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HE had died at lunch time:
While you and I had lunch,
As we sat eating in one short meal
More than he'd seen all month.

Thin to the bone
His sad pot-belly
Full of all the hungry days
Blown out with all the meals he'd
never eaten.

They told me he was the 5th that
morning,
The 33rd that week, 98th that
month
651st that year.

One of millions.

Another dead statistic,
A number on a census form.

His hunger and his death
Would be hid from our eyes
Hidden from our hearts,
Anonymous in the figures.

Figures of millions don't appal us
Like one pot-bellied death
As we sit eating lunch.

DEATH

AT DINNER TIME

And they
don't only
starve . . .

We live amid plenty . . . but 72 per cent of the world's people live in Asia,

Africa and Latin America, the areas of least development and greatest needs.

EDUCATION

We regard education as essential . . . but threequarters of the world's adults cannot read or write, and only half the children of primary school age can attend schools.

Indonesia has one doctor for every 71,000 people; Vietnam has one doctor for every 61,000 people; India has one hospital bed per 3,060 people.

STATELESS PEOPLE

We want cheaper homes . . . but 15,000,000 refugees, mainly in Asia, Africa and the Middle East lack homes, employment, even a nationality they can call their own.

We want peace for our children . . . but Asia has 810,000,000 people under nineteen years of age, the majority facing lives of poverty, ignorance, war and an early death.



SPIRITS, "ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD"

Owing to lack of space we are not able to print the whole of the Rev. George Hudson's letter but we feel this is a fair representation of his point-of view.

Dear Sir,

In trading the March issue of the Christian News I was interested to read the article by Millard Lindley, in which he is criticising a letter by the Rev. F. E. Chard on the subject of Spiritualism. Unfortunately, I have no knowledge of what the Rev. F. E. Chard had written, not having seen his article, but having noted this one, I take it that his attitude towards the subject in question is different from and opposed to those of Millard Lindley himself, as indeed I find that mine is.

As a minister of the gospel—and not merely "religion," my views are based on the Bible, which I believe to be the Word of God. And if your contributor would look into the Scriptures on this subject he would find that in the Old Testament God spoke about these things as an "abomination," and definitely commanded His people against the practice of spiritualism in any form.

So the teaching of God's word is clear on the matter of so called spiritualism, which is a modern (and yet ancient) "cult" with nothing spiritual about it. It makes no matter what either the Archbishop of Canterbury, nor the Bishop of Southwark, nor Rev. Leslie D. Weatherhead, nor anyone else has to say in its favour.

If God's word condemns it, and all who participate in it, then if they support it they come under the same condemnation.

There is a "positive" side, however, for those who are seeking assurance both for the present and the future. And it is in the words of our Lord Himself—"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me", (John XIV 6). "I am the Door; by me if any man enter it, he shall be saved" (John X 9) In spite of spiritualism's claims, many have tried and gone away disappointed, and the rest are all deluded. On the other hand Jesus Christ disappoints no-one, and all who have accepted His call have always proved Him to be faithful to His word.

Yours faithfully,

George A. Hudson (Rev.)

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Absolutely,
but
awfully . . .

Dear Sir,

Joan Best writes that her Galahad on Wheels was "terribly efficient."

One hopes that this awfully kind gentleman, to whom she must have been frightfully grateful, received her terrific thanks.

G.L.B.

Yardley Wood,
Birmingham.

Hooligans are not so new

Dear Sir,

I cannot agree with Mr. Justice Stable in his opinion of our young people. (February issue).

I am well over middle-age, but as a superintendent of a Cadet Division of St. John Ambulance Brigade, I am in contact with the teenager.

Why can't more be said about the good that our young people do; show it on television and put it in the papers? There is still a great deal of love and kindness in the young even if some do wear unusual clothes and wear their hair long; and they are all God's creation.

Please give youth a chance and DON'T group all teenagers together as useless, idle things, as a high percentage of them are really extremely good citizens. Hooligans are not a new breed, they existed when I was young.

L. HAYTHORNE,

23, Shelley Road,
Thornhill,
Southampton.

Enquire Within —
Edward Patey
Fontana 5/-

Edward Patey, who's now Dean of Liverpool, has a gift for communication. He could make contact with an orang outang. This book is a collection of questions and answers dealt with in a very popular B.B.C. radio series. They're grouped helpfully under subject headings. If you are the sort of person who asks questions—and if you're

not God help you—this could help you. Not that it answers all questions. There's bags of scope for another series.

Him We Declare —
Cuthbert Bardsley
and William Purcell
Mowbrays 8/6d.

I'm biased. I've never agreed with all either of these have said or written but they speak movingly to my heart.

THERE IS A SUBSTITUTE FOR CIGS.

Dear Mr. Miles,

Re your article on 'No Substitute for Cigarettes'. Smoking is harmful to the health and most people agree it is also a powerful drug. I know this to be true, as watching my husband grow more and more irritable when he can't afford a pipeful of tobacco never fails to amaze me, neither can he relax without it. Not that he is a heavy smoker, quite the contrary. Nevertheless, he can't do without it.

My suggestion to all smokers is try herbal cigarettes and tobacco. They look, smell, and taste the same, yet being made from herbs do not contain harmful ingredients. We could not only continue to pass them round at social gatherings, but do our insides a lot of good by relieving the drug intake.

Do we really need a cigarette to offer before making contact with people? I have never smoked, yet easily make conversation if I want to. I do not believe you need a cigarette to be sociable. Your attitude can win people over and break the ice if a little effort is put into it.

Smokers don't mind what cigarettes contain. They wouldn't smoke tobacco if they did, so why not try herbal cigarettes. After all you put them in your mouth, light them and draw! Exactly as ordinary types. What could be an easier or better solution.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Bennett (Mrs.)

84, Farringford Road,
Thornhill, Southampton.

QUESTIONS — FAITH — SIN

And Christians need to be stirred. The Bishop of Coventry is the finest preacher in England today, and here he and William Purcell—who've been close friends for many years—with warm humanity and joyful assurance speak of encounters with the living Christ and call Christians to shake off the luxury of "being reticent about what we believe."

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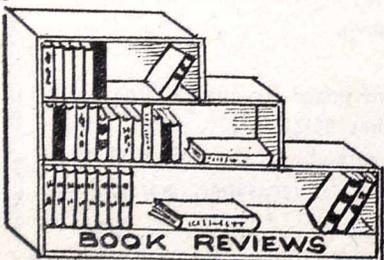
It looks as if it's going to be a funny book — a "Screwtape Letters" sort of book — a morality — without — tears sort of book. And it is — but it's heavier going than "Screwtape" — and hasn't got "Screwtape's" subtlety or depth. Nevertheless if you want a workmanlike modern look at the Seven Deadly Sins; Canon Dahl's booklet

might suit you — though it works out at a penny a page.

Take home books

These pamphlets are extremely useful, balanced attempts to deal popularly but in an informed way with contemporary issues ranging from pop songs and accidents to delinquency and price index. They're intended for people in industry (when they can become a fortnightly training and information series to relate industry to the wider issues of the day) or older children at school. They're excitingly laid out and illustrated and ought to be known more widely than they are. They cost £2 10s. per annum for one copy a fortnight. Rates for quantities and special prices for educational users on request to Newman Neame (Training) Ltd., 4, Fitzroy Square, London, W.1.

BY PETER CROFT



Christian Aid answers the opposition

OPPONENTS OF GIVING MONEY TO UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE NOT HARD TO FIND. THEIR OBJECTIONS CAN BE SUMMED UP IN FOUR BASIC QUESTIONS. THESE WE POSED TO THE CHRISTIAN AID ORGANISATION AND HERE ARE THEIR ANSWERS.

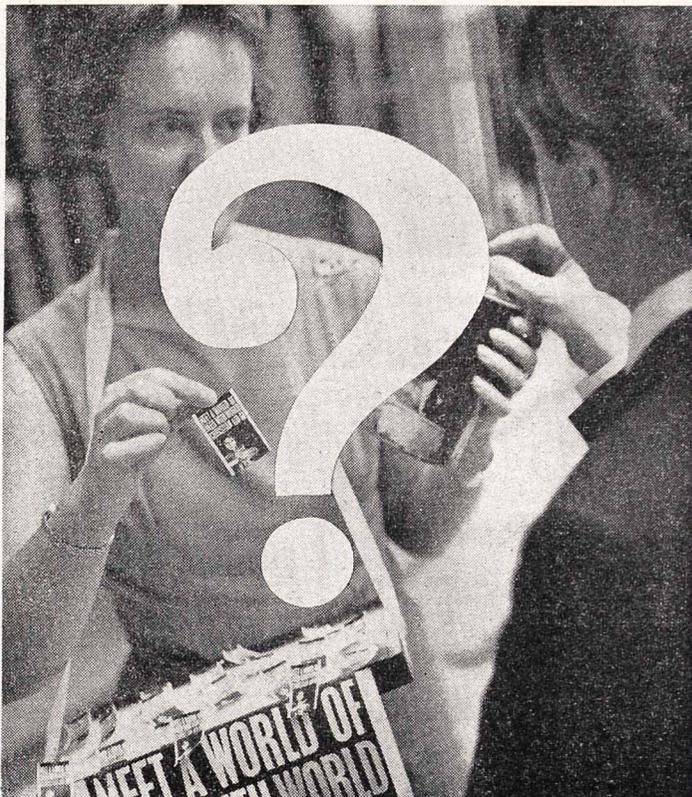
1 Charity begins at home. Aren't there enough problems in this country to clear up without looking overseas?

"Charity begins at home" means that care for others must start with those closest to you. It most emphatically does not mean that it should end there. At one time charity did tend to be restricted to one's local neighbourhood, but as travel and communications increased we became aware of our social responsibilities to the whole community.

Out of this has come our system of education, our medical services and our welfare state. Meanwhile, travel and communications have continued to develop and nations are accepting obligations far beyond their own frontiers. Poverty at home was combated by national effort on the recognition of inter-dependence. World poverty likewise can be overcome only be international action and a similar recognition of inter-dependence.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan charity had not begun even at home in the case of those who passed by on the other side of the road. It was the Samaritan—an alien—who showed charity to the wounded man, demonstrating that good neighbourliness has nothing to do with race or creed.

2 Why should we give to countries that show their gratitude by consistently running us down in the United Nations and elsewhere?



What sort of charity would ours be if it were simply a currency with which to purchase political support? Were we to withhold our aid from those countries who vote against us in the U.N. our charity would be no less than political blackmail. Christian Aid has a sort of motto which is also its sole criterion when giving help. It is: Need, not creed. In other words, we do not bend over the dying man or hungry woman and say: "What is your religion?"

We show compassion by giving them drink and food or by helping them to provide these necessities for themselves. It is just as offensive for a charitable organisation, or a government, to enquire about the political beliefs or intention of poverty-stricken victims or economically-handicapped nations before making grants or loans. In short, aid is not given in order to elicit gratitude in any form. It is given because it is needed.

Because Christian Aid is international as well as interdenominational, its

origins appear to the recipients as being simply Christian, not British or American or Anglican or Methodist. So the critics of Britain may actually be unaware of what Christian Aid is doing to help their countries—though certainly not unaware of the cut in overseas aid by the British Government.

3 What's the point of giving money to feed people when the real problem is one of population? Christian Aid should be solely concerned with contraception.

This is too often advanced as an excuse for doing nothing. Carried to its extreme this sort of argument can end up like this: "All our major problems are problems of people, so let's do away with people!" Seriously, though, this problem has to be put in its right perspective. The population growth is a problem only because medical science

(which has given us control over so many killer-diseases) has outstripped food production and economic development. It's no use tackling one half of the problem and ignoring the other. "The Guardian" wrote recently: "Even if the birth control campaign were revitalised beyond recognition, it would not solve the problem of the next few decades. Enough girls have already been born to add another 1,200 million to the population in the next 20 years."

The problem is now — feeding today's population. And this demands an extension of the work now being carried out by Christian Aid and others, and a radical re-ordering of priorities by the governments in the richer countries. Tomorrow's problem—the further growth in populations—also demands attention and in fact Christian Aid does support family planning schemes in many parts of the world.

4 Is it not true that a lot of money that is given in aid to less developed countries goes into the pockets of their leaders and never get used for the right purposes?

This simply is not true. It is a wild exaggeration which has sprung from isolated instances of irresponsible spending by one or two leaders of newly independent states. Events have already shown that such extravagance can bring about the downfall of those concerned. In any case the funds that have been thus mis-used have been from government loans (generally at high interest, incidentally!).

We are concerned here with the raising and spending of funds from the private sector of the community. In this Christian Aid has an advantage, not only over governments but over most development-aid organisations, in that it is able to keep control of its funds. That is to say, money is given only for specific well-defined and properly costed projects which are run or supervised by church organisations on the spot.



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"I'D NEVER FLOWN BEFORE"

I LEARNED TO SPEAK WITHOUT A VOICE BOX

by ALFRED SMITH

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LEARNING how to talk at 52 might not sound terribly difficult, but when you have no voice box and are deprived of the air from your lungs, then you are slowed down.

When I had my larynx removed because of throat cancer, the only form of communication for a time was by sign language and written messages. Which, to say the least, was frustrating.

No air

Though I was able to breathe through an aperture the size of a 3d. bit below where my Adam's apple used to be, no air passed to my mouth. So I was dumb as a piece of wood and had no sense of smell, either.

But I was determined to learn to speak again. I had been told that it was possible to achieve this if I mastered a technique known as oesophageal speech.

This entailed gulping down a mouthful of air, holding it in the throat and expelling it slowly. The words could be fitted to the "string" of air as it came up and out through the mouth.

I drank bottles of fizzy lemonade to help this process, but it resulted in a series of embarrassing belches.

When the surgeon came to see me on my ninth day in

hospital I did manage a "Gumaaaaanin." It took me a full minute to get up enough steam to say this, but I had spoken my first word.

He said that I was a marvel and could leave in a couple of days. Back home I spent hours practising how to control that flow of air and to repeat the process smoothly and in quick succession. This was essential if continuity of speech was to be achieved.

Soon I was able to attach more words to that "string" of air. I found a tape recorder ideal for practising my new method of speaking and as the muscles of the throat developed I was able to take in more air.

I was getting ten, 20, even 30 words out at a time, so I decided to try the new voice on the shopkeeper.

When I asked the man behind the counter for half a pound of butter, he looked at me as though I had been drinking.

"Pardon?" he said, "pardon?" I just stood there, so tensed up that I could not bring out the words. I grabbed the butter from the display counter, gave him the right money and left hurriedly.

Vowels

Discouraged and disappointed, I locked myself in my bedroom, got out the tape recorder and began practising those vowels over and over again.

A month later I had improved the quality of speech, though the d's came out as t's and the w's as v's and the h's were a terror.

Off I went again on a shopping tryout. I could have kissed the butcher when he took my order without a query.

But when he handed me the parcel, he said: "Are you from Poland? How do you like living in this country?"

In other shops they counted out the change in that good-natured, helpful way. "Half a crown, you know, thirty pennies. Two shillings and sixpence."

Jumped

They all jumped to the conclusion that I was a foreigner, just picking up the language. And they weren't far wrong. I felt like one. People also believed I was deaf because I was speaking so quietly.

They'd shout the replies at the top of their voices.

After six months I was understood without query everywhere I went. I had also learned the knack of making the "speech" air pass through my nostrils down into the throat, so that my sense of smell was regained.

All this happened five years ago. I've got a reasonably good voice now. The only query from strangers is: "Got a cold?" I just nod and let it go at that.

But how anyone can speak without a voice box is still a source of wonderment to me.

And the butterflies were flapping

By Anne Williams

And frankly I wasn't looking forward to it. The excitement of a holiday in Switzerland gave way to cowardly doubts. I'd bombarded the butterflies in my stomach with all the suitable travel pills but as we neared Gatwick they woke from their stupor and were now flapping in a sickening panic.

The airport building did its best to be reassuring. It was modern and had an air of comfortable efficiency about it. My husband hadn't lost the tickets and we were in good time. Everyone else looked so eager to board the wretched aircraft; all so confident.

I could have done without the little office selling insurance. The authorities had their doubts too, it seemed. Safe as houses of course, they kept telling me, it's just in case... Exactly. It was that "in case" that was causing all the trouble.

We went upstairs to the lounge, watching the great jets slide into position, then roar and whine to the taxiing point. Loudspeakers announced with linguistic proficiency flights to here, there and everywhere. A whole section of the crowd would peel off and disappear, to

thing conks out on the ground but what about up there? Oh heck. Perhaps it wouldn't come and we'd go by train after all.

Only two

But it did. A tiny two-engined affair with its wing straddling across its roof. Not a bit like all those great jets that sit on their wings. Only two engines—and one of them hadn't been working three hours ago!

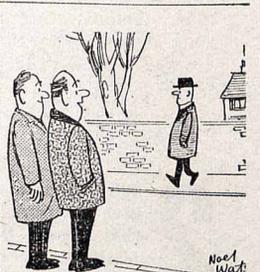
"Here we go," he said. "Nice little job that. It's a Friendship." "Let's hope it lasts to Basle," I said trying to be light-hearted.

I enjoyed it really — eating sandwiches and drinking wine as the Channel spread out like a great mirror beneath us dazzling in the sun. After an hour I even undid the safety belt. But somehow I wasn't sorry we'd booked a train for the return. Even a Friendship shouldn't be taken for granted, especially if you're a coward.

come out three minutes later on the tarmac and happily embowel itself in the great silver monsters. No-one seemed to hesitate, hanging back. How brave they all were. It mightn't be too bad.

The loudspeaker was at it again. "Flight BA 196." This was it. Courage girl. "Swiss airways regret..." Oh no. "A delay in this flight. A further announcement will be made at 2.30." 2.30! That was three hours.

I sat down rather suddenly and swallowed hard. "What is it?" I squeaked at my husband. "I mean why... what... what's wrong?" "Oh engine trouble I expect," he said, calm as you like. Engine trouble? But that's the bit that makes it go. How would they know if they got it right? I mean, it's all right if the



"I understand he's off to America next week—part of the soul drain."

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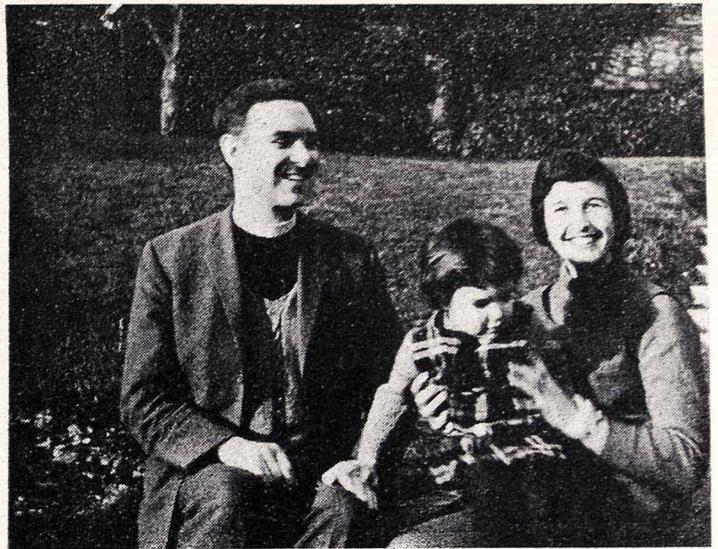
WITH audited accounts showing that in 1966 the CAVERSHAM BRIDGE had an average monthly sale of 3,260 copies it can fairly be claimed that this paper has firmly established itself both as the best channel for Caversham residents to express their opinions about matters which concern our community life, and also for advertisers to make known their wares to the growing population of Caversham shoppers.

It has been most encouraging how in recent months not only have our correspondence columns been the medium of lively debates on various topics, but also we have received a growing amount of material on a wide range of subjects which concern us in Caversham. It has not always been possible to publish all we have received; this does not however mean that we do not want more material. The Editorial Board is not complacent and is well aware that there are lots of ways in which the paper can be improved. It has been said by some readers that the non-Anglican churches have not enough space devoted to their news. It must be remembered of course that probably more than two-thirds of the population would claim the label of "C. of E." and the other churches have not the same tradition of regular local publications which makes their members think in terms of writing about their happenings. But we who are Anglicans want to read more about the doings of our Free Church and Roman Catholic friends. Is it only Anglicans who have golden weddings or lively Scout Troops with news to report?

But we can claim in this edition to be publishing in our centre pages something of real interest to the local community, which is also the outcome of a splendid piece of ecumenical work by young people from our different churches. So we give this month some of the findings of the survey which was carried out recently under the direction of the Rev. David Clift and with the expert advice of Mr. M. Hill who gave most generously of his time in preparing the survey and in analysing the results. Now that we know more about the needs of different groups in the community we can hope to make the Bridge scheme of social service a more effective instrument in trying to help where help is most needed.

John Grimwade

FAREWELL



Picture: Fred Walker

TO MARY AND DAVID CLIFT

by Roving Reporter

It is difficult to imagine David Clift as the Vicar of Arley. Rightly or wrongly, the word "Vicar" still sounds rather prim and pompous; and it would be difficult to find anyone less prim and pompous than David.

When Mary and David came here nearly four years ago, for David to take up his appointment as curate at St. Peter's, there was very little to distinguish them from any of the other nice young couples settling in around Caversham. And that is just the way they wanted it to be. For they have very definite ideas of their role in a secular world and believe it of paramount importance that they should live an ordinary Christian life in an ordinary secular world, setting an example perhaps, but never lecturing from a lofty height. Mary still considers her prime role to be that of housewife and mother, running an ordinary home and taking part — as far as she is able — in the same kind of secular or Church activities as the young wife next door.

Nevertheless, they have both contributed to the Church and secular life of Caversham to a far greater measure than many an average family. And they brought to Caversham the kind of talents that have been of immeasurable help here, in a growing area.

EXPERIENCE

But first a word about their background and experience. David, educated at King's School, Canterbury, flew in the R.A.F. before going up to Trinity College, Oxford. He was at Cuddesdon Theological College before going to an industrial curacy in a downtown parish in Birmingham. It was here that he met Mary when, as editor of the Birmingham Christian News, she was lecturing on publicity to a group of young clergy! Mary is a graduate of Birmingham University and, as most people will know, is a Rhodesian girl. Many of us have sympathised with her during the recent troubles which have, to some degree, separated her from those with whom she grew up.

Together they have contributed so much that it will be difficult to forget them. It will be hard, for instance, to think of the Embley Park Family Holiday — which has proved such a success — without remembering that they pioneered the scheme. It will be difficult to think of so much youth work that is done here without recalling David's work with young people. And each publication of "Caversham Bridge" will be a constant reminder that Mary, as assistant editor, did so much to make the "Bridge" the immediate success it became. Above all, David considers that parish visiting is the most important thing he has done; certainly he has established a name for himself, and I am told his bedside manner is wonderful!

TRIBUTE

Not that either of them are prepared to take the credit for what they have done. They both admit it has been made easier because of the way in which Caversham looks after the material needs of its clergy and leaves them more free to concentrate on their work. It is a consoling thought and makes planned-giving seem well worthwhile. And David pays great tribute to his colleagues, whose progressive outlook has given him encouragement in all that he has tried to do. Above all, he and Mary have tried,

successfully, to show that people matter immensely, both inside and outside the Church. Mary is quite definite in her views that one of the biggest tasks of this newspaper is to build a bridge between Church people and non-Churchgoers and to make those outside realise that we in the Church care for them simply as people and not as pew-fodder.

KNOWLEDGE

As Vicar of Arley and an Industrial Chaplain in the carpet town of Kidderminster, David is going to have a very busy life. We hope that, as he came from Birmingham bringing knowledge gained from experience there, so he will take to the people of his new parish some of what he has learned here.

We shall miss them both very much, and their charming young two-year-old daughter, Joanna, who is already establishing herself as a personality in the life of Caversham. But we will follow their career with interest, be anxious to hear all about the baby that is due in July and look forward to seeing them in Caversham when they can spare time.

THANK YOU, DAVID AND MARY, FOR ALL YOU HAVE GIVEN US AND VERY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR NEW LIFE.

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Emmer Green Primary School wins Dolphin Trophy

The school with a reputation for swimming is now the proud recipient of the Dolphin Trophy. This award, which is open to every primary school in Berkshire, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire has now been won by Emmer Green Primary School, and Mr. D. W. Morris, a member of the National Water Safety Committee visited the school recently to make the presentation.

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STEPS TO RE-UNION

Discussions on unity between the Church of England and the Methodist Church were taken a step further in March when an interim statement was published by the joint commission which is preparing a scheme for the re-union of the two churches. "Towards Reconciliation" has been published to indicate the direction in which the Commission's thoughts are moving, and comments on it are requested. The final report is due to be published early next year.

Reunion of the two churches is envisaged as taking place in two stages. At stage one there will be a mutual recognition of ministries in a service of reconciliation and inter-communion will be achieved, but the two Churches will continue their separate organisations. Stage two will follow some years later after agreement has been reached on the many remaining details of church order and legal problems such as the Establishment, have been sorted out. The Bishop of London, who is a member of the Unity Commission, has expressed the hope that stage one might be reached by 1970 and stage two in ten years.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION
The service of reconciliation is an important element in the scheme, and the new proposed service is substantially different from that published in the earlier report of 1965. The meaning of the service is made much clearer by a declaration which all bishops, priests and ministers will be asked to sign before the service. One of the points criticised in the previous report was that it seemed to call in question the validity of the ordination of present Methodist ministers. The new declaration clearly states that all ministers taking part in the service have already been ordained and that they are submitting themselves "wholly to God, to receive from Him such further grace, commission and authority as He may now wish to give."

Draft Ordinals are also included in the report for the consecration of bishops, the ordination of presbyters (the name now proposed in place of priests), and the ordination of deacons (at present probationer ministers in the Methodist Church). The Commission also asks the two Churches to study the present lay orders such as Church Army captains, lay readers, local preachers and deaconesses.

A number of questions were referred to the Commission by the Anglican Convocations and the Methodist Conference in 1965, and some of them are dealt with in this interim report. One is the relative status of scripture and tradition, on which clarification was sought by the Methodist Conference. The report quotes both Anglican and

Methodist formularies which embody "with great clarity" the supremacy of scripture as the sole and authoritative source of "all doctrine required of necessity to eternal salvation."

Both Churches asked for interpretation of priesthood and the laying on of hands in the service of reconciliation. From a detailed examination of official interpretations on both sides, the Commission concludes that "the views of priesthood and ministry held by and within the Methodist Church fall within the limits set by the Anglican

formularies." The significance of this for the service of reconciliation is that "participation in the service must not be held to imply acceptance of one rather than another of the views of priesthood."

The Commission emphasises, however, that an essential condition for this liberty of interpretation is invariability of practice, which means that episcopal ordination would have to be strictly maintained.

TOWARDS RECONCILIATION is published by the S.P.C.K. and the Epworth Press, price 6s. net.

BUT SOME BEG TO DIFFER . . .

A substantial minority of Methodist opinion either has conciliation and there would be serious misgivings about the present scheme of reconciliation or is firmly opposed to it. A meeting expressing some dissenting views was held at Caversham Heights Methodist Church on March 7. This was before publication of the new Interim Statement, but as the speaker, Dr. Franz Hildebrandt, pointed out, the broad decisions of principle had already been taken, and it was with these that he disagreed. He wanted to see unity among the churches, but the present scheme had created not unity but a divided Methodist Church.

Dr. Hildebrandt's main attack was upon the requirement for episcopal ordination of Methodist ministers into Anglican "historic succession." This was a condition of reunion which Anglicans had consistently maintained ever since the Lambeth Declaration of 1888.

The Apostolic succession, said Dr. Hildebrandt, did not exist. Nor, indeed, had the idea of apostolic succession acted as a safeguard of sound doctrine. He was not impressed by the argument that liberty of interpretation could be allowed as long as uniformity of practice was maintained. The scheme had been devised to avoid a division within the Church of England, but there did not seem to be the same concern about avoiding a division within Methodism. There was nothing defective in Methodist ordination. It was an ordination not to the Methodist ministry but to the Church of God.

THE FUTURE

If the Methodist Church went on into Stage 1 of the reunion scheme, some Methodists would be made bishops, and some ministers would go through the service of reconciliation and would be in communion with the Church of England. Others would

not take part in a service of reconciliation and there would be a split ministry in Methodism. There would also be a duplication of bishops throughout the country, for which there would seem to be no justification. Church and chapel would continue to be as separate as they had ever been.

Behind all this there seemed to be a conviction that Methodism was dying, though to Dr. Hildebrandt it looked more like an attempt at suicide. Let us not not call this "dying" the work of the Holy Spirit, he declared. Nor let us say that if we went into the union we would be the dominant party — would this be the work of the Holy Spirit?

Where should dissenting Methodists stand today? John Wesley would have stood by the 59 Articles and the Prayer Book — it seemed that while Wesley wanted the Prayer Book and no bishops, Methodists today wanted bishops and no Prayer Book.

Methodist should stand on the ground of the protestant reformation. They should stand for the supremacy of the Word of God—the open Bible, preached Evangelism would not come out of reunion schemes—rather the reverse.

Methodists should stand for the world parish. The present scheme was a peculiarly English affair which did not command much respect abroad. And the Archbishop of Canterbury was kidding himself if he thought that by holding out for "apostolic succession" it would make any difference to the attitude of the Church of Rome or the Orthodox Church.

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CONSERVATIVE ?

by
W. L. Stansfield-Taylor

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(iii) The Conservatives' social policy is to encourage everyone to stand on his own feet and live by his own efforts, and to make the maximum assistance available to those who, through no fault of their own, are unable to do this. The sale of Council houses to sitting tenants is a facet of this policy, for it encourages independence in the individual and makes money available to house the less fortunate.

(iv) Conservative government has been proved to work and to be capable of reducing taxation while raising efficiency and prosperity without imposing excessive officialdom and controls; to serve the people not to be their masters.

(v) Conservative policy is forward-looking and progressive and not hide-bound by dogmas which have outlived their usefulness.

LABOUR ?

by
Frank Wise

Why vote anything but Labour ?

We have a good Labour Government giving strong leadership to revitalise Britain.

In Reading we have a thrusting, far sighted Labour Council with the calibre and courage to take decisions necessary for immediate needs of the people and long term development of our town.

In direct contrast, Labour's opponents have proved weak and timid, unwilling to take decisions, involving Borough officials in political controversy, and tremulously criticising policy, but proposing no alternatives.

The recent decision to stabilise the household rate while incomes are restrained is proof of the Labour Council's consideration for the people they represent. The Rate Rebate system, introduced by the Labour Party can assist every low income household in the borough.

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In education, Labour has shown imagination and courage in introducing Comprehensive Education in Reading.

It is clear that if we desire a continuation of progressive policy and financial management we can do no other than VOTE LABOUR.

LIBERAL ?

by
Sheila Clifton

Why vote at all? Because only by doing so can you exercise your right to some say in the management of your town. If you don't vote, don't grumble!

Why vote Liberal? In such a short article I will mention just two basic reasons.

First — in Local Government the interests of the community should come before the needs of the party.

Second — Liberals believe that people matter.

In council, Liberals vote on merit. There are no party whips. The whip system is open to abuse. Too many council decisions are taken beforehand, in effect, at party caucus meetings. Right must be plainly "be seen to be done" in local government as is justice in Courts of Law. Liberals urge that Council Committee meetings should be open to press and public. This is one respect in which most people admit — even if not always openly — that they like Liberals and Liberal ideas. Liberal ideas are frequently taken up and implemented later — much later — by the other parties.

War on ugliness should be fought, not by "Amenity" societies alone, but by councillors backed by officials with an appreciation of the aesthetics as well as the economics of planning. Planning Committees have rights of control over all aspects of planning for the design of living in the 60's and 70's.

In all of this people matter. Where compulsory requisition is necessary, compensation should include an allowance for disturbance based on current market-value, as determined by an independent valuer.

While Liberals support the comprehensive principle in education, they hold that its extension should allow for diversity, and the parents' wishes.

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HOW IT WAS DONE

by Michael Hill

THE planning of the survey is the most difficult part of a sociological research project. Before any questions could be worked out for this Caversham survey, meetings were held to determine what were the main topics to be studied.

The difficulty was to arrive at topics that were important enough to warrant investigation, and which would suggest fields for subsequent voluntary action, but which could be probed in a short interview by relatively unskilled interviewers, and which, most importantly, would produce results which could be collated without great difficulty afterwards. This last point is very important, since a survey of the behaviour and opinions of several hundred people cannot be summarised in any meaningful way unless the questions asked lead to a fairly limited range of quantifiable answers. I hope this point will be recognised by those who find the results of the survey disappointing. They must also recognise that a survey of this kind, carried out voluntarily by a group of young people, cannot be expected, indeed perhaps should not be expected, to probe into the very personal aspects of life where so many of the real social problems lie.

The first draft of the questionnaire was submitted to a committee from the young people of the Caversham churches for their criticisms. It was then revised and tried out on a randomly selected group of people living in East Reading. On this occasion, about 30 interviews were completed, and this "pilot survey" naturally indicated the need for further revision of the questionnaire.

For the main survey a sample was drawn from the electoral rolls of Thames and Caversham Wards, the districts of Caversham that fall within the County Borough of Reading. This sample represented one-twentieth of the adult population of the two wards, and was selected by a random method. The interviewing was done by 45 young people, who were allocated about 15



Picture: Fred Walker

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interviews each. Finally, before the interviewing commenced, a three-hour training session was held at which the interviewers were taught how to complete the questionnaire and a little about the techniques of interviewing.

In general the interviewers had a friendly reception from the people they called. Certainly no alarming incidents were reported to me! A little over 60 per cent. of the sample were successfully interviewed.

The final stages of the work on the survey involved regular sessions extending over several months at which the work of counting answers and calculating percentages was undertaken by small groups of the young people who had done the interviewing. Some Reading University sociology students also helped with this work. The end result of all this was a mass of statistical charts and summaries, out of which a report has been prepared.

The facts reported here represent a small selection from the vast amount of information collected by this survey.

IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR 45 young people from the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches in Caversham set out to discover scientifically what Caversham was like as a community. They wanted to find out the facts before planning voluntary social service projects.

Who needed help?

What sort of help did they need?

Was there anything that they as young Christians, with plenty of enthusiasm but not much

experience could contribute? They had some ideas but they wanted to find out if they were the right ones by asking the people of Caversham themselves.

BUT CAVERSHAM HAS A POPULATION OF 23,000, AND WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU ASK?

The Rev. David Cliff, Curate of St. Peter's, who organised the group, was able to enlist the expert guidance of Michael Hill, a lecturer in Sociology at Reading University. The result was this survey, highlights of which we now publish.

WHAT THE SURVEY FOUND

(Figures represent the percentage of the sample)

● **SHOPPING:** 39 per cent. at local shops; 27 per cent. regularly both in Caversham and Reading; 34 per cent. exclusively in Reading and farther afield. More than half of the over 65's and 44 per cent. of parents with young children shop at local shops. No marked social class difference as to where the shopping is done.

● **CINEMA GOING:** seven per cent. regularly and 36 per cent. occasionally. No significant difference between sexes, but a marked difference between generations. As an occasional activity more popular amongst the middle-class than amongst the working class.

● **ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL AMATEUR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES:** two per cent. regularly and 14 per cent. occasionally. Markedly middle-class activity, slightly more common amongst women than men. More popular amongst the middle-aged than either the young or the elderly.

● **DANCING:** three per cent. regularly and 12 per cent. occasionally. Predominantly an activity of the young. No significant social class differences.

● **ADULT EDUCATION:** seven per cent. attend classes regularly. No significant difference between sexes; an activity of the younger members of the middle-class.

● **WHIST:** two per cent. play regularly, four per cent. occasionally. More popular amongst the elderly.

● **BINGO:** five per cent. play regularly, five per cent. occasionally. Men play more than women. Predominantly a working-class pastime.

● **VISITING PUBLIC HOUSES:** 15 per cent. admitted regular attendance; 29 per cent. declared occasional visits. More popular amongst men than women; also more amongst the young than the middle-aged or elderly. Little difference between social classes.

● **BOWLING:** two per cent. regularly, five per cent. occasionally. An activity of the young; popular with the clerical group and the lower middle-class.

● **VISITING THEATRES, CINEMAS AND CONCERTS IN LONDON:** three per cent. regularly, 33 per cent. occasionally. No significant difference between sexes. Less popular with the elderly. Markedly popular with the professional and managerial class (56 per cent.), other classes rate very similarly to each other (33-36 per cent.).

● **WATCHING SPORT (TV EXCLUDED):** football: six per cent. regularly, 13 per cent. occasionally. Other sports: four per cent. regularly, 10 per cent. occasionally. Predominantly popular among younger men. Very slight difference between classes.

● **PLAYING SPORT:** six men in the sample play football; 13 per cent. play other sports, especially golf. Most are middle-class men under 40.

● **MEMBERSHIP OF ORGANISATIONS:** 48 per cent. belong to at least one organisation; 50 per cent. are regular participants in the activities of at least one organisation, 29 per cent. are officers of at least one. No great difference between sexes and ages, lower level of participation of the over 65s. Middle-aged women are slightly less involved than the other under 65 groups. Lack of time and baby-sitters are given as main reasons for non-participation. Higher social classes tend to be more active in voluntary organisations and to be officers of such bodies; women being more active than men. In the working class group, men are much more active than women.



● **PARENTS AND CHILDREN:** Substantial potential demand for evening baby-sitters, play groups for pre-school age children, and play leadership for school children in the holidays (see box). High proportion of parents willing to pay for such services.

● **SPECIAL NEEDS OF FAMILIES THAT COMMUNITY IS FAILING TO MEET ADEQUATELY:** shopping facilities and chemists in certain parts of Caversham, especially in Emmer Green. Nursery schools or play groups. Community centre. Car park facilities.

● **ELDERLY PEOPLE:** only five persons amongst 54 elderly persons interviewed reported difficulties in performing basic domestic tasks and were at the same time without adequate help. More reported difficulties with gardening and decorating, but many of these were in touch with relatives who were providing at least some help. Only four persons in the sample belonged to an old people's club, but only one other person expressed a desire to go to one if transport were available. Only two persons themselves suggested more clubs.

● **HOW TO HELP ELDERLY PEOPLE:** (apart from lending a hand with shopping etc.): Higher pensions; cheap facilities, such as televisions at a low rental and bus passes for Thames Valley buses; more old people's homes and more flats and houses designed specially for them.

● **LONELY PEOPLE LIVING IN YOUR ROAD:** (percentages giving affirmative answer by district): Caversham Heights 33 per cent., Central Caversham 40 per cent., East Caversham (south of Henley Road) 37 per cent., East Caversham (between Henley and Peppard Roads) 53 per cent., Emmer Green 19 per cent.

● **THE NEEDS OF TEENAGERS THAT THE COMMUNITY IS FAILING TO MEET ADEQUATELY:** more youth clubs and more entertainments. Better sports facilities. Good dance hall. Skating rink.

● **TRANSPORT:** 53 per cent use the bus service, 38 per cent. of the men and 70 per cent. of the women. 49 per cent. consider the bus service inadequate. Main complaints: not enough at peak hours, over-crowded (85 per cent.), not enough generally (70 per cent.), unpunctual (30 per cent.), not evenly spaced (24 per cent.), last buses too early (seven per cent.), do not link with trains or other buses (five per cent.). **DISSATISFACTION EXISTS WITH THE PRESENT ROUTE SYSTEM. IT IS ALSO IMPOSSIBLE TO GET DIRECT BY BUS FROM EAST CAVERSHAM TO CENTRAL CAVERSHAM.**

COMMUNITY SURVEY

SAMPLE TABLES

These are an example of the many tables produced . . .

"SAMPLE" = the people who were interviewed. (For details of how the sample was selected, see "How it was done," cols. 5 and 6 on opposite page.)

Sixteen per cent. of the sample were over 65, 55 per cent. between 40 and 64, and 29 per cent. between 21 and 39. Eighty-three per cent. were married and 17 per cent. single, widowed or divorced.

Twenty-six per cent. of the sample lived in Caversham Heights, 20 per cent. in Emmer Green and 54 per cent. in the rest of Caversham.

What sort of people answered the questionnaire? Here is a breakdown by social class:

Percentage in each social class
(under 65s only, wives classified by husband's occupation)

Class	Percentage
1. Professional and managerial	34%
2. Clerical	27%
3. Skilled manual workers	28%
4. Semi-skilled and unskilled	11%

Visiting Public Houses

Not very surprisingly this is the most popular of the activities in the list. Fifteen per cent. of the sample admitted to visiting pubs regularly, while 29 per cent. said they went occasionally. More men than women visit pubs and the young do so more than the middle-aged or elderly.

Percentages who visit pubs, by social class and sex

Class	Men	Women	Total
1.	56	55	56
2.	56	31	46
3.	63	31	49
4.	59	33	46



Loneliness

People were asked, "Do you think there are any lonely people living in your road?" It was thought that persons who themselves were lonely would give an affirmative answer to this question as well as people who were aware of other people's loneliness. This would give an indication of the types of people who were most aware of loneliness around them and would also give an indication of the geographical distribution of loneliness.

An interesting geographical pattern of answers emerged as will be clear from the following table:

Percentages giving various answers to the question on lonely people, by district

District	Yes	No or don't know
Caversham Heights	33	67
Central Caversham	40	60
East Caversham (south of Henley Road)	37	63
East Caversham (between Henley and Peppard Roads)	53	47
Emmer Green	19	81

From these figures the thing that stands out is the very low percentage of yesses in Emmer Green and the relatively high proportion in the area between the Henley Road and Peppard Road. Both of these areas are ones with relatively low concentrations of elderly people. Nothing else in the survey gives any lead toward the explanation of this finding.

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Parents and Children

Parents were asked, "Would you be likely to take advantage of any of the following services if they were provided in your area?"

- Reliable evening baby-sitters.
- Play groups for pre-school age children.
- Play leadership for school children in the holidays.

TABLE 20

Percentages of parents who answered "yes" to the questions on services

All parents of children under 14	(a) Baby sitters	(b) Play groups	(c) Play leaders
38	41	48	
Parents of children under 14, without older children or other persons in household	54	48	54



These figures indicate a very substantial potential demand for these services.

The report's conclusions

The facts on these two pages represent only a fraction of the information obtained by the Survey. Copies of the Report are available (see box below). We print here a few of its conclusions, and first reactions to the Report.

This survey was called the "Caversham Community Survey," but it is quite clear that Caversham is not a community in any meaningful sense of the word. It is a collection of districts which are in most respects as much a part of Reading as part of Caversham. A high proportion of the people shop in Reading and go to Reading for many of their recreational activities.

Quite clearly modern Caversham has no focal point, Central Caversham is an area lacking amenities or a wide range of shops, where motorists cannot park easily and which many people cannot easily reach by bus. A surprisingly large number of people pointed out that Caversham lacks any sort of central meeting place, several people said there is not even somewhere pleasant to meet for a cup of tea. There are no seats for the aged or the weary, and no public lavatories. The redevelopment of the central area may change this situation, interestingly enough several people commented favourably on this development while no one made an adverse comment.

The consequence of the amorphous structure of Caversham is that people tend to think in terms of the needs of their own smaller district rather than of Caversham as a whole, complaining about the absence of amenities in their district even when they are readily available not very far away.

While of course there were many valid complaints about the absence of amenities, people were very ignorant about existing statutory and voluntary services. An extreme example of this was provided by the person living about 400 yards from the Caversham Evening Centre who complained about the lack of an adult education centre in the area. The existing amenities of the area could well do with more publicity.

As far as voluntary services are concerned much of the discontent with existing conditions could be channelled into positive action if people were made aware of who is organising play groups, who is trying to help old people, who is organising teenage activities and so on. When people are so ready to say "THEY" should do something about this or that situation, meaning usually the Council and sometimes the churches, they should be challenged to play a greater part in the community themselves. The existing Directory of Local Organisations is by no means as informative as it could be, and far too few people know about it. A better, and perhaps more local pamphlet is needed to fill this need. But in addition to any leaflet there is a need for the bringing of people together to tackle their common problems.

A CAVERSHAM RESIDENT'S REACTION

Looking at the report of the Survey from the Caversham churches' point of view, I suggest that the two most important parts of the survey are those dealing with membership of organisations and the needs of parents and children.

People were asked what organisations they belonged to. This was intended to include participation in a Church or other religious body, as well as political parties, community service organisations and social clubs of various kinds. It comes as a surprise to learn that more than half belong to no organisation of any kind and that a further 28 per cent. belong to only one. Now a Church makes substantial demands upon its members in setting a standard of worship and financial support, to say nothing of other things which may

be involved.

How wise is a Church in making such demands? Should it try and compete with other organisations for the membership of a public, over half of which, through lack of time and inclination, does not belong to anything?

In this situation, is the spread of the Gospel hindered as long as the Church makes such demands upon those who would respond to it. Must response to the love of God be made in terms of joining an organisation?

The second point concerns the needs of parents and children. It emerges that this section of the community is the one with the greatest unmet need of help. This, too, comes as a surprise to those of us who are used to thinking

that it is the elderly whose need is greatest.

By contrast with young families, the needs of the elderly are well catered for in the main by relatives and various organisations. But almost half of all parents with children under 14 expressed their need of baby-sitters, play-groups and supervised play facilities during school holidays. In our society, mental illness and delinquency increase steadily. These things are partly caused by strained and disturbed home backgrounds in the years of infancy and childhood.

The Churches should ask themselves whether or not they should give more attention to the needs of young families. Perhaps this is the greatest social need in Caversham.

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NEW CHURCH WARDEN

Mr. R. H. Hasluck was presented with recordings of several Beethoven symphonies at the annual vestry meeting when, after 11 years, he retired from the post of Churchwarden. Tributes were paid to him for his untiring devotion to the parish and for the wonderfully unobtrusive way in which he has helped so many people. Dr. E. V. Beale, of St. Barnabas, was elected in his place, and the Rector expressed the hope that this departure from the practice of having both Churchwardens from the congregation of the parish church would help to strengthen the unity of the parish. Mr. C. V. Burnside was re-elected as the other Churchwarden and he was most warmly thanked for the wonderful work he does as treasurer.

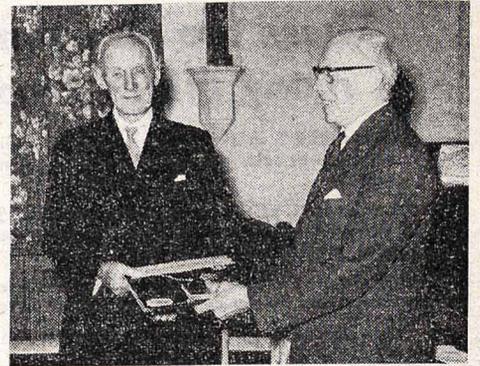
The Rector said that a busy time lay ahead with Key Fortnight in October, and that it was hoped to follow this with an ecumenical study course next Lent, called "The people next door." He felt that for some years the parish had been very active and he suggested that the year beginning October, 1968, should be treated as a sabbatical year throughout the parish when no new schemes were launched. This suggestion was greeted with applause.

SUPPORT FOR NEW LITURGY

After the excellent attendance during Lent at the many discussion groups held to study the proposed new service of Holy Communion, a well-attended parish meeting was held and it was plain that there was a consistent desire from all four congregations to be allowed to use the new service for the experimental period of three years. It was pointed out that it was not yet legally possible to bring the service into use but the Churchwardens were asked to write to the diocesan representatives in Church Assembly urging them to do all they can to see that the necessary legislation is not further delayed.

EASTER FESTIVAL

The four churches were once again decorated for this great festival in the beautiful way we have come to expect, but which is only achieved through the skill and devotion of many people. Congregations were about the same as last year; there was a slight decline in communicants at all four churches, the total of 1,151 being higher however than in 1965.



Picture: Fred Walker

Mr. R. H. Hasluck receiving a presentation from those who have served with him on the Parochial Church Council while he was Churchwarden.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Mrs. D. Baylis has kindly agreed to give a demonstration of flower arrangements in St. Peter's on Tuesday, May 2, at 2.30 p.m. Tea will follow in Toe.H. Those who are interested in floral arrangement, whether or not they help with the flowers in any church in the parish will be most welcome.

THE REV. C. T. SCOTT-DEMPSTER has moved from

the Rectory flat to 25, Ikley Road—Telephone 72070.

ARLEY INSTITUTION

The institution of the Rev. D. Cliff as Vicar of Arley takes place on Saturday, May 6, at 3.30 p.m. A coach will leave Balmore Hall at 10.15 a.m. Those who wish to come should contact Mr. J. Scriven, 18, Berrylands Road — Telephone 72717.

St. Peter's News

CHURCH FLOWERS

May is a month of festivals when we are grateful to have extra flowers for church decoration. Anyone who has flowering trees or shrubs and could make their blossom available for church decoration is asked to contact Mrs. Bowen—Tel. 72114.

QUICK MOVE

Twenty-five, Ikley Road, was not empty for very long. Only one clear day elapsed between the departure of the Cliffs and the arrival of the Scott-Dempsters. And that day was a busy one for Mrs. Moore and her assistant "Mrs. Mops" who toiled hard with scrubbing brushes — many thanks for their help.

JUNE FESTIVALS

May 1, St. Philip and St. James. 7 a.m. Holy Communion. May 4, Ascension Day. 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. (not 9.30 a.m.) Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Service for school-

children. 8 p.m. Parish Communion with procession and sermon. May 14, Whitsunday. 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion. 9.15 a.m. The Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong with procession.

SCOUT JUMBLE SALE

Be sure you get the latest spring fashions at the Scout Jumble Sale on Saturday, May 6, in Balmore Hall. Offers of help and offers of jumble will be welcome. Just phone 73912 and say "Jumble."

HEADMASTER TO SPEAK

St. Peter's Wives' Group will hold their May meeting on Thursday, May 16, in Church House at 8 p.m. Mr. K. Shield, headmaster of Theale Grammar School, who is a Caversham resident, will speak on secondary modern and comprehensive education. New members are welcome.

St. John's News

HELP IN A TIME OF CHANGE

Young people who are confirmed in their early teens are about to plunge into one of the most disturbed periods of their lives. In the next few years everything will be questioned, their relationships with their parents and the opposite sex; they will be wrestling with the decision of how to serve God and their fellow men in their first job.

This brings with it the changes from the world of school to that of work, with different standards and moral values. This is a time too, when quite rightly they begin to question the faith and moral standards they have inherited from their parents. Normally, no sooner have they been confirmed and offered their lives to God than the adult Church almost washes its hands of them. It is not easy to provide the help they need and it is not everyone who is able to give the right sort of leadership. If they are to grow to a mature adulthood then the last thing to provide is leadership, with an adult who lays down the laws and provides all the right authoritative answers. Adult leadership at this stage needs the greatest

humility, combined with personal commitment and largeness of vision.

For a long time we have been trying to provide young people who have been confirmed with this sort of leadership within a group, where they can relate their faith to their daily lives and face these questions and changes together. Now such a group has been started and we hope to see it go from strength to strength and begin to make some impact on the life of St. John's.

Mr. C. G. Fowler is leader. At one of their first meetings they elected Miss Valerie House as chairman. They meet on Sunday mornings in the upper vestry after the Family Eucharist for a varied programme of talks, discussions and outside visits.

THE RETREAT CONFERENCE

A number of St. John's congregation are spending the week-end May 12-14 in Oxford. The week-end is to be a Retreat Conference, most of the time being spent quietly. This is the first time the majority have ever done anything like this and the first time ever a group of St. John's people have been away on a retreat together. If anyone else would like to join them, they should get in touch with Mr. K. Nicholls, 190, Henley Road, Tel. 77405, or the Priest in Charge.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

April 30, Evening prayer said at 6 p.m. In the service beginning at 6.30 p.m. Mrs. H. A. Hodges will speak about the Resurrection and the difference it makes to her.

May 14, Whitsunday. Preacher at Evensong, Mr. John Clarke, a lay preacher from Caversham Methodist Church.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many good wishes to Robin and Susan Smith on the birth of a son.

St. Andrew's News

TEEN ACTION GROUP

Easter Monday provided the first opportunity for an outdoor activity for the group. In a mini-bus some dozen members set off from St. Andrew's at 10.30 a.m. The first destination was Blenheim Palace where we stayed for a picnic lunch and a game of "mixed" football before setting off to Bladon to see the parish church and the grave of Sir Winston Churchill. Leaving Bladon we made our way to Marston Street, Oxford, where we were welcomed at the guest house of S.S.J.E. by Br. Cyril and Fr. David Campbell. A magnificent tea was laid on and much appreciated by all.

After looking round some of the community buildings we were taken into the church where we stayed for Solemn Evensong. We arrived back at St. Andrew's

at 7.45 p.m. after a most enjoyable day's outing. Plans are being made for further trips to the coast and other places of interest during the summer.

The Teen Action Group is open to all young people of St. Andrew's and their friends. New members are welcome. We meet at the Family Eucharist and then from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. every Sunday. The current programme consists of talks, discussions and social activities. For further particulars — contact Rick and Sue Buckley, 18, Harrogate Road.

VISITING PREACHERS

Friday April 28 is the Eve of the Dedication Festival. There will be Festal Evensong at 7.30 p.m. when the preacher will be The Rev. Denis Jones, a former Priest-in-Charge who is now Vicar of Hermitage. There will be

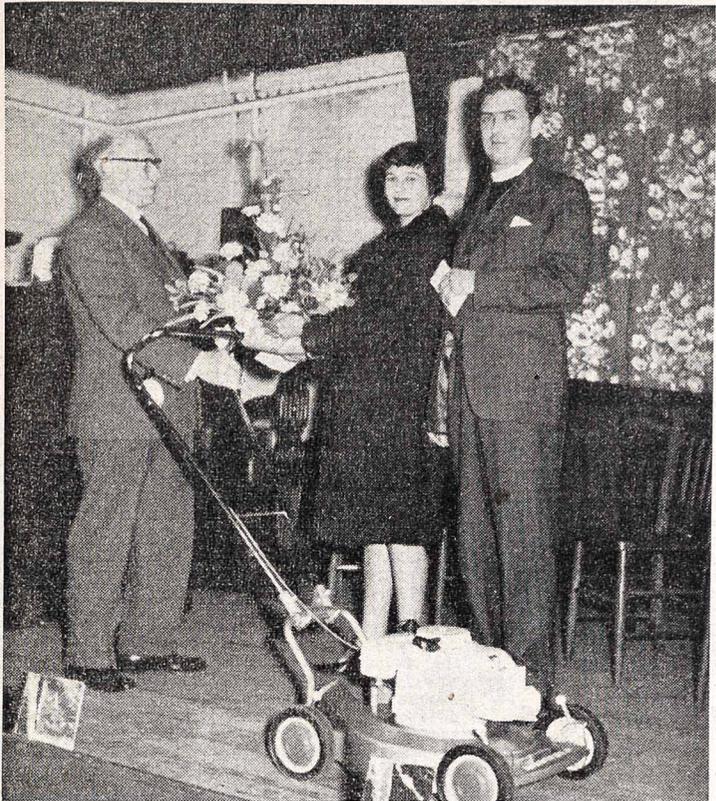
refreshments in the Church Hall after the service and on the following morning there will be Holy Communion at 7 a.m.

KEY FORTNIGHT

On Sunday evening May 7 at 6.30 p.m. we shall be having our first "Invitation Service" in preparation for Key Fortnight. This service will be specially devised for the occasion and its subject will be "The Meaning of Faith." There will be readings from various sources with an address and members of the Sunday School will mime some scenes from scripture.

Churches of Caversham

OFF TO ARLEY



Members of all the four Anglican congregations gathered in Balmore Hall after Evensong on Sunday, April 2, to say farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. David Clift. Mr. C. V. Burnside is seen presenting a motor mower and cheque to them.

Picture: Fred Walker

St. Barnabas' News

A band of very able people worked hard on a dull Saturday morning in March to spring clean the church. Similarly, on Holy Saturday, several people came to help decorate the church for Easter. As a result, the joyous mood of us all on Easter Sunday seemed to be reflected by the building itself and it was a very happy day.

FAMILY SERVICES

On both Mothering Sunday and Easter Sunday the Family Service at 3.15 p.m. was well attended. After the first occasion children went home eager to plant the flower seeds that they had been given. May they all be successful.

The next service for families will be held on Whitsunday, May 14, at 3.15 p.m., when the children of the Sunday School will present short plays to illustrate the journeys of St. Paul.

ST. BARNABAS YOUTH WEEK

A good number of young people have joined in the activities of St. Barnabas' Youth Week. Credit for this imaginative and well-

organised venture goes to Roy Bradbury who seem to have survived the first days, at least, very well. Even among the 3,000 young people at Guildford Cathedral on Easter Monday and the crowds on London tube trains encountered on the theatre trip, none was lost. It is certain, however, that many of our young couples missed a wonderful opportunity to spend a very romantic afternoon at Kew Gardens which was bursting out in all the glory of spring.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

May 15—20 is Christian Aid Week, the purpose of which this year is to raise money, by means of a house collection, towards the cost of running the Marangu Farm School, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. On Whitsunday, May 14, the sermon at Evensong will be preached by Mr. Christopher Rogers who has worked for several years as an agriculturalist in Tanzania. The Marangu Farm School is well-known to him. Here is an unusual opportunity for us to learn, at first hand, about the sort of project that our Christian Aid contributions are used for.

St. Paul's Presbyterian News

Members of St. Paul's have been taking part in the witness of the Ecumenical Church this Easter-tide by joining with other denominations in acts of praise. It has been an ADVENTURE IN FRIENDSHIP, to meet old friends, to make new friends; and to discover hymns and tunes we did not know before was an experience worth having. We may be a long way from Church Union but we are going in the right direction and these Adventures in Friendship (as I call them), these skirmishes into enemy territory (as some would call them) are preparing the way for the forthcoming campaign next year "People next Door."

At the present time Presbyterian involvement in Church Unity on the National scale is almost embarrassing — there is so much going on, Congregationalist Churches and the English Presbyterian Church are working together more closely than ever before and these matters will be discussed at the General Assembly. Moreover the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) is continuing conversations with the Church of England (Episcopal) just as the Church of England and the Methodists are. Do we see the pattern of the CHURCH of tomorrow emerging—a United Church for England and Scotland embracing Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians and those Congregationalists who feel that they can enter into a Church Order of this type? At the same time there will always be some Christian groups who desire to remain Independent—a position which should continue to command our respect.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs. Peter Chesney, the President-elect of the Women's Home Church Association and the wife of our Church Extension agent, the Rev. P. Chesney, M.A., on Sunday, March 12. It was also a joy to enrol seven communicants as members of St. Paul's on March 5; and we wish Dr. Hill and Mr. Stewart who were set aside as new deacons on the 19th, in a service of quiet dignity, happiness and success in their new office.

St. Margaret's, Mapledurham News Whitsun Garden Party

The special guests at the garden party this year will be The Reverend Canon Purvis Sherwood, Vicar from 1948-54, and Mrs. Sherwood. Canon Sherwood is now Director of Religious Education in the diocese of Manchester. He will preach at the Festival Evensong at 5.30 p.m. after the garden party. Between tea and Evensong there will be a Punch and Judy Show for children. The garden party is being held on Whitsunday this year instead of in conjunction with the Patronal Festival in July.

Since Whitsun is not a public holiday this year, it is hoped that few people will be away and that it will be possible to make Whitsunday a genuinely religious festival of thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The garden party will be like a birthday party to mark the birthday of the Church.

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Caversham Methodist Church News

"Mothering" Day was celebrated to the full at Caversham Methodist Church on Sunday March 5. The morning service was conducted by Rev. Ewart B. Wright and was a Cradle Roll Service, well attended by children and parents alike. The evening service was the Women's Fellowship Anniversary. The preacher was Mrs. Carol Bates, B.A., of Wokingham,

herself the mother of two young children. Her sermon, emphasising the importance of family life in the busy world of today and even more in the future with its increasing pace and attractions, gave much food for thought and the service was a fitting end to a day when the families and particularly the mothers of Caversham became fully aware once more of their responsibilities, under God, to children, neighbours and those in need.

St. Anne's News

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

There was a record attendance at the Holy Week ceremonies and, even though the Easter Vigil is not so popular as the Christmas Midnight Mass, some 200 members of the congregation followed the ceremonies of the Blessing of the Paschal Fire and Paschal Candle, the Blessing of the Baptismal Water and the Midnight Mass. Mr. Sealey and his small choir deserve the gratitude of the congregation for the efficient and successful way in which the singing was performed.

Records continue to be broken and some 1,500 received the sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist over the Easter week-end.

Congratulations to Mr. Hughes and his young footballers! For the second year in succession they have won the Junior Cup. This feat cannot be fully appreciated except by those who know that some 30 teams competed and St. Anne's is about the smallest school in the competition and the youngsters in the team about the smallest also. However, what they lacked in size, they made up for in keenness.

In the semi-final, played on March 23, they drew even with extra time. Next day they had a re-play, which they won. On the following day they had to play the final — three matches in three successive days.

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LOCAL CLUBS

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD
MRS. HAYDON presided at the meeting on March 16 when the guest speaker was Mr. Barry Sinclair McBride. His talk was entitled "Round the World on £100," and was illustrated with coloured slides. A jumble sale was organised for March 18 to raise money for Guild funds. The Social Studies Group met on March 7 when Mr. Allan Compton, Administrative Officer of the Thames Conservancy, gave a talk illustrated by coloured slides on the work of the Thames Conservancy.

The arts and crafts section had a demonstration by Mrs. Kitcher on the making and lining of velour curtains on the morning of February 22.

The International Group met on two occasions. The first was on February 24, when a meeting was held at Mrs. Lovewell's house. Three films were shown depicting the life and scenery of Portugal, and the making of Port wine. The refreshments included a glass of red or white Port. The usual monthly meeting was on March 1 and the subject was Iceland. The speaker was Mr. Clarke.

CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD
 As a result of the Jumble Sale held by the Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild on March 11, the sum of £20 will be sent to assist Cancer Research. Over thirty members spent

a most enjoyable day at Bournville on Monday, March 6. They were conducted over Cadbury's Factory and enjoyed samples of the various products, shown films and taken for a tour of Bournville.

Three new members were welcomed by the President at the March meeting and the motions for the National Council Meeting were discussed and voted on.

For their first meeting the International Section enjoyed an interesting talk on the Bahamas by Mrs. H. J. Upton.

ROSEHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The annual general meeting was held on March 6. Mrs. Seaby, the President, presided and Mrs. Best, the V.C.O., was welcomed to the meeting.

After the President had thanked her Committee for their services during the past year, Mrs. Slzer, the Secretary, read the Annual Report and Mrs. Booker, the Treasurer, read the financial statement.

The election of officers was then announced. Mrs. Slzer was elected President, with ten members on the new committee.

Mrs. Best gave a talk on how to make the best use of the "Social Time" after the meetings.

A Jumble Sale was held at the Emmer Green Primary School on March 11, and approximately £30 was raised for the Institute funds.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The first committee meeting of the newly formed Caversham and District Residents' Association was held on March 20.

It was agreed that the aim of the association would be "to ensure as far as possible that the future development and amenities of the area are in accord with the best interests of the people."

Membership will be open to all who reside or work in the district for a very modest subscription.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman: Mr. J. Mair.
 Vice-chairman: Mr. T. Robson.
 Treasurer: Mr. R. B. Lightowler.
 Secretary: Mrs. S. Clifton.

The decision of the Minister of Housing and Local Government concerning the Caversham Development Plan is now known, and the Inspector's report of the public inquiry is being studied by the committee. Some concern has already been expressed that no consideration would appear to have been given to important points raised by opponents to the plan, and that the Minister's decision seems mainly to have been influenced by a possible third bridge over the Thames.

CAVERSHAM GIRL GUIDES

The birthdays of the founder of the Scout and Guide movement and his wife, the World Chief Guide, were celebrated by Brownie packs and Guide companies throughout Caversham. This day is called "Thinking Day" when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts throughout the world send greetings to each other. The 2nd Caversham Company invited many

guests, including a Guider from the Philippines, who gave a fascinating talk about her country and ended by singing and acting a native song. A special birthday cake decorated with a Brownie badge and Guide World Flag was cut. Later, coloured slides of the Guide chalet in Switzerland were shown by Miss B. Herrington, the Sea Ranger Skipper.

May Sunday Services

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Peter's
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION
 11.00 a.m. Matins
 11.00 a.m. Sunday School (Baltimore Hall and Hemdean House School)
 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays)
 6.50 p.m. Evensong (1st Sunday, 3.15 p.m.)

St. John's
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST
 11.00 a.m. Children's Church
 6.30 p.m. Evening Service (1st Sunday, 3.15 p.m.)

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

St. Barnabas'
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9.15 a.m. Family Eucharist
 9.15 a.m. Sunday School (Church Hall)
 6.50 p.m. Evensong (1st Sunday, 3.15 p.m.)

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

METHODIST CHURCHES PREACHING APPOINTMENTS

CAVERSHAM
 May 7 Rev. E. B. Wright.
 Rev. P. W. Luxton.
 14 Mrs. E. Carter.
 Rev. E. B. Wright (1).
 21 Rev. E. B. Wright (2).
 Rev. E. B. Wright (3).
 28 Mr. C. H. Wells.
 Rev. S. M. Wendt (1).

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS
 May 7 11.00 Mr. J. L. Clark.
 6.50 Rev. E. B. Wright.
 14 11.00 Rev. E. B. Wright (1).
 6.30 Rev. F. Hunter.
 21 11.00 Mr. R. Davies.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Anne's
 8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Caversham
 9.30 a.m. Mass.
 (except 1st Sunday when at 8.30 a.m.)

BAPTIST Caversham
 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship
 Communion after Evening Service 1st Sunday after Morning Service 3rd Sunday.

North Caversham
 10.45 a.m. and 6.50 p.m. Worship
 Communion after service on 3rd Sunday.

METHODIST Caversham Heights
 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship
 10.15 a.m. Sunday School.
 Senior Dept.
 11.00 a.m. Sunday School.
 Junior and Primary Dept.

Cosbrook Road
 11.00 a.m. and 6.50 p.m. Worship
 11.00 a.m. Sunday School.

SALVATION ARMY Prospect Street
 3.00 p.m. Young People.
 6.50 p.m. Adults.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YORK ROAD
 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship.

6.50 Mr. H. Jones.
 28 11.00 Rev. A. F. Elgar (3).
 6.50 Rev. A. F. Elgar (5).

Notes: (1) Holy Communion.
 (2) Sunday School Anniversary.
 (3) Overseas Missions.

CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH

May 7 Stewardship Sunday and Gift Day.
 Evening Communion.
 11.00 and 6.50: Rev. L. S. Lewis.
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POSTBAG

Dear Sir,

At last after five months we have the report of the Public Enquiry, though the members of the public who participated still await a copy.

The redevelopment proposals in their present form have been rejected. Why? Did the resolution from the Public Meeting, the 960 signatures, the challenge of the public at the Enquiry, influence the Inspector? No, his decision rests entirely on minor technicalities which can be easily overcome.

What of the resolution condemning the scheme, from the Public Meeting? Submitted as evidence, it is ignored in the Report. What of the Petition? Dismissed in a sentence. What of the challenge by the public? Omitted from the report.

But notice whose evidence is reported in full and apparently accepted. That of the Local Authority officials who have made it clear they are not interested in public opinion, that of Dr. Lichfield, who has no connection with the area except that he was paid by the developers to survey our shopping potential, and that of the developers, whose only interest in Caversham is a financial one.

As was often implied at the Enquiry, the experts are all important. The experts said no-one will be disturbed — the Inspector accepts. Only once does the Inspector disagree with the experts. They state that there will not be a new River Bridge for 30 years and even then not necessarily in Caversham. Yet the Inspector assures us that the increase in traffic congestion consequent on the shopping precinct will be alleviated by a new River Bridge.

But is it the experts who will lose their homes, be imperilled by the traffic, have to pay for the roads? Is public opinion to be treated in this cavalier fashion? Do we accept the verdict of outside experts? If not it is up to us to ensure

that public opinion is expressed so loudly and forcefully that next time it cannot be ignored.

Doris E. Thomas

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry that Mr. Taylor should have read my article as a direct attack on the layout and residents of Caversham Park Estate. I would like to assure both Mr. Taylor and his Association that no such attack was intended, or indeed, even thought of.

Mr. Taylor will recall that the title of my article was "Preserving Caversham's Open Spaces." I hope that if he considers my article in its entirety he will see that the estate was mentioned merely as a recent and very large speculative development typical of many others now being built. The object of my article was to demonstrate that where commercial profit is the main objective of a development, human needs tend to be sacrificed and the community at large suffers loss of natural amenities. My general criticisms were not as Mr. Taylor states, but are as follows:

1. Much development takes place at the expense of natural amenities and open spaces.
2. The class of building is heavily weighted towards the more affluent section of the community.

Mr. Taylor states that his Association wish to cooperate with the Emmer Green Social Club in fighting for the large community in Caversham, and I take the liberty of inferring from his long letter that he agrees with the assertions of my argument. I am sure the Emmer Green Social Club will look forward to receiving the support of the Caversham Park Village Association in the campaign to preserve and improve the remaining natural beauties of the area for all to enjoy.

Yours, etc.,

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THESE MOTHERS GO INTO ACTION

MANY OFFICIALS of the Church of England's Mothers' Union have been disturbed at their public image as a cosy, tea-drinking, monthly get-together. With Christian family Action the "Mums" have a new role. Hub of this infant enterprise is Miss M. Addleshaw, secretary of the Watch Committee at Mary Sumner House, Tufton Street, London. Each diocese has a Watch Representative to advise and help parish church branches of the M.U. to make C.F.A. a really living force.

The aim is to have at hand in every parish a willing, friendly body of women who will mind the baby; look after a family when mother is sick or cope with the 101 emergencies that can crop up in daily living. These actions are towards everyone in the community, not merely church attenders or those who have some slight allegiance to the church.

HOLIDAYS

Most ambitious is the "Away from it all; Holidays

for Tired Mums." This has been very successful in many parishes. A small invitation pamphlet informs mothers in need of a change that M.U. members in another part of the diocese or country, will entertain them for a restful holiday. If necessary they can be accompanied by the smallest children who will be looked after by their hostess and her friends. Financial help towards expenses can be provided. Such holidays have been great successes. New friendships have been formed.

DAYS OUT

Day outings for homeless London families were held by over 40 southern parishes last year. More are planned for 1967. The aim is to give a day's outing to mothers and children who exist in the Reception Centres of London and other great cities. Transport is laid on, often by the Church Army. Visitors are entertained to lunch, usually in private homes and then taken to a garden party and tea at some local beauty spot.

There is also the C.F.A. Street Warden Scheme and the one welcoming newcomers to the district. C.F.A. is only young yet, but it is providing the M.U. members with a real chance to prove that Christianity is not all "pie in the sky," but help on earth as well.

Marion Troughton

Orange Fluffs

A Quick Tea Time Special

1 pkt. Dream Topping.
A good ½ teacup of cold milk (4 fluid ounces) ¾ pint milk.

1 pkt. Orange Instant Whip.

1 Make up the Dream Topping as directed on the packet.

2 Put the ¾ pint milk into a basin, sprinkle on the Instant Whip and whisk until dissolved. Add half the Dream Topping and whisk well.

3 Turn into sundae glasses, leave for five minutes, decorate with the rest of the Dream Topping; ready to serve.

I CAME BACK TO LIFE AT A BUS STOP

by Maria Sutherland

A FEW years ago I had a serious illness—not a physical illness, but an illness of the mind. I spent six months in a hospital for the mentally sick. I am not ashamed of the fact, though many people (even in these enlightened days) think I should be.

I am proud to be proof of the wonderful work the hospital staff are doing in this field. I am happy in the knowledge that, by the grace of God, I have overcome a severe handicap and able to "live" again.

"Return to life" may sound as though my heart had stopped beating. It nearly did once. Oh yes, my despair led to attempted suicide.

When I regained consciousness I wondered why God had not been kind and let me die. Later, I decided He must have had a reason for sparing me.

After leaving hospital I held a responsible job for five years, restoring confidence in my capabilities. However, recovery wasn't as straightforward as it sounds—at times I still felt alone and unwanted and was ever searching for a reason for being spared. Then one day I realised the answer was within myself.

HAPPINESS

I stood waiting for the bus, lost in my own thoughts. Slowly I became aware of a little old lady

standing beside me. She smiled and her whole face radiated happiness; she had the most beautiful eyes—laughing eyes. Who spoke first I cannot remember but we were soon deep in conversation. That day I began to "live" again. As we talked I learned she was 82; she was very thankful for good health and her meagre living, and enjoyed the things in life which mean so much but cost nothing at all—green fields, flowers, bird-song. Her enjoyment of such a simple life made me ashamed of my self-pity and I told her so. She suggested I find a goal in life, strive to attain it, and live fully.

gradually turned the conversation to more general topics; when we parted she was smiling and thanked me for cheering her up. I was glad I had been able to smile and say "Hello."

Now, four years later, I have a host of friends and acquaintances and have realised why God spared me. I have a goal in life—to help others less fortunate, to live my life fully and to write in order to pass on my experiences of "returning to life" in the hope that it may help at least one reader in need of reassurance.

I realised afterwards that it had been but a smile that had precipitated our conversation, yet it changed my whole outlook on life.

There were people living locally whom I thought unsociable but this encounter set me thinking could it be me—were they thinking the same of me—or were they afraid of approaching me and getting a rebuff for their trouble.

RESPONDED

After that I tried smiling more often and found that people responded.

One very wet day I struck up a conversation while waiting for a bus in the city with a person who looked very sad. Apparently she was feeling very lonely and said it was good to have someone to talk to. Her husband had recently died. I

QUIZ TIME Famous women of our time

1. Who was the first woman cabinet Minister?
2. Give the names of Henry VIII's three wives who all had the same christian name.
3. She was an English actress. She was known as "The Jersey Lily." Who was she?
4. Which famous lady was, before she was married, the Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon?
5. What are the professions of:
 - (a) Dame Edith Evans.
 - (b) Dame Edith Sitwell.
 - (c) Dame Laura Knight.
6. Which famous British ballerina has adopted a Russian stage-name?

Exciting days for fashion — now

By Joan Best

IT'S A ridiculous thing—a few years ago every schoolgirl was longing for the day when she could throw off her gym slip and thick woollen stockings and put on long, almost ankle-length dresses and pile her hair up; now, we have frantic protests from teachers who claim that girls' short skirts distract the boys, and practically every other girl has long loose hair.

Some of the interpretations of the '60s fashions are not very beautiful, to say the least—really fat girls will combine skinny rib sweaters, mini skirts, thick stockings and cloggy shoes. For could the mod gear of a couple of years back, with its terrible drab colours and mid-calf skirts and manish jackets (which was a part revival of the 1940's in my case) hardly have been called feminine or attractive. But all the same I think this is by far the most in-

teresting and exciting period there has ever been for fashion.

Looking back, the fifties were real "horror" years as far as fashion was concerned. Clothes were incredibly dreary and neat and precise. The actual colours used—let alone colour combinations—were not at all imaginative. Everybody knows that navy and white or black and white are smart, and that clear red, emerald green and royal blue are quite jolly and gay. But they really lose their impact when you compare them with today's colours—fuchsia pinks, purples, bright oranges, limes, vivid blues and yellows.

Another thing about the fifties was the depressing lack of variety. The grey or navy tailored suit was a must for every smart office girl, and the cinched-in shirtwaister with at least five stiff petticoats underneath—"in" at one part of

the decade—was just too much.

Today's fashions are very bright and cheerful with pretty little dresses, practical warm trouser suits, gaily-coloured PVC rain-coats with matching hats—which are such a relief after years of depressing gaberdines and goloshes and the rest.

It's not only colours that have run riot—the range of new man-made fibres seems to be never ending. Most attention is given to young clothes—manufacturers have suddenly become aware of just how often a young girl is prepared to dip into her pocket if their clothes are tempting enough. But there is still a very wide choice for the older, more-elegant woman, whose husband would probably die of embarrassment if she were to turn up for dinner in knee-length silver boots and mini dress, and Britain easily leads the

world in off-the-peg fashions.

Do you remember the spiky stiletto heel which became the height of fashion a few years back? Quite frankly, I can't think of anything worse, especially with their ridiculous long pointed toes that made one's feet look like size ten—to say nothing of the damage done to parquet flooring and carpets. What a relief to have really comfortable, practical, smart shoes that aren't going to reduce us to cripples after a few years.

The colours are powder blue, lilac, sandy, strawberry pink, lime, apple green, ink blue, cherry and russet with only a few black shoes around—it was about time we did away with the "shoe to wear with anything and everything" attitude.

Styles are square toed or with rounded corners, soft and shallow, or tipped with contrast caps; slingbacks on closed-toed shoes; laddered boots and "T" straps with low block heels.



Photograph by courtesy of the Birmingham Evening Mail.

Personality of the month

Most people have never heard of her. She doesn't even command a couple of lines in "Who's Who."

Yet she is a more remarkable person than many of those who in this day and age command V.I.P. treatment.

Her job? Director of Christian Aid, and said like that it sounds pretty ordinary — but Janet Lacey is no ordinary woman. When she took over what in 1952 was called Inter-Church aid, the annual revenue was under £100,000. Today it is well over a million and rising steadily.

She gets results because she cares deeply about people, because she is willing to endure the crucifying grind of constant travel round the world to see where need is greatest and how best it can be met, and because she has vision. She also has an unerring ability to judge between the important and the trivial, and a healthy disregard for red tape.

Her work is governed by a simple rule she made for herself — "Need not creed." This alone dictates what things should be done, and in this spirit Christian Aid has reached out to the refugees, the sick, the undernourished, the victims of disaster, the unemployed, and those who for political or other reasons are denied a

basic standard of living, in any country where such need is found.

Christian Aid as a department of the British Council of Churches, is a concrete expression of the move towards Christian Unity in this country, but Janet Lacey is involved at the world level as well. She is vice-chairman of the World Council of Churches Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service, and chairman of Specialised Assistance for Social Projects — which is a specialised committee for giving expert advice on social and technical projects and programmes serving all departments of the World Council.

JANET LACEY, C.B.E.

In 1960 — World Refugee Year — her work for refugees was marked by the award of the C.B.E. Next year she retires and will have a little more time to spend on theatre going, listening to music, reading, doing crossword and her other interests which include sculpture, television and radio.

Both her honour and her retirement have been richly deserved. One can only hope that Christian Aid will find an adequate successor.



Industrial topiquotes



Photo: Birmingham Post and Mail

THE TECHNICAL revolution is throwing up a multitude of human problems. Old crafts are dying and new skills are rising. The movement of labour, and indeed the uprooting of men from their traditional homes, becomes essential for our national prosperity. In all this we are required above all things to hold fast to our belief that understanding, compassion and generosity toward each individual affected must be our over-riding consideration.

—RAY GUNTER, MINISTER OF LABOUR.

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Industry is faced with many profound and fundamental problems, both economic and in the field of industrial relations. To resolve these will call for a great degree of patience, understanding and realism, both by management and the trade unions alike. If, between us, we succeed as we must, in finding the correct solution to these problems, then all the restraint and frustration of the past nine months will not have been in vain and we shall be able to look forward with confidence to a period of renewed economic growth and prosperity. If we fail, the inevitable consequence will be a continuation of industrial stagnation, rising unemployment and disillusion.

—STEPHEN BROWN,

PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY.

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We are in danger of coming to see something undemocratic about brains and something anti-social about skill, qualification and achievement.

—MR. QUINTIN HOGG, M.P.

Industry

WHO WILL SQUEEZE?

IT SEEMS rather typical of the British that we have achieved something unique over the past 12 months or so and yet pass it off as a mere trifle. I am talking about the almost complete standstill in wages and prices which though not without some undesirable side effects has had a terrific impact on our balance of payments.

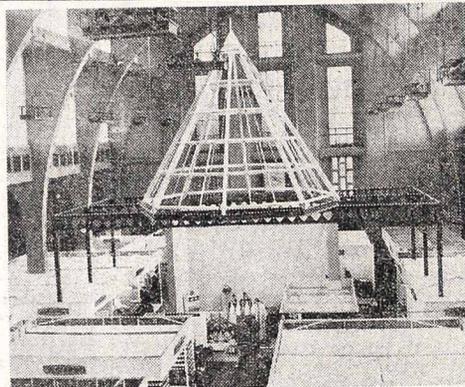
But the value of this standstill will be entirely negative if it has merely been a temporary dam to be removed at a certain date. For then our economy will be crippled by a flood of wage claims and price increases which will entirely price us out of world markets.

It seems obvious to me that the standstill has to be followed by a continuing control of claims and increases so that we have a manageable and predictable flow related to our national production.

But who is to do this. The unions? The manufacturers? Or both together? They say they can but I doubt it. Their traditions are against them. The first have always been there to better wages and conditions, the second to make profits. And this is a matter where the interest of the whole community is at stake, and the whole community is only represented by its elected government.

Both sides, I think, can help in vetting and selection and restraint; but the government must have a final veto, the last weapon. Otherwise a war could develop in which everyone could be hurt. I wonder if those who disagree with me for various reasons would be prepared to answer the following question: "Would this experiment have got off the ground at all without central action?"

RAYMOND EFEMEY.



Duston's metric system church

DURING this year the church of St. Francis' is to be built at Duston, in Northamptonshire. Many churches will be built this year. This one could mark the beginning of a significant new approach to church building in our time of rapid population growth and movement. It is to be built by an "industrialised building" method known as A75 metric system.

"Industrial building" is a comparatively recent development, but it is likely to be one of the main building methods of the future. By the A75 system large sections of St. Francis' Church will be brought to the site ready-made in steel, wood or concrete. Also an entirely new design for inter-locking wall panels will allow them to be clipped into each other and will not need bolting down.

Between 200 and 300 people can be seated in the church and it can be extended, if necessary, in the future.

If the Diocese of Peterborough's example in using this system for St. Francis' Church is followed in other parts of the country where new church buildings must be provided, the pattern of church architecture could be quickly changed. The system can mean considerable saving compared with traditional methods. What is more, with the A75 system the architect can have that freedom of design, which is important in church building, and which has not always been possible when using other prefabricated systems of building.

Television by Harold Jeffries

Haven't I seen you before?

ENA SHARPLES, the Likely Lads, the Weather Men, Cliff Michelmore, Robin Day and a hundred others are more than household names—they're household faces. We know them like we know our next door neighbours—perhaps even better. They're part of the national scenery.

In the street they're recognised. People rush for their autographs. If they appear on the screen as themselves then we think of them as personalities. If they appear — like Violet Carson — representing others, we think of them as the character they portray. With no offence to Miss Carson, our Ena is better known than our Violet, and it's a hundred to one that people associate the Carson face with only one person — to wit Mrs. Sharples.

Now, of course, from the viewers' point of view this doesn't matter one little bit, but it begins to get very confusing when we have to associate one face with more than one character. Say Violet Carson began to appear in other plays as someone other than Ena Sharples — wouldn't most of us feel a little cheated? Wouldn't some of the reality we associate with the character of Coronation Street lose just a little of its conviction.

Of course I could be making a fuss over nothing, but I think the time is coming when those responsible for casting television plays are

going to have to come to terms with the fact that too many faces crop up again and again on the screen. One day we see a well-known face as a "goody," and next week, maybe not even as long as that, it is the face of a murderer or blackmailer.

DIFFERENT

I know that this is very often the case in the theatre, especially in repertory, and it would be ridiculous to complain that Sir Lawrence Olivier is any the less convincing for playing many varied parts. But television somehow is different. Perhaps it's because it brings us so much drama in so short a time that we might see the same face in a month as many times as we would see an Olivier in a lifetime, or perhaps it is for the very reason that television encourages us to associate a particular face with a particular character.

I don't know. All I do know is that I'm getting tired of the feeling when I watch a play that I've met most of the characters before. How about you?

WELCOME TO WREKIN READERS

"Christian News" is steadily increasing its national circulation.

This month we are happy to welcome "The Wrekin Light" into the fold. New readers are always welcome but especially when they come from an area of exciting new development such as Dawley New Town.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

- Margaret Bondfield, Minister of Labour.
- Catherine of Aragon, Catherine Howard and Catherine Parr.
- Lily Langtry.
- Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.
- (a) Actress (b) Poet (c) Artist.
- Alicia Markova.



WINNER IN THE UNDER 11 SECTION

Jane Topple, 13, Hocombe Wood Road, Chandlers' Ford, Hampshire. Aged 10 years.

Floods at Ivy Towers

IT RAINED all day and Lady Winters was housebound. The mail coach came rumbling up to "Ivy Towers" and Maria, Lady Winters' daughter, cried, "Mama, Mama, look, here is a letter from Papa!" Lady Winters took it, opened the seal and proceeded to read the contents. Her pale face set, she swept past, her silken skirts rustling. "Martha," she called, "come down here please." Down the stairs came a plump, middle-aged woman. "Yes ma'am?" she asked. "We must leave at once," said her mistress, "the floods are rising so go and pack my bags please."

Lady Winters turned to Maria and said, "Dear, your father has advised us to leave for Grayleigh House for the floods are rising." Maria nodded thoughtfully.

That evening a man came to take them to Grayleigh House which was a couple of days' journey away. Grayleigh House was owned by Jeremiah Ford, he would let them stay while the floods were rising.

They said their good-byes and set off. The coach rumbled along in the clear silent night. Lulled by the rumbling, Maria fell asleep.

They suddenly came to a halt, the horses rearing. "A highwayman," said Maria. It was not a highwayman but the river's bridge had been swept away, they were stranded on the moors with the floods rising! They spent the night there and woke early. They were sitting by the river when some men showed them the way over a narrow bridge. They spent the afternoon by the cool sea. Then late in the afternoon a boat came. The sea lapped gently and at last they were on their way, to safety into the sunset.

CHILDREN'S STORY COMPETITION

Dear Children,

It's taken us a long time to read through all the stories you sent us for our competition, and we're very pleased that so many of you had a go. Finding winners hasn't been easy — especially in the under eleven section where the standard was particularly high. Still, we've done our best to be fair, and have particularly looked for imagination and originality.

We are publishing the winners and runners-up in the two sections, together with the youngest entry we had.

RUNNERS UP IN UNDER 11 SECTION

Lindsey Gordge, 66, Peggusas Road, Blackbird Leys, Oxford. Aged 8 years.

Elizabeth Wallas, Wallasey, 12, Homer Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. Aged 10 years.

RUNNER UP IN OVER 11 SECTION

Denise Rogers, 73, Underwood Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hampshire. Aged 13 years.

OUR YOUNGEST ENTRANT

Susan Kaye, 14, Railway Road, Teddington. Aged 6 years.

The old man of the city

BY ELIZABETH WALLAS

IT RAINED all day in the big city and as the old man walked across the wet and dirty streets he saw the flooded river banks, the wet grass, the rain beating against the large shop windows, and all the people that were out shopping running for shelter wherever they could seek it. But he didn't mind, he just kept walking with his face looking up into the misty grey sky and letting all the rain fall on his face as freely as ever.

As the old man turned down a side street a dog ran up to him and began to bark noisily but he

didn't mind, he just said "Hello" and walked on cheerily towards the bridge that went over the little ford on the outskirts of the city. When the old man turned round there behind him stood the dog that had been barking at him not so long ago and he bent down looking so kind that the dog jumped up into his lap and began to cry with joy because he had someone to love him. After that day onwards the dog and the old man of the city became companions and never left each other's side for the rest of their lives.

The Rain Fairy

BY LINDSEY GORDGE

It rained all day. I was looking for something to do but I couldn't find anything so I decided to look out of the window. I didn't see much but it was better than nothing.

I counted 16 buses and was just going to tell my Mum when a little fairy settled on the window-sill and said, "I'm the rain fairy." I was very surprised at this and got so interested in the fairy that I forgot about the window

and nothing to do.

I'm sure it was magic.

The fairy had a silk dress. I was very scared of her so I said "I must go" but when I saw that my shoes had broken I rushed back to the fairy and she sewed them up with spiders thread and I was just going to run away when she disappeared and I ran out to tell my Mum about it and she said "I just don't believe it."

Their first holiday

BY DENISE ROGERS

THIS WAS their first holiday away from home. Michael and Jayne were excited, they were going to visit Great Aunt Maria Carlos at her 18th century Spanish villa which had been owned by her ancestors. Michael and Jayne arrived by taxi at 10.15 a.m. after a wonderful journey via London and Madrid airports, and were greeted by Maria.

After lunch the children went to their rooms to unpack and Jayne noticed a door in the wall. She and Michael tried to open it but found it locked. Michael used his penknife to

pick the lock and the door creaked open revealing another room which contained two decorated coffins. Just then Aunt Maria called them, and closing the door quietly, they ran downstairs. Jayne wanted to tell, but Michael said "No."

When night fell Michael wedged the door shut with a chair and they tried to sleep. However, sleep would not come to them so they decided to go into the mysterious room again. They opened a coffin and saw inside the face of a man resembling their great uncle. Both were very frightened and

they dropped the coffin lid which closed with a thud. Their aunt heard this and ran into the room. Seeing what they had done she screamed and locked the children in her bedroom. Then, she went back into the room with the coffins.

They then heard their aunt crying — then a shot — then silence. Michael picked the lock again and peering into the dark room they saw Aunt Maria lying across the two coffins. She had committed suicide. Michael and Jayne hurriedly packed and caught the next plane for home.

R.A.F's gift to Cathedral

A visit to the tiny island of Car Nicobar, some 120 miles west of Sumatra, in the Indian Ocean, by Air Chief Marshal Sir John Grandy, Commander-in-Chief, Far East, and Chief of the Air Staff designate, has resulted in the presentation of a new processional cross to St. Thomas', at Mus, probably the smallest Anglican cathedral in the world.

The Air Chief Marshal was on a flight from Colombo, Ceylon, to Singapore, when he

stopped at the island, now a staging post for the Indian Air Force. After meeting Indian Army Engineers engaged on improving the airstrip he was introduced to the Bishop of Car Nicobar (the Right Rev. John Richardson), who is also Assistant Bishop of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Despite the torrential monsoon rain, Sir John toured Car Nicobar and was greatly impressed by the way of life of the people and the part played

by the Bishop. On his return to Singapore he asked the 40 Base Workshops, R.E.M.E., to construct a processional cross, which was later flown by the Royal Air Force to Car Nicobar for use in the cathedral. There it was blessed and each day it is carried at the head of the procession.

Bishop Richardson, who lost two sons in the last war, is engaged in translating the Old Testament into the local language for the 10,000 Anglicans on the island.

THE TWO TWINS

By Susan Kaye

It rained all day. When the twins went out they looked for dryness, then they saw Mother. She said go home children. Father was at home then the children went to bed.

Next day the children woke up. Then they went to school.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

- Jillian Swain, age eight years.
- Martyn Foster, aged eight years.
- Alison Power, age seven years.
- Richard Prescott, age nine years.
- Joanne Hopping, age nine years.
- Pauline Ainsworth, age 12 years.
- Ann Barrell, age 12 years.
- Elizabeth Ingham, age 11 years.
- Christine Cantrell, age 12 years.
- Cherry Clamp, age 12 years.
- Marion Shirley, age 10 years.
- Paula Wallis, age nine years.
- Ian Cantrell, age eight years.



WINNER IN THE OVER 11 SECTION

Eleanor Cook, 139, Leach Green Lane, Rednal, Birmingham. Aged 12 years.

The time they didn't go

THIS was their first holiday away from home. Never before in the three years during which they had grown devoted to the Smith's had they been sent away from the familiar terraced house in a suburb of London. When the children had a holiday from school, they also had a holiday, and wherever the Smith's went, they went too. But the next day Butch was going to Mr. Fothering's dogs' home. Tibby was going to a home for unwanted cats (not that Tibby was unwanted) and Joey was going to Old Tom's, a friend of Mr. Smith.

It had all begun when the Smith's decided to have a holiday without their pets. Everything had been arranged. The next day, Mr. Smith was going to deliver the animals, and then take his family to the seaside. The animals sadly waited for the dreaded time of departure to arrive.

All that day they shed sorrowful tears and tried to comfort one another, but all in vain, for at nine o'clock the next day the animals were put in the car and driven off.

"Be good," sobbed Butch to Tibby and Joey. "And remember what I told you. Think about each other all the time."

"I'll try, Butch," wept Tibby. "But now we must say goodbye. Here is Old Tom's."

"I'll s-see you n-next week," said Joey, trying his hardest not to cry.

Soon all the pets had parted. At their homes they were all thinking the same thing—it was their first holiday away from home, and they would try to make it their last.

TOPIQUOTES

It is not the essence of good democracy that almost half the people should be very angry for most of the time?

—Midlands correspondent, "The Times."

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The 1944 Education Act is making pretty certain that for the headmasters and headmistresses of our State schools we shall always get either good Christians or good hypocrites: When you scrutinise it, our whole system of State religion in schools turns out to be abuse of democracy and tolerance, and an offence against the moral duty we as a society owe to our children.

—Brigid Brophy, "Fabian Society Pamphlet."

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I think the Church is a bit uncomfortable with me. I'm too radical. The Liberals need people with time and money, which the Church doesn't. What the Church needs is a revolution.

—Rev. Timothy Beaumont, chairman, the Liberal Party, quoted in the "Sunday Times."

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If the universe were absurd, we'd never realise it, having nothing to compare it with. Life can be grim and horrible but it cannot be entirely futile or we would never be able to recognise its futility. And while it may be fun to declare that man is an accident, at least some part of you standing aside to make the declaration, is far from being accidental.

—J. B. Priestley.

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We of the 20th century are perfectly capable of believing other things intrinsically as improbable as Christ's incarnation. Towards any kind of scientific mumbo-jumbo we display a credulity which must be the envy of African witch-doctors. We are probably ready to assent to any rigmarole by a Professor Hoyle about how matter came to be, provided it is dished up in the requisite jargon and associated, however obliquely, with what we conceive to be "facts".

—Malcolm Muggeridge.

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When I was a boy natural intelligence was in plentiful supply: I knew how to fell a tree or make a mud oven. Now people put 6d. in a

Holiday Accommodation

CONTINENTAL

HOLLAND. Inexpensive holiday: Teachers exchange or let their homes in holidays. Some take guests. R. Hinlopen, English Master, 35 Stetweg, Castricum, Holland.

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Holidays! Everyone looks forward to them. School children count the days to the holidays, families save up for their week by the sea. Christmas, Easter, Whitsun, August: these short holidays come round year by

year, each with their character—Santa Claus, chocolate eggs, days in the garden.

Originally, many holidays were "Holy Days," days when Christians remembered important happenings in the life of

**TOPIC OF THE MONTH
WHIT-SUNDAY**

Jesus or His followers. Christmas, Easter and Whitsun are examples. Whatever they have come to mean, they are still first and foremost Christian celebrations, and this year, for the first time, the holiday is separated by the "Holy Day."

Whit Sunday is the "Holy Day" when the Church especially thinks about the Holy Spirit or the Holy Ghost. Folk often imagine the Holy Spirit as a vague, spook-like "thing," rather like the genie of Aladdin's

lamp. Not a bit of it! The Holy Spirit is real and not merely part of a half-imaginary, half-historical pantomime world that is the popular idea of what we read about in the Bible. The Holy Spirit, often symbolised by a dove or a flame, is the power, action and gentleness of God in our lives. Just as the disciples knew and met the presence, strength and inspiration

of God in their life with Jesus, so God can meet, inspire and strengthen us through the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Before Jesus died He promised His disciples that He would not leave them alone and without His strength. He promised the sending of "another strengthener."

We meet that Strengthener. He inspires and leads us in the way of Christ. We call Him the Holy Spirit. He is God in our time.



**MILBURN ISN'T ALONE
AS A SPORTING MISFIT**

BY
ERNEST ADKINS HIS ANSWER

**COULD BE
SIMPLY: "W.G."**

ENGLAND'S perennial problem of finding an opening bat not afraid of going for runs from the first ball appeared to have been solved when Colin Milburn (Northants) was selected against the West Indies.

Colin did the job all right but is currently out of favour because according to the selectors there is too much of him—five stone too much to be precise.

Handsome is as handsome matter of his waistline his does—I would suggest to reply be quite brief, "W. G. Colin Milburn that if he be Grace." approached again on the

machine and get a cigarette out—I doubt they even know where the tobacco comes from.

—Spike Milligan, "Sunday Times."

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For many years I have been interested in psychical research, and even if I were not a Christian, my studies would incline me to believe in a dimension of reality that is beyond what are normally regarded as the limits of human experience. Clairvoyance, clairaudience, communication between the living and the dead should not be treated as disreputable words in the dictionary of a Spiritualist. Not only do they give rise to phenomena that have been carefully studied by students of psychical research but they are to be found, though expressed differently, in Holy Scripture. It is my personal belief, that each of us have a physical body and a spiritual or counterpart body, and at the moment of death this counterpart body disengages itself from the physical and continues to exist, as the medium of our personality, in a new dimension."

—Dr. Mervyn Stockwood, Bishop of Southwark.

If this likeable cricketer worries about this criticism of his physique, and I doubt it, he can take heart from the fact that many hallowed members of the Hall of Fame scarcely conformed to the aesthetic conception of the athlete.

In 1939, a frail sunken-chested bespectacled figure of 5ft. 6ins. and weighing less than 10 stone presented himself at a recruiting centre. The examining doctor seriously doubted whether this pathetic figure would stand up to the rigours of service life. But he did and when six years later it was all over Sidney Wooderson the fastest man in the world over a mile, returned to athletics to win the 5,000 metres in the 1946 European Games.

The boxing world has produced some odd characters, but none stranger than a young Welshman who first appeared in the ring at the turn of the century. Even for a flyweight his physique was such that no self-respecting mother of a 12-year-old son would have allowed him to undress in public with a body like Jimmy Wilde's—the greatest of all flyweights and the most explosive hitter of all time.

SMOOTHIE

The prototype footballer is a real smoothie—husky at the shoulders, slim at the hips. He's on nodding acquaintance with Carnaby Street and in between games models for underwear.

Replete with false teeth and contact lenses one is hard-pressed to see Nobby Stiles conforming to type!

Where Ledbetter of Ipswich fits into the picture I can't imagine. When in 1961 Ipswich arrived in the First Division their appearance on the field was greeted by a frantic flourish of programmes to establish the identity of the wearer of the No. 11 jersey.

Latecomers were convinced that Ipswich had met with a last minute misfortune and had been forced to call upon the services of an ageing coach driver.

Undeterred by the nickname Grandad, the gnarled Ledbetter, the first of the unconventional wingers (was it here that manager Alf Ramsey devised his wingless World Cup plan) played a major part in Ipswich winning the championship.

Unless our sportsmen conform to the Grecian god image they fall short of hero status in the public eye.

SPECS

Even today the bespectacled cricketer (they can't all look like Ted Dexter) is viewed with suspicion and only accepted with reservations. "He wears glasses so he's suspect against the quick stuff." "A liability in the field."

Criticism that international cricketers like R. Marshall (West Indies), M. J. K. Smith, G. Boycott (England), P. Mansell, N. B. F. Mann, P. Wilmshew (S. Africa), Chulam Ahmed (India) have proved to be quite false.

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