205, Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham, 71328.

If you are willing to offer your services in any capacity in the "Bridge" scheme please complete this form and return it to your "Caversham Bridge" distributor or to any of the organisers whose names appear above.

Name .....

Address and telephone number .....

Kind of help available .....

Help is also needed in giving an occasional half-hour car trip into the country for pleasure. Only six such trips have been recorded to date —no doubt more have been given, but can you give happiness to some elderly person by doing this on a warm spring or summer day ?



Pictures: Ferd Walker



### Bridge helpers get together

A well attended meeting at St. Anne's Hall during the week of prayer for Christian Unity provided an opportunity for Caversham Bridge distributors and Bridge scheme helpers from the different churches to meet together

and exchange ideas. The Rev. W. J. O'Malley presided. Circulation manager Mr. W. Harrison reported that the Bridge circulation had risen during the year to an average monthly sale of 3,260 copies. Mr. W. A. Vincent reported on

the working of the Bridge scheme and a lively discussion followed. Bridge photographer Fred Walker was in attendance and took these photographs as St. Anne's Guides served coffee to nearly one hundred people.

## BRIDGE SCHEME — over 140 helped others

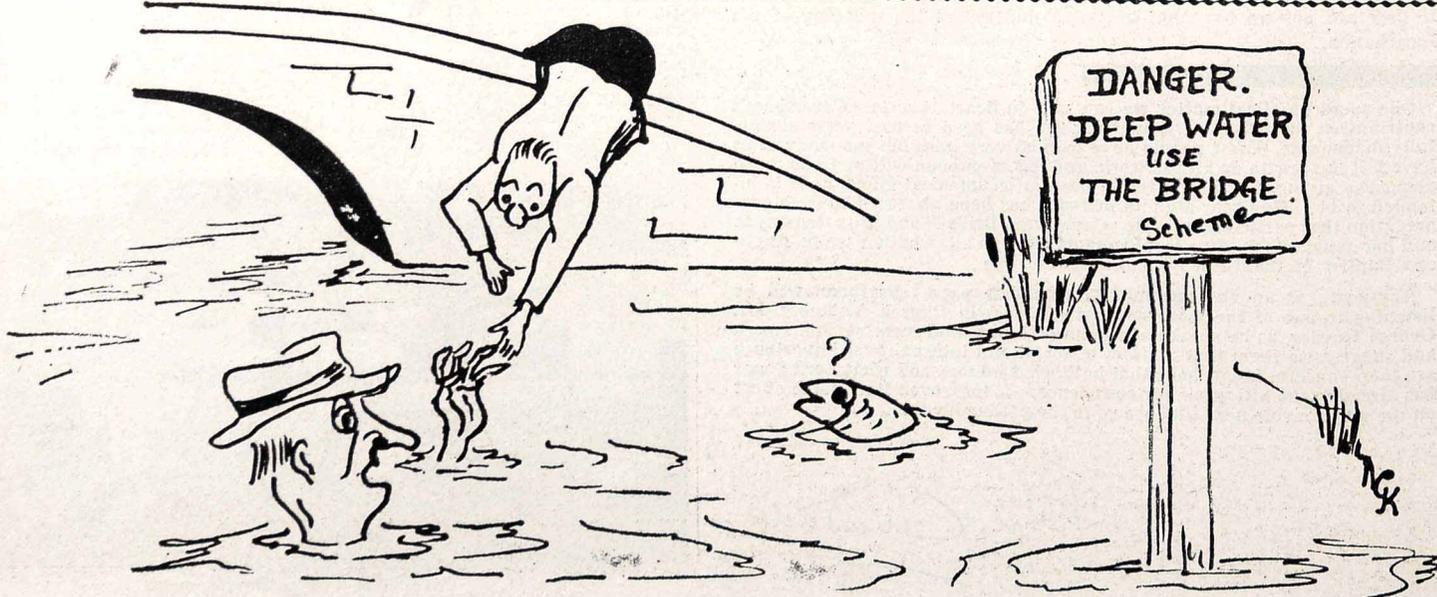
Although records were not at first kept the BRIDGE SCHEME is known to have helped at least 140 people to-date. In many cases the help is of a permanent nature, in other cases it has been help for a sudden emergency that has not

lasted long. The help includes the following:  
Gardening, six.  
Hospital transport, 48.  
Car outings for pleasure, six.  
Car lifts for church, nine.  
Visiting of the elderly or sick, 60.

Care of children, four.  
Shopping, one.  
Cooking for handicapped person, one.

One problem that faces the organisers of the scheme is discovering those in need of help. Contact has been made with the statutory ser-

vices and local doctors, but it is felt that there must be a great number of housebound people who would appreciate the help that the scheme can offer. If you need help yourself or know of others in need please contact any whose addresses are given on this page.



## NEW CHAPLAIN FOR QUEEN ANNE'S

ARRIVING in time for the summer term as the new chaplain of Queen Anne's School is Canon R. P. Stacy Waddy.

At present Rector of Morley and warden of the Derby diocesan retreat house Canon Stacy Waddy was for nearly 20 years in India with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and then for some years warden of their training college, the College of the Ascension, Selly Oak, Birmingham.

Among his students was Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchinson, wife of the former priest-in-charge of St. Barnabas'. Canon and Mrs. Stacy Waddy expect to spend the summer term at 47, Grosvenor Road, the house occupied by the former chaplain, the Rev. J. H. Menin, and then move later into the house in another part of the school grounds which is being converted for their use.

Most of the services in the school chapel during the

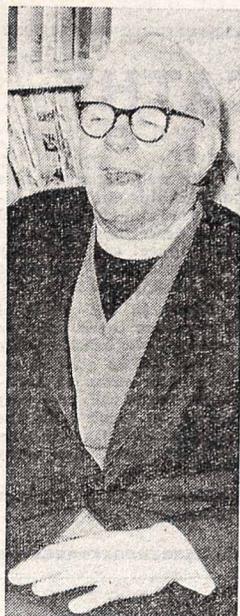


Photo: "Derbyshire Advertiser"

present term are being conducted by the clergy of the parish.

# Peace, Christians and Vietnam

What is it all about?

The peace for which the Christian prays in Vietnam is not the easy way out. It looks as if it may be the most difficult and costly course of action open to either side. To be a Christian does NOT mean that you have to be a pacifist; but there are few Christians today who do not want to do all they can to bring about peace in Vietnam.

To resist or not to resist, that is the question "Can a man stand by and watch while his family is shot before his eyes?" Many have thought that this is the ultimate question that confronts the would-be pacifist. For the Christian, however, the question is rather "Should I in this particular instance resist, and encourage others to do likewise or should I not resist?" Peace for the sake of peace may be a very false god and lead to the betrayal of Christ.

No easy answer then. We meet each situation as it arises without having first cucked the blueprint with which to meet it into a convenient pocket. No decisions taken in advance.

Mr. Robert Macnamara, the United States Secretary of Defence, recently said: "I do not believe we have brought God into our current military operations." This could mean

one of two things. Firstly, it could merely be an attempt to pull in an absent God to lend an air of respectability to an otherwise terrible spectacle. Or, secondly, it could be a genuine recognition of the truth that men who believe in God have to square their actions with that belief; if they fail to do this their actions will lack the depth and the power which is the prerogative of the man who acts in faith. I hope and trust that it was the second.

No pre-fabricated plan will do. We have seen that; but neither will it be possible for a man of faith to hide behind "The Voice of the Church." No such voice can ever be a substitute for the personal moral conscience in its struggle to face the problems of its time. A help, yes, but a substitute, never.

Bearing this in mind let us now listen to the words of another American, Senator Robert Kennedy. "We have the capacity to destroy the world even after being attacked, but will we have the capacity for patience and restraint to save the world after being provoked?" Plainly the strength required in many instances is the power of restraint, but it will not always be so. It is easier now than ever before to see that victory is not always to the strong. That is a challenge to any Christian.

### The Facts

What are the facts in Vietnam? Here are a few. U.S. troops number 345,000 in Vietnam and their building projects will have cost £100 millions in 1966. America employs 30,000, building permanent installations, and their Ambassador said "If necessary we shall stay for 20 years."

Vietnamese casualties from the vast bombing programme have been estimated by Mr Macnamara at nearly 100,000 since 1962.

1954. Geneva Conference ended the war between France

and the Vietnamese Nationalists. Vietnam was divided; Communists (north) and anti-Communists (south). France withdrew to allow the election of a national government.

1956. American troops entered, and the South Vietnamese refused to allow elections. So Communist rebellion built up in the South. Americans claim

that same God. These might be some of the vital questions.

Is the cruelty of this war and the suffering it has caused a constant reproach?

Is the pressure of events leading remorselessly towards a major war?

Are efforts to reverse that trend lagging disastrously?

Is the tragic error being repeated of relying on force and military means?

Is there any other way in which peace in South East Asia can be obtained but by respect for the principles set down at Geneva in 1954, and for those contained in the United Nations' Charter?

Does the prospect of victory at the end justify the inevitable cost?

The Answer

If this short article has done anything towards helping even one Christian, one Atheist, or one Agnostic to reconsider the tragedy of the suffering in Vietnam; if it has moved one human being to change this talking point into an acting point it will have achieved its aim. The course of action for such a one may not seem dramatic but it is none the less effective both visibly and invisibly.

Act in PRAYER today and every day.

Act by writing to your M.P. He was elected to voice your feelings.

Act by writing to the PRESS both local and national.

Act by sending CASH. Here are the addresses of two established appeals. Support given to these two provides a fair balance between North and South Vietnam:

Medical Aid to Vietnam, 29, Great James Street, W.C.1.

International Committee of Conscience on Vietnam, Coombe Road, New Malden Surrey (for Social Reconstruction).

Peace for the sake of peace may be a false god, but is it in Vietnam?

### TALKING

### POINT BY

C. T. SCOTT-

### DEMPSTER

## Postbag

# Caversham development

I WOULD LIKE to reply to the letters of Mr. A. C. Weston and Mr. M. C. Clifton regarding the "Caversham Development."

I want to assure Mr. Weston if I can that the Local Authority is not some great bureaucratic organisation bulldozing its way through, and over treasured areas and the rights of individuals.

What stands out about the Caversham Development and the subsequent protests to it is that the local representatives—there are six councillors for Thames and Caversham Wards—were hardly considered or thought about by the objectors. Certainly very little, if any, representation was made to the Planning Committee by them.

I hope I did not convey the impression, as Mr. Weston suggests, that "homes should be given up without a whimper" or that everyone should be moved to a centrally heated paradise miles from the village. In my view, every piece of planning should be questioned.

The reference to Grove Hill is a case in point. I as a representative had knowledge of what was proposed for the widening of Grove Hill. The residents met together to consider the proposal; we questioned whether it was necessary to alter Grove Hill at all. After meetings with the Local Authority at the Town Hall it was agreed that the road widening should be reduced from 34ft. to 24ft. to take not more traffic but less than as at present, as Surley Row is to be closed off.

I, with others, am certainly prepared to give up some of the frontage of my dwelling for the improvement of the road, but we were opposed to the first plan and we won, which shows that democratic representation can be effective. We are all still very sorry that the rural beauty of Grove Hill will go and the loss of some lovely trees is the price we have to pay.

Regarding the Caversham Development, 960 persons signed the petition against this. Did the organisers call in the six Councillors for the Wards and the two Aldermen that live in the Wards of Caversham to discuss the matter with them? I certainly was not approached.

All I know is that a meeting was called by the Council in Caversham to inform the people living in the area what was proposed, after the plans were exhibited in the Caversham Library, Thames Ward Labour Association staged their own meeting when the plan was outlined and discussed. Here the members were split for and against the scheme, which I believe to be a good thing.

I believe Mr. Weston's one-way traffic scheme as a short term proposal is a good one and I support him in this, but as a long term piece of planning one must be guided by marshalling all the facts and evidence provided and act upon it. I like Mr. Weston, have a deep desire to see the "village" live, the people to have lovely homes worthy of them, and as close to the centre as possible. I am prepared to work for this along with Mr. Weston and as many others who feel this way about it. A just and reasonable solution to the problem of rehousing is, of course, very necessary. I am sure all the councillors would agree with this.

The matter raised by Mr. Clifton regarding the new shops being "daily need" shops—this is not necessarily so. There are a certain number of units of shops. These can be let linked together to form a large store, of which I hope there will be at least one. The Council will encourage traders to do this.

G. F. Mander (Alderman)

## Another Public meeting

WE ARE INDEBTED to Mr. Hasluck for telling us the position of Caversham, Natal.

While staying last year with our daughter in Grahamstown, Cape Province, a friend came to see us and told us she was married in Caversham, Natal. After she had gone we tried to find it on the map without success and we had no opportunity of making further enquiries.

When staying in Peitermaritzburg in 1960 we saw the wonderful Valley of a Thousand Hills

and went through Ladysmith, but did not then live in Caversham so do not remember passing through another Caversham!

A. T. and H. E. Hazel  
132, Kidmore Road,  
Caversham.

## Sea Scouts group

I WAS VERY interested to read the article on Scouting in Caversham in your January edition of the "Caversham Bridge." I should like, however, to draw your attention to the activities of the 1st Reading Sea Scout Group. Our land headquarters are at the Y.M.C.A., Parkside Road, but our boathouse is in The Warren, Caversham, and due to this we have always drawn a fair number of boys from the Caversham area. Until the present Y.M.C.A. building was acquired in 1960 we met in Hemdean Road School. It can be seen that the Group has had a long association with Caversham.

We meet at the Y.M.C.A. on Friday evenings 7.9 and at the boathouse most weekends except for January and February. Our G.S.M. is: L. Griffin-Lea, 38, Wilson Road, Reading, 35572.

K. W. Hibberd  
11, Highmore Road,  
Caversham.

## Public meeting

IN VIEW of the comments that have appeared recently in "Caversham Bridge" and in the local newspapers, regarding the future development of Caversham, your readers may be interested to know that this Committee has organised a public meeting to be held at Church House, Church Street, Caversham, on Monday, March 6, at 8 p.m.

Sheila Clifton,  
(Secretary)  
Caversham Residents' Committee.

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## THERE MUST BE A HOME FOR CATHY

**DID YOU WATCH** "Cathy Come Home?" What was your reaction? Did you say, like a friend of mine: "I've no patience with young people today?" Or did you say: "Yes, it's very sad, but it's no business of mine?" If so, stop reading right now — this is of no interest to you.

But perhaps you watched with imagination and understanding. Perhaps you even reached for your cheque book and sent a donation to "Shelter." If so, read on. This week we received a heart-rending appeal from a professional social worker in Reading.

We pass it on to our readers with no apology. We simply ask: "Can you help?"

"A young Malaysian girl, of middle class and affectionate family, married an English soldier who was subsequently discharged from the Service. She has three children aged 5½ (boy), 4 (girl), 3 (boy), and expects a fourth in May.

This young mother is taking legal action against her husband for extreme cruelty to the children, but nothing has been seen or heard of him for some months.

The mother and three children are living in one room on the first floor of an unsuitable house, because they cannot find alternative accommodation, and do not yet qualify for housing by the Local Authority. There is a two ring Calor gas stove (no oven), electric lighting but no power point, and the room is heated by an oil stove. There is no water supply, water having to be fetched from the basement. The toilet is shared by all in the house.

The children are delightful and with their

mother form a loving and close little unit. However, their living conditions are now, and understandably so, distressing the mother, who shows signs of becoming depressed. We are most anxious that this family shall not be broken up, and appeal for help in finding more suitable living accommodation for them. The mother is tiring herself out traipsing round Reading trying to find somewhere else to live, but always meets with the familiar response 'Sorry no child-

ren'." The welfare officer tells us that this girl is very intelligent and charming and most deserving of help. Cut this appeal out and carry it around with you while you think about it.

Surely in the whole of Caversham there must be someone who can help. The Editor will be glad to receive any offers of assistance and will put any reader in touch with the appropriate authority who will, we know, give every help.

Please don't let us miss this opportunity.

*"Just a routine job..."*

THAT'S HOW Ted Hodge describes his work as treasurer of the local branch of the National Union of Teachers, a post he is now relinquishing after 21 years. But anyone who has done voluntary work of this kind will be well aware that it is no sinecure and has absorbed a great deal of his spare time.

Mr. Hodge, who is a senior master at Stoneham School, has lived on Caversham Heights since he was seven, is keenly interested in the life and development of the district and has a fund of knowledge of local history.

He tells us that Ron Russell, who lives in Emmer Green, is succeeding him as treasurer. Caversham and district has served the N.U.T. well, since it will be recalled that Mr. Allwood, who recently retired as head of one of our local schools, also served on the committee for a great number of years.

Ted Hodge, who is also this year's local president, will not be severing his connections with the N.U.T. entirely. However, we hope he will enjoy his increased leisure, well-earned after 21 years of faithful service.

## THE STORY OF A BROADCASTING VENTURE

by John Alderson

THERE HAS BEEN much talk of local broadcasting recently but one station "Hospital Radio Reading" is already on the air, broadcasting to the patients of the Royal Berkshire, Battle, Blagrove and Park Hospitals three evenings a week.

To find out how it all started we must go back several years to the time when a local man, Mr. Les Warth, M.B.E., thought it would help to relieve the monotony of hospital patients if he could bring commentaries of all the Reading Football Club's home games to them. He achieved this by using Army wireless sets, which he delivered to the hospitals before a match, gave the commentary and collected the sets again afterwards.

Quite a lot of hard work for one man! Eventually the army sets were withdrawn, but the Reading Hospital Broadcasting Service had been born and Les Warth then set about raising

### Embley Park, 1967

The Parish Family Holidays at Embley Park School, Romsey, Hants, are extending over three weeks this year. The holidays are open to all living in Caversham. The first two weeks (Aug. 5-12, Aug. 12-19) are almost fully booked, but there are a number of vacancies on the third week (Aug. 19-26). The charges are £6 15s. per week, £3 17s. 6d. for children two to eight years old.

All enquiries please for the week of your choice to the appropriate person below:

August 5-12: The Rev. J. Stevinson, 9, South View Avenue, 71703.

August 12-19: The Rev. M. Cooper, 33, Grove Road, Emmer Green, 73095.

August 19-26: The Rev. J. Grimwade, The Rectory, Church Road, 71703.

funds to pay for direct telephone lines between the football ground and the hospitals. These were installed thanks to the support of the Hospital Management Committee and the financial help of the Reading Standard and Reading Football Supporters' Club.

Following the initial success the service started to broadcast over the G.P.O. lines, messages to patients together with record requests, but with the limited equipment available this was discontinued after six months. However, valuable experience had been gained and much thought was then given as to what was required for the future.

### TWO YEARS

It was at this stage that I joined the service; the Reading Football Club had offered a room under one of the terraces as a permanent headquarters and Hedley Cowell and myself set about converting it. This turned out to be a bigger job than we expected and neither of us realised it would be two years before we could start broadcasting.

We pushed back the water that was flooding the room every time it rained, built a partition to divide the room into a Control Room and Studio, fitted acoustic tiles to the walls and ceiling and decorated throughout.

One amusing incident is worth recalling: to remove some of the water we bored through 18 inches of solid concrete. Hedley Cowell was on a ladder attacking the concrete from outside and in due course we broke through; in triumph I poured a bucket of water through to rinse out the dust and chippings, but at the same moment Hedley decided to look through the hole from his side, with disastrous consequences!!

Then we had a set-back, we ran out of money, so all work stopped for three months, but the time was not wasted, we wrote to various manufacturers who donated tape recorders, microphones and various pieces of equipment and we raised £100 to start building the equipment necessary for broadcasting. We were now working in earnest, Hedley Cowell was assembling the electronic equipment to the circuits being designed by Don Cox.

I was building the Control Desk and mounting the equipment, whilst Bob Wooten was engaged in the job of wiring all the components together. Finally the great day came, we

were all ready to switch on and to our amazement it worked first go. But there were still many months of testing and adjusting to be done before we could go on the air. During all this time our football commentaries had continued from Elm Park.

### REQUESTS

On August 18, 1965, the first record request programme went out, backed by a team of controllers, disc jockeys and the League of Friends and Ladies of the Round Table, who helped to collect requests from the hospitals and last but not least, Ray Ladd who spends much time sorting the requests and collecting records.

After the first few weeks run in, Eric Robinson agreed to open the Studio officially on September 27, and to record a request programme. None of the team had experience of working with professionals and the exact split second timing was not helped by a group of guests, who arrived at five minute intervals to watch proceedings. However, despite considerable pressure, everything went extremely well, and hardly any work was needed on the tape before the recording went out on schedule the following Wednesday.

During the last year the service has grown considerably and to maintain approximately 10 hours of broadcasting there is a large amount of other work, which is done by volunteers, who type duty rosters, make up programmes and distribute to the hospitals, collect requests from relatives and of course the usual large amount of clerical work, which goes with any growing organisation. In fact it would be true to say that a job could be found to suit any volunteer if they are interested.

### SINGING

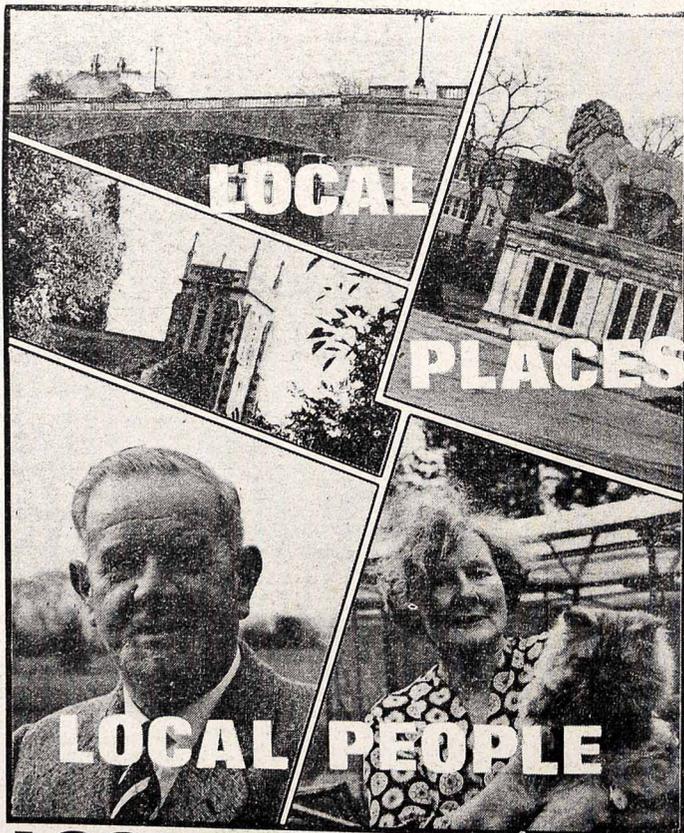
With the completion of the Studio and Control Room, work was started on an Outside Broadcast Unit and it is in this sphere that we are becoming well-known to the people of Reading, as most Sundays we can be seen broadcasting "live" or recording at a church in the Reading area, our programme of Community Hymn Singing. We are very keen to increase our outside broadcast work for we feel that the patients will appreciate listening to something local, which they are missing through being in hospital. During the Christmas period the University Carols, the Messiah, Christmas Moods in Music and the United Service from St. Laurence's Church were all broadcast.

The Reading Hospital Broadcasting Service is now registered as a charity under the Charities Act, 1960, and is manned by volunteers.

If anyone would like to join us in our work of trying to help the hospital patients we shall be pleased to welcome them and they should write to the Secretary: H. Cowell, 9, Courtenay Drive, Emmer Green, Reading.



Picture: Fred Walker



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# Preserving Caversham's open spaces

IT IS NOT so long since Caversham and Emmer Green were two villages separated by open country. Caversham Park was a beautiful and much loved recreation area for the local people. Within a few years this has been replaced by a suburban sprawl: Council estates and high density speculative development hem in the more spacious older properties, while cottages are pulled down and gardens wantonly cut off for new roads and "town houses." Grass, open space and trees are lost for ever.

## DEVELOPMENT

Housing is essential for all, but the special needs of the newly married, the elderly and the poor go largely unsatisfied in spite of huge estates like Caversham Park standing half completed and half empty. But houses only provide shelter and privacy — people live in their whole local environment.

It will be little compensation to have beautiful country outside the Borough boundary when the Caversham roads are too dangerous to take the dog for a walk. Children need trees to climb in open spaces, not weak saplings lining the roadside that invite destruction. Caversham has a unique opportunity to provide a community integrated with both town and country.

To do this the country must invade the town: horizons of hedge and tree should occasionally separate the chimneys and television aerials, and open spaces should balance the acres of concrete and asphalt. These benefits are being sacrificed to provide profit for speculators, not housing for those who really need it.

## THREATENED

Many of Caversham's open spaces have already gone to provide housing, including the provision of new council development at Grove Hill.

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Only two large open spaces still remain, and these are threatened: Hemdean Bottom is not scheduled as open space on the Town Plan, but the planners have so far managed to preserve it in the face of repeated applications to build.

There are good reasons to believe that this green wedge cannot be preserved indefinitely. The sale of part of the Golf Course, in spite of its being scheduled as open space would be a catastrophe. Nearly 200 houses could be built on the area the Golf Club Company wish to sell immediately. This would be a 14 per cent. increase in the number of houses beyond the Surley junction and will undoubtedly strain the existing public services and amenities to breaking point.

It is perhaps understandable that the Golf Club should wish to profit by this £200,000 sale, caring little about the interests

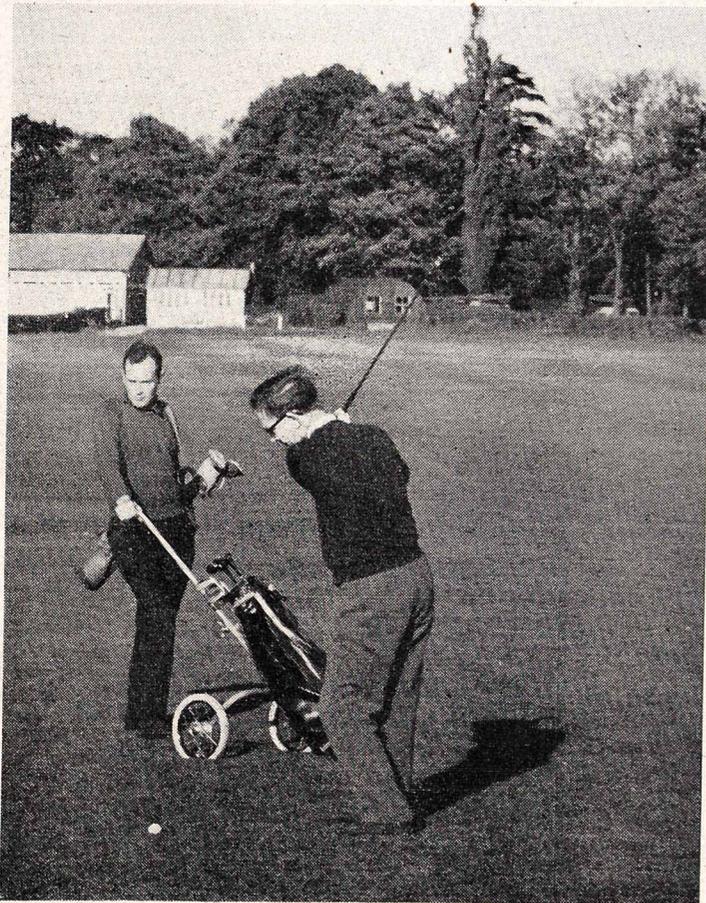
by *Roger Fisher, Secretary  
of Emmer Green Social  
Club Amenities Committee*

of the community at large. With such a precedent, even this could be only the beginning, and it would be virtually impossible to prevent the same thing happening again in a few years' time. Caversham would then have lost the one remaining area intended by the town planners to be preserved as an open area and "lung" for the neighbourhood.

Public apathy, lack of community spirit and ignorance of

public rights give the planners little encouragement to stem the rising tide of speculative development, and the position is now serious. The voluntary committees that have sprung up independently in various parts of the town are fighting a fairly desperate rear-guard action. They deserve the support of every responsible citizen.

Bricks and mortar do not spell Progress.



Houses here soon ?

Photo: Fred Walker

## NEWS FROM THE GUIDES

THE BROWNIES of the 4th Caversham (St. Andrew's) Pack held a very successful Parents' Evening recently.

Reading Police showed films on Road Safety, some very amusing ones and some showing us how easily accidents happen to unthinking pedestrians and cyclists. These films were followed by refreshments served by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Sharpe.

There were several stalls and the profit from these enabled the Brownies to give four boxes of Christmas crackers to the Arthur Clark Home and to give simple books and charts on Guiding to the Ranger company at Borocourt Hospital; these gifts were much appreciated. Before returning to school the Brownies enjoyed a trip to Wembley to see the Ice Show, "Sleeping Beauty."

Three Brownies from the 3rd Caversham (St. John's) Pack have completed their 1st class and one has already joined the Guides; the other two will be joining in February. There are a few vacancies in this pack available for children of seven or eight years living in St. John's district.

Guides in the district of Caversham made an effort before Christmas to work hard on an extra Good Turn, these included giving Christmas parcels to the needy, knitting squares, visiting and shopping for the elderly amongst many individual efforts.

## MRS. K. E. GODWIN

Friends and neighbours of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, of Kidmore End Road, will be sorry to hear of the recent death of Mrs. Butler's mother, Mrs. Godwin.

She lived for some years with her daughter and son-in-law before returning to live at Kidmore End, where she was buried. She would have been 97 shortly. Like many members of her family, she was a keen member of St. Andrew's, although recently illness had kept her from attendance.

We offer Mr. and Mrs. Butler and other members of the family our very sincere sympathy.

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# News from the

## ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

TWO THURSDAY nights in March are a "must" for all members of the parish when important meetings take place in Balmore Hall at 7.30 p.m. on March 9 and 8 p.m. on March 16. The first of these two meetings is our annual vestry and parochial meeting at which this year Mr. George Goyder is the guest speaker. Mr. Goyder, of Rotherfield Grays, is one of the most distinguished members of Church Assembly and he will be speaking to us on our responsibility as individuals and as members of a Christian congregation towards social affairs and international problems.

We are indeed very privileged that so ardent an

advocate of the role of the layman in the life of the Church should be our speaker this year. His recent book, "The People's Church," was serialised in the "Church Times" before publication last summer.

The following week we turn our attention to the proposed new order of Holy Communion, which we shall have been studying in each district throughout the earlier weeks of Lent. The Church Council will be meeting early in April to make a decision on this matter but it is important that anyone in the parish should have an opportunity to express his views at this parish meeting, about the central act of our worship.

### St. Peter's    St. Andrew's news            news

**A new captain next year:** At the annual meeting of St. Peter's ringers held in the Griffin Club Room, Mr. T. Lanaghan, who was re-elected captain of the band announced that he felt that 15 years was long enough for anyone to hold that office and that he would not stand for re-election next year. With the formal business transacted members and friends adjourned for refreshments and games and saw colour transparencies taken from the ringing chamber and the tower by Mr. C. V. Burnside.

**Another silver wedding:** Congratulations to sidesman Peter South and his "Caversham Bridge" distributor wife who were the second pair in the congregation this year to celebrate their silver wedding—married at St. Mark's, Reading, in January, 1942.

**New frontals.** The striking new Lenten frontals for both altars were designed by Mr. John Hayward, of Blechingley, Surrey.

**Elbow grease?** The annual spring cleaning of the church will take place as usual on the Saturday before Palm Sunday—March 18. Volunteers will be "conscripted."

**Mothering Sunday:** Sunday, March 5. Family service 3 p.m.

**New Youth Group.** There have recently been on successive nights two significant meetings in connection with younger members of the congregation. At the first twenty young people met to consider the formation of some kind of youth group. It is good to report that Richard and Susan Buckley have come forward to take the responsibility for running this.

But as to what this group is going to be called, how often it will meet or what its aims will be, it is too early to say. The following night another twenty people met in the Hall, thanks to the enthusiasm of Mrs. Debenham, to discuss youth drama. Here again, although this was an encouraging start, exactly what is going to happen or how events will take shape remains to be seen.

**More Church history.** On February 26 and the two following Sundays the Priest-in-Charge will give a second series of talks on Church History. On Mothering Sunday, March 5, there is a special family service in the afternoon. On Sunday mornings in Lent the sermons will be on the subject of Liturgy.

**Congratulations,** to those who organised the most successful Sunday School outing to "The Sleeping Beauty on Ice" at the Empire Pool, Wembley, and the Epiphany Party which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all who came, and that is saying something because the ages of those present ranged from nine to 90 years.

### St. John's            St. Barnabas news                  News

**During Lent,** it is hardly surprising that the diary for these next few weeks should be largely occupied by services of one sort or another. On Sunday, February 26, at 3 p.m., we are hosts to the Caversham Guides and Brownies for their annual "Thinking Day Service." Then that evening at 6.30 p.m. we are holding a simple quiet evening with music. The last one, seems to have been very well received, even though it was very strong meat. This one we intend to be much simpler and more easily digested.

**Sunday, March 5,** is Mothering Sunday, and we will of course be holding our usual service and tea that afternoon at 3 p.m. Parents of children in the Sunday School and Junior Church are invited to the tea.

**St. Barnabas' Youth Week:** During school holidays it is noticeable that many young people do not have very much to do. The St. Barnabas' Youth Week has been devised to meet this need. Between March 27 and April 1, six outings have been planned for people over the age of 11. While one of the objects is to enable young people to enjoy one another's company, the outings themselves make the week thoroughly worthwhile. The programme includes a hike and treasure hunt and visits to such places as the theatre, London Airport and Cheddar Gorge.

It is hoped that all parents

will help to make this venture a success by encouraging their children. Details from Roy Bradbury, 26, Tredegar Road, Telephone: 77698.

**The Men's Group:** The men's group got off to a very good start on January 27 when, after the business of the evening, John Bannon talked about Poland under Communism. A small caretaker committee was appointed to arrange meetings up until April when there would be another chance to discuss the group's future pattern. As it is the group sees itself as having three objects. Being open to anyone at all, its first object is to provide an opportunity for men to meet and get to know one another. Secondly, it was hoped that there would be some opportunity in the programme, using speakers and debate, for serious thought about a variety of subjects.

These would not be confined to churchy or religious topics by any means. Thirdly, it was felt that some members of the group might undertake, on occasion, work of a practical nature both in the church and community. Meetings will be on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Church Hall.

**Mothering Sunday or Family Sunday?** On Sunday, March 5, there will be a family service in Church beginning at 3.15 p.m. This day is called Mothering Sunday, but one does wonder whether this does not place too much emphasis upon one person within a family, which does consist of father and children too. Anyway, our service that afternoon is to be a family service to which, it is hoped, families will come as a whole. Fathers, please do not feel excluded!

#### YOUR ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING 8 p.m.

- Monday, February 27.**  
St. Barnabas' District in St. Barnabas' Hall.
- Tuesday, February 28.**  
St. John's District in St. John's Hall.
- Wednesday, March 1.**  
St. Peter's District in Balmore Hall.
- Thursday, March 2.**  
St. Andrew's District in St. Andrew's Hall.

Take your part in electing members of the Church Council and sidesmen and in discussing the work of the Church in your district.

### THE PARISH MEETS in BALMORE HALL

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 7.30 p.m.

**ANNUAL VESTRY AND  
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**Speaker: Mr. GEORGE GOYDER**  
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THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 8 p.m.

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# Caversham Churches

## FEWER, BUT BAPTISTS IN GOOD HEART

RECENTLY the Baptist Church held its annual meeting at which the Church Secretary, Mr. B. Miller, and the Church Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Miles presented their reports on the past year's activities.

Mr. Miller opened his brief but comprehensive report by saying that although there had been a fall in membership due to a variety of causes including the transfer of eight members to the newly formed North Caversham Baptist Free Church, the seed had been sown for the future.

He also said there was good news from the youth departments. The Sunday School, which had celebrated its centenary during the year, had broken new ground in August with a "Holiday Special"—an exciting venture which it was hoped to repeat.

The Cub Pack had been re-established and the Young People's Group had grown in numbers. The Men's Fellowship had also been re-started and in general all organisations were in good shape.

Mr. Miller acknowledged the time and talents which had been given to the work of the Church by many friends and he stressed that the encouragement which the Minister, the Rev. L. S. Lewis, gave inspired all to give of their best and for this the Church was greatly indebted to Mr. Lewis.

In conclusion Mr. Miller indicated that not only

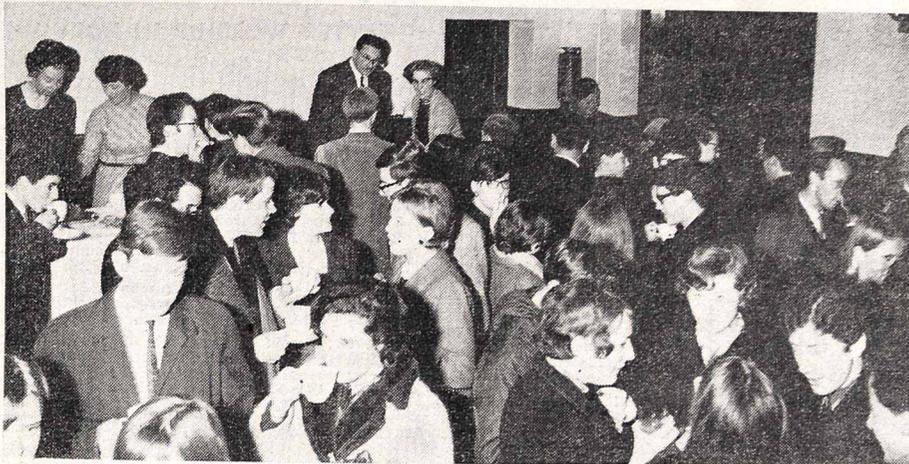
had the seed been sown but that the first fruits were readily visible. Effort, however, had to be maintained in spreading the Saviour's Name and teaching in the neighbourhood.

Mr. Miles, in his report, pointed out that the year had been a financial success in that the accounts showed a surplus and he advocated the creation of a Structure Preservation Fund to meet any special requirements in the maintenance of the church's premises.

Weekly offerings showed a substantial increase over the previous year as did sundry receipts which had been swollen by a very generous gift which met the cost of the new hearing aid in the church.

The only item of expenditure which showed a marked increase was that of heating and lighting which Mr. Miles attributed to the greater activity of the church. Giving to Missionary Work and other causes had been maintained.

Mr. Miles summarised his report by saying the past year was indicative of the traditional generosity of the members and friends of the church and it appeared to him that there had been cases where Christ's command to "Sell all" had been taken literally.



Photos: Fred Walker

Some of the 250 people who came from all churches in Caversham to the United Service, enjoying refreshments afterwards. The service was devised and taken by a representative group of young people, and included some modern hymns, songs from a Baptist Quartet, and a dialogue across the floor of the church in which two people argued about Christians putting their faith into practice.

## Young people combine for worship

IT WAS GOOD to see the Baptist Church comfortably filled on the evening of Sunday, January 15, when the churches of Caversham, including St. Paul's Presbyterian, joined in an Act of Witness as part of their contribution to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The service was conducted by the Baptist minister, the Rev. L. S. Lewis, who welcomed the 400 worshippers by saying that he and the members of the church prayed that this venture in Christian Unity would be owned and blessed by God.

The service, which was that customary in the Baptist Church on any Sunday evening, included the singing of that great hymn of unity, "The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ Her Lord."

The collection, amounting to £33 2s., was donated to Hospital Radio, Reading, the local broadcasting service which does so much to relieve the long hours of those ill in hospital.



The Rev. Brian Porter, S.J., a Roman Catholic priest from Heythrop College, Chipping Norton, preaching at the United Service for Young People held in Caversham Heights Methodist Church on January 22 as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme of the service was "The Church as Servant to the World"

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY TUESDAY

EACH YEAR a service takes place in one of our cathedrals when the Queen distributes the "Maundy Money."

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ceremony, so the Caversham Heights Methodist Church (Woodcote/Highmoor Road) offer a warm invitation to all who care to join them on Tuesday evening March 14 at 8 p.m., when Mr. Peter Wright, M.V.O., will give an illustrated talk on "The Royal Maundy Money."

This is an appropriate subject just before Holy Week, and Mr. Wright is very competent to talk about it as he has personal charge of the arrangements for the service. We are sure you will find this most interesting.

Caversham Heights  
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A MEETING ON  
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## St. Paul's Presbyterian notes

PEOPLE who are keen on improving Church relationships are sometimes called Ecumeniacs. To be filled with enthusiasm is not a bad thing — the word enthusiasm means God filled — and we can do with people like that about, as it says in the old song "The more we are together, the happier we shall be."

So the various experiments that are going on in Caversham, the United Service in the Free Baptist Church, "Caversham Bridge" and the activities we have undertaken during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and those we shall undertake in Holy Week are a preparation for the People Next Door project.

The salvation of the world will not be achieved by any one Church or denomination and the time for thinking that a denomination can save itself is now far past. The church that

seeks to save itself will surely perish! Denominationalism must be prepared to lose itself in order that the great Church may go forward.

At the same time we are not yet united. Don't let us make any mistake about that. I am not less a Presbyterian because I have enjoyed fellowship and worship with Anglicans and Catholics. Indeed I believe I am a better Presbyterian through doing this, because they help me to understand my own faith better.—G.S.

## Round the Clubs

At the January meeting of the Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild, the Chairman, Miss E. Baker, reminded members of the Jumble Sale to be held on March 11 and the competition for the February meeting is a poster advertising the Sale.

Meetings are held at Church House, Caversham, on the third Thursday of each month. New members will be welcomed and should contact the secretary, Mrs. B. Stratford, 35, Peppard Road, Caversham, Reading, T.N. 75350.

Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild: Mrs. Haydon presided at the January meeting. After refreshments Mr. Kelly, from the Scholl Manufacturing Company, talked

about shoes and the care of the feet. He drew the attention of the group to foot exercise sandals, pointing out the benefits of these sandals which give natural exercise to the feet. Later in the evening Mr. Lott showed a most interesting film on Coventry Cathedral which he had photographed himself.

The Social Studies Group met on January 3 when Mr. J. M. Sergeant, from the Reading Education Committee, explained the comprehensive system and its relationship to future plans for Reading schools.

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St. Peter's Wives will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 8 p.m. at Church House. For the first time they will be having a joint meeting with the St. Barnabas Coffee Pot Club; St. Anne's Marian group will also be joining them to hear a speaker from the Consumers' Association ("Which" Magazine).

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Rosehill Women's Institute. Mrs. Seaby (President) presided at the January meeting. A talk and demonstration on different joints of meat was given by Mr. P. Jennings of Jennings Bros. Many questions were asked by the members present.

The competition for three sausage rolls was won by Mrs. Saunders; Miss Wellman was second.

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##### Caversham Heights

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6.30 Rev. E. B. Wright.  
12 11.00 Rev. A. J. Badcock.  
6.30 Mr. J. Horsnell.

### CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH

#### March Services

- 5 11 and 6.30: Rev. L. S. Lewis — Evening Communion.  
12 Missionary Sunday, 11 a.m. Rev. L. S. Lewis.  
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For Free Churchmen

Maundy Thursday, 8 p.m., at Caversham Baptist Free Church;  
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Good Friday, 11 a.m., at Caversham Heights Methodist Church;  
United Service — Preacher: The Rev. L. S. Lewis.

#### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

11.15 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Andrew).

Palm Sunday:

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (all churches).

9.15 a.m. Family Eucharist (all churches).

11.00 a.m. Matins (St. Peter's), Children's Service (St. John's).

11.15 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Andrew's).

12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (St. Peter's).

3.15 p.m. Evensong and Baptisms (St. Andrew's).

6.30 p.m. Evensong and sermon (St. Peter's and St. Barnabas'). Dramatised readings of Passion story (St. John's). Passion play by Sunday School (St. Andrew's).

Monday:

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion

8.00 p.m. St. Andrew.

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8.00 p.m. St. Peter and St. Andrew.

Wednesday:

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. St. John.

10.00 a.m. St. Barnabas.

7.30 p.m. St. Andrew.

8.00 p.m. St. Peter.

Maundy Thursday:

6.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m. St. Andrew.

10.00 a.m. St. Peter.

7.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with stripping of altars.

7.30 p.m. St. Andrew.

8.00 p.m. St. John and St. Barnabas.

8.30 p.m. St. Peter.

Good Friday:

9.30 a.m. Matins, Litany and Ante-Communion.

10.00 a.m. St. Andrew.

10.00 a.m. St. John and St. Barnabas.

Children's Services:

10.00 a.m. St. Peter.

11.00 a.m. St. Andrew.

11.15 a.m. St. John.

The Three-Hours Devotion:

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Evening Prayer:

8.00 p.m. St. Peter and St. Andrew.

Holy Saturday:

8.30 a.m. Matins and Ante-Communion.

9.00 a.m. St. Andrew.

9.00 a.m. St. Peter.

Evening Prayer.

6.00 p.m. St. Peter.

8.00 p.m. (with lighting of Paschal Candle and renewal of Baptismal vows), St. Andrew.

EASTER DAY:

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Peter, St. Andrew).

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (all churches).

9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST (all churches).

11.00 a.m. Matins (St. Peter).

11.00 a.m. Children's Service (St. John's).

12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (St. Peter).

6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong (St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. Barnabas), "Sing Alleluia." Hymns and music (St. John's).

The clergy will be glad to know of any who are sick and desire to receive the Sacrament in their homes during Easter week.

Confessions in Holy Week

Times when the clergy will be available to hear confessions will be found posted in the porch of each church.

CAVERSHAM FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday:

11.00 a.m. (Communion) and 6.30 p.m. The Rev. L. S. Lewis.

Easter Day:

11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.: The Rev. L. S. Lewis.

CAVERSHAM METHODIST CHURCH (Gosbrook Road)

Palm Sunday:

11.00 a.m. Morning Service. Mr. A. J. Townsend.

6.30 p.m. "From Olivet to Calvary."

Easter Day:

11.00 a.m. Morning Service. Mr. C. E. Buck.

6.30 p.m. Evening Service and Holy Communion. The Rev. E. B. Wright.

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday:

11.00 a.m. Morning Service including recording of hymns for hospital broadcasting on Easter Day — The Rev. E. B. Wright.

6.30 p.m. Evening service — Mr. D. L. Colborne.

Easter Day:

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Service, and Holy Communion. The Rev. E. B. Wright.

6.30 p.m. Evening Service. Mr. J. Ogden.

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Palm Sunday:

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7.30 p.m.

Wednesday:

Gift Day: Thanksgiving at 7.30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday:

Free Church Communion, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Good Friday:

11 a.m. Meditation on the Cross.

Easter Day:

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Thanksgiving.

The Editor regrets that no details of Roman Catholic services had been received at the time of going to print.

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A playgroup at work!  
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## FOR THE UNDER FIVES

**MORE NURSERY schools are badly needed. There are few parents now who do not realise this. The recently published Plowden Report gives hope that eventually we can expect more nursery schools but it is likely to be some time before its suggestions can be carried out.**

Meanwhile, nursery playgroups can, in some areas, help to fill the gap.

Those three years before children start primary school are some of the busiest of their lives. Mostly through playing, they graduate

from being unsteady, inquisitive toddlers to talking, climbing, fairly independent boys and girls.

But when mother gets tired and the child gets lonely and bored, then development slows and each finds the other such a nuisance. The more we try to understand our children through discussion with other parents, television and radio sources, and by reading, the better we can give them the scope, care and materials they urgently need: everything from dressing up clothes, music and laughter to a bowl of water on the kitchen floor.

### LACKING

Playgroups for these children are being started in more and more places — slum areas, high flats, wealthy suburbia and ordinary streets — anywhere in fact where nursery schools are lacking.

Playgroups do not attempt to become Nursery schools. This they can never do. Nor should their efforts be confused with any form of child-minding which usually implies the idea of caring for other people's children for financial profit. What they can do is to provide the opportunity for play in friendly surroundings and the chance to make contacts with other children.

They are organised by groups of parents who get together to discuss their needs according to existing conditions and who arrange a rota of

### by Cicely Wood

mothers and helpers who take turns in running the group.

The work is entirely voluntary and is never intended to be profit making. Any money concerned is purely for expenses.

Parents who would like to know more about this matter should write to:

The National Association of Pre-School Playgroups,

Toynbee Hall, 28, Commercial Street, London, E.C.1. and ask for the pamphlet.

bacon and seasoning. Pour into prepared flan case. Decorate

### A tasty flan

TRY THE recipe below for Cheese and Prawn Flan which would make a lovely Saturday supper surprise for your family after an outing to a football match, or before going to the cinema.

If instead of going out you are planning an evening watching television or a Saturday party for four or forty guests, serve a Cheese and Prawn Dip. Nothing could be easier or quicker to make or look more exciting.

#### CHEESE AND PRAWN FLAN

- 1 oz. butter
- 1 oz. plain flour
- ½ pint milk
- 6 oz. grated Cheddar cheese
- 6 oz. prawns
- 4 oz. diced cooked bacon
- Salt and pepper
- One cooked 8-inch flan case

#### To Decorate:—

Prawns  
Cooked-bacon rolls  
Melt the butter, add the flour and cook for a minute. Remove from heat and stir in the milk gradually. Return to heat and bring to the boil, stirring. Cook for a minute, remove from heat, add grated cheese, prawns, with prawns and bacon rolls. (4-6 servings)

## YOU THINK MRS. NOAH HAD TROUBLE!

IT ALL BEGAN for me one winter day while I was staying with friends in the country.

I decided to help by watering the house plants. While I filled one watering can in the conservatory sink, I flitted round the chrysanthemums with another. On this fateful day I was called away in midstream — so to speak — and returning half an hour later discovered the conservatory, gun room and adjoining cloakroom flooded to a depth of two inches. The watering can in the sink had blocked the only outlet and the relentless tap had done the rest.

Clearing up was no easy matter. Hoping to brush most of the water into the drain outside, I opened the conservatory door: immediately the flood began turning into an icefield. Finally, I hit on the idea of shovelling the water into buckets with a plastic dustpan. Ninety minutes and eight buckets later, I began work with the mop and floor cloth. Exhausted and with handfuls of chilblains, I would have scorned the suggestion that I might do such a stupid thing again.

Since that day, however, I have gone from strength to strength.

When I first got married, I flooded the kitchen quite easily and simply by plugging the sink, turning on the taps and going down the garden for ten minutes. Even the wet realisation that the only overflow from the sink was on to the floor has not prevented my trying this trick time and time again.

### SUDSY

I'm now the proud owner of a washing machine and I have discovered umpteen different ways of turning the kitchen into a paddling pool, each more efficient than the last. Such excitement follows when I return to the washer to find it surging with sudsy water and pumping it in waves over the line: I never know which knob to turn or which switch to throw first, so there are always a few gallons more than need be.

Yesterday, I found an interesting variation which you might like to try. Affix one end of the hose to the tap and, for the time being, forget the other end. Turn the tap full on. By the time you have soaked a wall or two — or even perhaps yourself — you will have remembered where the other end was.

Susan Barker

## Here's the answer when skirts ride high

By JOAN BEST

TWO OF THE MOST overpublicised features of 1966 were probably the mini skirt and the swinging London image. Fortunately, the latter seems to have died a natural, if somewhat protracted, death. But the mini skirt is likely to be with us for quite some time to come.

The proverbial woman's cry of "I haven't a thing to wear", when confronted with a wardrobe bulging with clothes, is likely to become reality if fashion goes to the other extreme.

However, there is hope yet for all those who drastically chopped inches, if not a foot, off the bottom of their skirts, for Mary Quant predicts even shorter skirts — impossible you say — with matching knickers; as the skirts shrink the shorts grow. It seems that there is an answer for everything.

Clean up Enterprise—

## CLEAN-UP ENTERPRISE

AN INTERESTING thought is: what are the cleaners going to do about it all?

Their price lists should make more and more entertaining reading. I mean, what do you charge for a frill and a pair of long Johns? As it is, girls probably feel a little unhappy about having to pay the normal skirt price for six inches of material.

But cleaners with a little enterprise will probably cope with the problem. That is, if the Folkestone dry-cleaning firm, Diadem Cleaners, is anything to go by.

At a time when the outlook isn't particularly rosy, with the effects of S.E.T. and

so on, they are planning to start dry-cleaning exports in March. How and where?

In France you can pay as much as 17s. 6d. for a suit to be cleaned — and wait for over a week. So Diadem Cleaners plan to operate a cross-Channel dry-cleaning service, using hovercraft. Regular services between Folkestone, Calais, Boulogne and Dieppe will pick up dirty French clothes one day and return them cleaned and pressed the next.

H.M. Customs has agreed to co-operate, and if things go well Diadem will probably extend the service to Paris.

I wonder how many other enterprising British firms will take advantage of the hovercraft services to France?

## GALAHAD ON WHEELS

I SUDDENLY decided the other day that I had been pushing my luck too far with my helpless female act. I wonder how many women, like me, drive happily around the country in the glorious assumption that if anything should happen to their trusty vehicle a knight, in almost shining armour, will immediately appear on the scene and rush to their rescue.

My last little mishap nearly proved disastrous. Having had a fast puncture on the motorway on the coldest and darkest night of the year, finding I had no torch or any such sensible thing and discovering I couldn't even move the spare wheel let alone attempt to change the tyre, I thought I was in for a really gay night sitting freezing in my car. Just to add to my joys, my

sense of direction is so completely haywire that if I had set off walking anywhere in the dark I would probably have ended up where I started.

I said my mishap "nearly" proved disastrous because after only a quarter-of-an-hour of feeling absolutely frozen and a complete fog to boot I succeeded in flagging down a lorry with a driver who had my wheel changed in no time at all.

The long distance lorry drivers sometimes come in for unfair criticism. Well, this one was charming and a real friend in need, besides being terribly efficient.

Meanwhile, I offer no prizes for guessing who will be the first to enlist at the next set of car maintenance lessons when they begin in September. Till then, I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

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## PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

**BILLY BUTLIN** is a man with itchy feet, a man always on the move and looking for those new ideas which make him tick.

As a child, Billy travelled back and forth between England, South Africa and Canada, mostly with his mother—a great lady deeply embedded in the showman traditions of the fairground. In 1921, Billy worked his passage from Canada to England on a cargo boat and stepped ashore at Liverpool with a fiver in his pocket and 20 years on his back. With his showman's genius for promoting eye-catching entertainment, he graduated from running hoopla and goldfish stalls to running fairground amusements in association with Bertram Mills Circus. He introduced "dodgems" to this country and built up his own funfair at Skegness.

And at Skegness, the place perhaps closest to his heart, he opened his first Holiday Camp in 1936. It was the first of many; Filey, Pwllheli, Ayr, they're just a few of the names which immediately suggest Butlin's. Billy Butlin has become a household name and that first fiver has become millions.

But Billy Butlin is more than an acute businessman cashing in on holidays. The thousands who return to his camps year by year are proof of that. People do not get bored at Butlin's. Activities range from ballroom dancing to bowls: there are competitions for glamorous

grans and bouncing babies and a host of other activities—which people can take or leave.

Each week the programme is run by Billy Butlin's now famous Redcoats, young men and women who are there to help, advise and answer the questions of campers, but never give them orders. As a true showman, Billy Butlin must give pleasure. That is his life's work. During the War he organised entertainment and recreation at munition workers' hostels and service leave centres.

Little wonder that he is known as "Mr. Happiness."

And in the middle of the holiday fun, Billy Butlin has seen to it that the church has its place. Each camp has its chapel and chaplain. Campers' services are attended

### SIR BILLY BUTLIN

by hundreds and, equally important, the chaplain is about all day at the camp joining in his life and available to anyone wanting to talk to him.

As one chaplain said: "After introducing yourself to the campers as the first 'spot' on the week's opening variety show each Saturday evening, you don't feel on the sidelines."

Thank you Billy Butlin—Mr. Happiness—you deserve your knighthood!



## OUR MAN FROM JAPAN



AT LEAST one of the recent exports from Japan is a human one. His name is John Michio Hasegawa. And you'd better put a Rev. in front of that, because he is Vicar of St. Mary's Church in the sea-board industrial city of Toyama (pop. 200,000).

Yes, there are Christians in Japan — not many, but some. In Toyama, a real Mecca for Buddhists, there are about 500, most of them Roman Catholics. Less than 100 are Anglicans like John Hasegawa, a third-generation Christian whose father and brother were imprisoned for non-co-operation during World War II.

Married with two small children, this pocket-sized 38-year-old export from the Land of the Rising Sun is going to be a Christian spearhead into the advanced industrial world of Japan. He explained: "Influencing industrial life is one way the Christian churches can be a cat's-eye in a confused society."

Although shy and not at all convinced that his English is as good as it is, John Hasegawa is doing his level best to get right inside indus-

trial England. After a year at William Temple College, featured in last month's Christian News, and a few months in Luton, he is rounding off his two-year stay here in a Birmingham parish of 12,000 people all closely connected with industry.

And what an eye-opener he is to many of these — "A Jap, and a Vicar at that, knocking at the door

### By Michael Dodd

and chatting, all friendly like. It makes you think."

John is in touch with the Birmingham Industrial Mission but spends as much time as he can in getting the feel of what the working man and woman are like, how modern industry is shaping their life and how much Christianity and the churches seem to mean to them.

Add all this useful experience to his degrees in theology and commerce and a three-year spell on market research in a chemical factory back home and you've got someone well set for lining up a cat's-eye in industrial Toyama.

Finally, emphatically, Hunger is the Best Sauce and Enough is Enough.

—Mary Stott

One of the factors that distinguishes man from the beasts of the field is man's ability to laugh at another man making an utter Charlie of himself.

—Frank Muir—BBC  
lunchtime lecture

### TOPIQUOTES

Men should not need to impress other men by standing them £10 lunches or persuade themselves that this is an adult way of doing business.

Overeating is as pitiful and often dangerous to health as overdrinking or oversmoking.

Three stout meals a day are not a necessity for adults but a habit, probably a bad habit for most people over 40.

Too many hours are spent by too many people, paid and unpaid, doing up food.

Women need to rationalise their approach to everyday cooking — and to differentiate it from the special occasion cooking which gladdens all hearts.

Until recently Raymond Efemy was an industrial Chaplain working in the carpet town of Kidderminster. He will contribute a monthly industrial feature to our pages.

## What's our brief?

by RAYMOND EFEMY

I USUALLY try and work on the principle that one is likely to make a mess of doing something unless the basic principles of why one is doing it have been first sorted out.

So in taking up the task of writing a column commenting on matters economic and industrial one has to face the question, "How can this sort of thing be the concern of the Christian?" And I, in particular, have to answer the common criticism, "How can a parson talk about things which are nothing to do with religion?"

That last word is the key one — what exactly do we mean by religion? Are we to agree with Professor Whitehead's remark that "religion is what a man does with his solitude?" If we do, then we find that we have got something which does not really work and certainly does not satisfy human need.

It is impossible to shut up the various aspects of our experience in little boxes, we do not live in sections everything we do affects everything else. This truth has been discovered by the church the painful way over the past two hundred years; now it is trying to recover a doctrine of wholeness and unity — and not before time.

I have discovered in the course of my clerical life that in order to make sense of Christianity one has to make the world one's oyster; which is what Jesus did in His parables.

So, without apology, I shall try to deal in future with some of the material aspects of our exciting life in 1967. It is a time of change and tension and opportunity, everywhere we turn there is a problem.

And that for the Christian should be the happiest time of all — as long as he has

escaped from the falsely "spiritual" view of religion and realises that a spiritual God became materially incarnate in order that the whole of human experience might become subject to redemption.

## ANSWERS

- 1 Richard I
- 2 1926.
- 3 Sir Francis Drake at Cadiz.
- 4 David Lloyd George.
- 5 Crimean War.
- 6 The bombing of Guernica in the Spanish Civil War.

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# This month, HAROLD JEFFRIES thinks about **CENSOR- SHIP**

I KNOW most of the arguments in favour of stricter censorship and more rigid control of the programmes that appear on television, and I agree with many of them, but I still can't bring myself to join the clean-up T.V. campaign.

The problem was summed up by a friend I was talking to the other day. "Of course you've got to have some kind of control," he said, "but the difficulty is — who does the controlling?" And that, my friend, is the jackpot question — who does?

Is it to be someone like James Dance, M.P., who so many people thought made a fool of himself on T.V. after the controversial showing of the Jonathan Miller film of, "Alice in Wonderland?" Would the kind of attitude he displayed in that discussion win the confidence of all those who wish to see a better standard? I don't think so. Yet James Dance is in the van of those who ask for stricter controls.

## Opinion

The fact is that one man's meat is always another man's poison. Approval or disapproval is very much a matter of personal opinion and it is very difficult to know where to draw the lines. I like Alf Garnett. I think "Till Death Do Us Part" is one of the best half hours on television. I know there are others who think him vulgar and sordid. Who's right?

There's another thing. Censorship is supposed to protect the young, to shield them from spiritual harm. But you can't do it at the expense of truth. The world is not a nice place. It is full of horrible things and nasty people. Do we really want to protect the young from reality — to keep them blinkered from the more unpleasant facts of life?

If we do, then why don't we cut all scenes of violence and hatred from the news broadcasts that are put out by both channels about six o'clock in the evening? Why don't we fight until we have won for our children a cotton wool never-never-land of make believe that will never shock or frighten them?

Personally, as far as the children are concerned, I think we make far too much fuss. They're much tougher than we think they are and are far less affected than the reformers would have us believe.

## Bored

None of the children interviewed after the "Alice" film was in the least bit upset by it — except that they were a trifle bored, and all the fuss was made to look quite stupid by the next edition of "The Man from U.N.C.L.E." which opened with a shot of a madman inside a transparent padded cell, driven insane by the tortures of Thrush!

We have to face the fact that violence is a feature of the age we live in. It's probably true to say that it's been the feature of any age. I don't really think that nursery rhymes about cutting off tails with carving knives or fairy tales about wolves that gobble up grandmas are particularly innocent either. Young people just have a natural appetite for the bloodthirsty and the horrific, and television — like any other popular medium — merely feeds the appetite that exists.

I don't particularly like it and I do think there's too much of it — but I should hate to make my opinion binding on others. The trouble is that attitudes as to what is acceptable or not acceptable on T.V. are as much a matter of personal taste as whether or not you like tripe and onions — and that's what makes the problem of censorship such a difficult one.



"What should we watch?"

Photograph by "Impact."

# CHILDREN'S COLOURING COMPETITION RESULTS

WINNERS: Ann Coyne, 45, Heathcote Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham 30. Age 8.

Lorraine Stawell, 30, Kingwood Road, Fulham, S.W.6. Age 5.

Janet Sylvester, 22, Wilkinson Avenue, Moorends, Nr. Doncaster. Age 10.

Patricia Shakespeare, 40, Willow Road, Bournville, Birmingham 30. Age 12.

### COMMENDED:

Jamie Walker  
Angela Picot  
Wendy Tilling  
Denise Brain  
Robert Millichip  
Susan Middleton  
Karen Winfield  
Nicholas West  
Gillian Robson  
Julie Mitchell  
Wendy Barton  
Paul Garner  
Graham Edwards  
Joanne Walker  
Clare Francis  
Helen Hodgkiss  
Helen Berners  
Maria Cox  
Lorraine Talbot  
Tracy Wood  
William Lawrence  
Michelle Isaac  
David Crickmore  
Rebecca Oswin  
Theresa Chappell  
Hazel Kitchen  
Lynne Rogers  
Lalage Johns  
Dawn Dutton  
Debbie Oxborrow  
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Richard Wilkins  
John Smith  
Sandra Hancox  
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Nichola Smith  
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Yvonne Price  
Hazel Everett  
A. Rishtow.

## QUIZ TIME

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY?

- 1 Which English King took part in a crusade and was later held to ransom?
- 2 In which year was the General Strike?
- 3 Who "singed the King of Spain's beard," and where?
- 4 Which statesman in this century was known as the Welsh Wizard?
- 5 In which war did Florence Nightingale begin her work?
- 6 What war incident was immortalised by a Picasso painting?

(answers on page 6)

### Holiday Accommodation

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# MARCH WIND

TOPIC OF THE MONTH

by Anne Williams

*Which way is the wind blowing? Can you tell by a twinge of rheumatism, or a nagging headache? Some people can. But do you know what winds are, and why they blow when and where they do?*

*Wind is moving air; it moves because of differences in the pressure of air on the earth's surface. Warm air rises: cool air sinks. So when the air is warm, it rises and the pressure on the earth is low—causing a "depression." More air moves in from areas of higher pressure and we have a breeze, or a wind, or a gale.*

*The force of the wind can be estimated from simple observations by the use of the Beaufort Scale. This ranges from 0 to 17, though winds of Force 12 and above, which are strong enough to blow down buildings, are fortunately very rare. A Force 4 wind — 13 to 18 m.p.h.—will lift loose pieces of paper; Force 6 causes whistling in telegraph wires and a Force 9 gale (47—54 m.p.h.) will dislodge slates and damage chimney pots. The speed of the wind depends on the differences in air pressure.*

*Winds don't take the direct route to low pressure centres: the earth revolves at such a speed that it knocks the winds off course and they move on a curved track instead.*

*Low pressure centres are comparatively mild things in this country. We get winds strong enough to blow down chimney pots, uproot trees and make travelling by sea positively foolhardy, but these are tame compared with tropical hurricanes.*

*They can be hundreds of miles across and the winds violent enough to blow down buildings. Stories of these hurricanes make our March winds seem insignificant—though in fact they may be the weakened remnants of just such a storm system which began life in the Caribbean and has since crossed the Atlantic. Lion-like still, but a rather older and feebler lion than before.*

## CHRISTIAN AID FOR CATHOLIC PROJECTS

CHRISTIAN AID, the ecumenical agency which acts for the Anglican, Presbyterian and Free Churches in the British Isles, has handed over £10,000 to the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development for specified projects overseas.

This is in recognition of the increasing participation of Roman Catholics in the annual Christian Aid Week, both as voluntary workers and as contributors to house-to-house

collections and other fund-raising activities during the campaign.

At Christian Aid's invitation Overseas Development submitted details of projects for which a total of £10,000 would be acceptable. They include agricultural work, medical and vocational training and rural development in East, Central and West Africa, South India and Latin America.

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## TOPIQUOTE

But very few millionaires I have met in the last ten years got to the top without effort. The majority are utterly devoted to their business; it's their hobby as well as work. It doesn't always make them the most interesting, or the most pleasant, of human beings, but then you can't have everything, can you?

— William Davis, Financial Editor, the Guardian.

# SCOTLAND— WE ARE IN YOUR DEBT



Dave Mackay of Spurs, "superb craftsman — but controversial"

Photo: "B'ham Post and Mail."

by Ernest Adkins

FERGUS SUTER and James Love are names not to be found in football's hall of fame, but their influence, and that of their successors, upon soccer has been immeasurable.

In the late nineteenth century football was dominated by the elite London amateur sides. To counter this domination northern clubs looked north of the border where the streets were apparently alive with ball players. Two of these, Suter and Love, became the first ever football professionals, with Darwin, and they precipitated a radical change in the game's structure.

The amateur guardians of the game resisted the approach of professionalism and change (it was and is forever thus), but in spite of all their efforts the way was soon clear for a Scottish invasion that would have shamed the Bonnie Prince's last excursions in this direction.

## THE TRAFFIC

The traffic from north to south has gone on ever since and it is safe now to say that there is not a professional club in the English football league structure that has not at some time had a Scot on their books.

Why the Scot?

Why was one famous manager moved to pronounce that given the Scottish inside men and Scottish wing halves he would take on "all the rest, and win?"

Long before we came to admire the skills of the Continentals, the ball control and precise distribution of the Scots made them the most sought after property in football.

In the mass their unique brand of possession football (we used to call it carpet weaving) stamped their international sides with greatness. Even now the Wembley wizards of the twenties are taken as a yardstick by which all are measured.

Talk about the real ball players and you talk about Alex James, Johnny Crosbie, Alan Morton, Hughie Gallagher. They could only have been Scots, and these were players whose style and presence readily identified their nationality.

Yet another function, apart from technique, characterises the Scottish footballer. It is the will to win, and a manifest reluctance to lose. It is this facet of their character that makes them often such controversial players. Denis Law, Dave Mackay, Bobby Collins, Pat Crerand, Bobbie Bremner—these men are each superb craftsmen, but their readiness to live by the sword is often misunderstood.

## REASON FOR LIVING

Your Scot without the ball is like a matador searching for the bull. The moment of truth is the ball at his feet. It forms for him the great challenge; dispossession is an affront that must be satisfied immediately. It could mean a clash of steel.

The Scottish influence is not just on the field of play. Indeed there are times when every other team manager in the English league is a Scot. The political observer who remarked that compromise was the bed-fellow of authority may know his politicians, but has clearly never met Bill Shankly of Liverpool or Tommy Docherty of Chelsea, neither of which team managers ever deviate even fractionally from their reason for living — to win.

Scotland has provided us with footballers of artistry and style, and have given fire to the belly of English football. But her greatest single contribution to the game is Matt Busby.

As a player he was prince among footballers, and as a manager of Manchester United all men walk in his shadow. Scotland — we are in your debt.