

RELEASED, BUT

REJECTED

SCORES of men stepped out of prison this morning. As you read this they are enjoying their first day of freedom for some time.

But for some of those men that freedom will be short-lived. Within a year they will be back "in the nick."

Of course it will be their fault. A man is responsible for his actions. But is that the end of the matter? Put yourself in the shoes of a man released today.

- "Respectable" people may shun him. Knowing looks and pointing fingers say "gaol bird." He finds few to welcome him.
- The old haunt, the old friends — they will give him a welcome . . . and an easy way back into crime.
- A man with a record finds it extra hard to get a job. Workmates, as well as the boss, often mistrust him. They don't want to know.
- His home may have broken up: he may never have had a home. He is a nowhere man.
- If there is a crime in the district . . . suspicion immediately falls on him. Society loads the dice against the man out of prison.

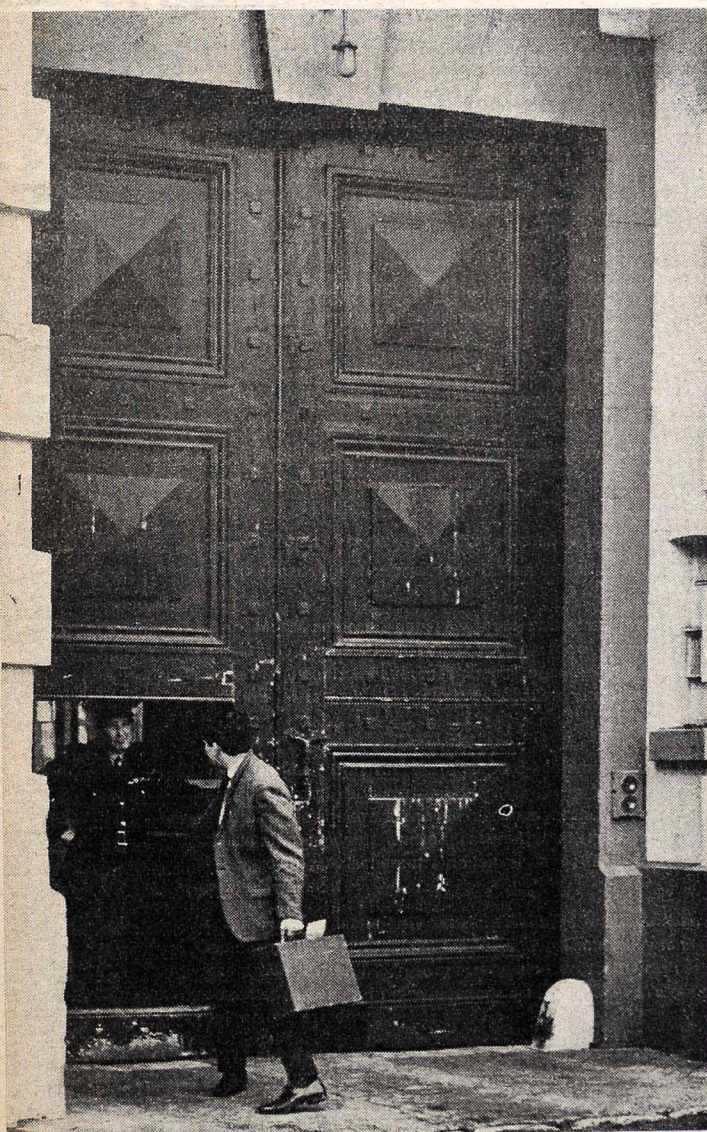
Of course some hardened criminals with no intention of "going straight" will reject any kind of help. Yet many long for a fresh start, for guidance, encouragement, friendship — and they are rejected. Loneliness — depression — desperation drink — crime, that is the all too familiar path back to prison.

To help

Thank God that there are some organisations and individuals, both voluntary and statutory, that are seeking to help the ex-prisoner. Interviews with sympathetic employers are arranged, accommodation provided in hostels and homes and, above all, friendship and understanding offered. Slowly this work, and interest in it, is growing. Prisoners are no longer taboo; the guilty secret of society shut away behind walls.

But the surface is only scratched. There is still massive hostility, and perhaps worse, apathy towards the man out of prison. Folk don't want to get too close to the problem. An officer of one organisation for helping discharged prisoners says that the attitude of many people seems to be "You're doing a fine job — but keep out of our street."

We can't be compassionate at arm's length. From time to time all of us meet someone out of prison face to face. We could meet one of those who walked hopefully away from the prison gates and down the street into society this morning. His future can depend on you.



A number of Anglican Clergymen who are working together in team ministries up and down the country met recently at Lincoln under the chairmanship of the Archdeacon of Lincoln, who founded the South Ormsby group fifteen years ago.

The Rev. W. J. Milligan, leader of the Eltham Group Ministry, writes about such ministries and the conference.

ALL CHRISTIANS ARE IN A TEAM

IF YOU are a Christian, you have got to be a member of a team. You cannot be on your own.

This does not invalidate the call to be a hermit. Hermits are pretty rare. But when they happen they believe themselves called as members of a community, and probably not for the whole of a man's life. Jesus Himself spent a fair space of time in retreat on his own, sorting out great decisions. But Jesus's life was largely spent in everyday village life and His formal ministry was spent in a community of fellowship of 13 men.

The one-man band is a nonsense.

Yet this nonsense still persists in the attitudes and structures of the church today.

Each local church of any denomination is a

community or team of Christians called to a shared ministry. Yet in many of them they are not seen to be this at all, they are seen as a one-man ministry by the parson to the congregation.

Group or team ministries are ways in which for some time and especially over the last five or ten years, the church in some areas has been trying to nail this lie. They do it by building up teams at one central church; or by bringing together two or more parishes. Sometimes such teams are ecumenical.

Half way through April, representatives of 35 such ministries—most of which have been initiated during the last seven years—met to consult together at Lincoln.

We did not come to formal resolutions but most of us were pretty clear about some things we need to have in the church today. We need:

- A CENTRE FOR TRAINING AND RE-TRAINING. (WHY NOT ST. AUGUSTINE'S? WE ASKED).
- A CENTRAL REGISTRY FOR JOBS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO JOBS IN GROUPS AND TEAMS.
- A SANE STRUCTURE OF WAGES WHICH OPERATES IN ALL DIOCESES.

Open college to close

The only place in the world where clergymen of the Anglican Communion, the family of churches most closely linked with the Church of England, can meet and study together for any length of time is on the premises of the centuries-old St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. But this is due to stop.

Since 1948 it has been a place of scholarship and research. Right now there are men from Jordan, Polynesia, the Philippines, several African nations, different parts of India, the United States and Canada, Australia and New Zealand. But they may be the last.

BOOKS

by Peter Croft

The Church Study Group
— Charles Hodgson.
Mowbrays 8s. 6d.

A practical, sensible sort of book. One that can be used in parishes with adult confirmation groups as well as with established Christians—if that's not too back-handed a phrase. From all sides we hear the battle cry "The laity must be trained" but precious little of real value is done about it. Our training is too theoretical and abstract—too clerical. This guide is a step in the right direction—but there's a long pull ahead. In East Harlem the layman promises "To accept Christ as Lord and Saviour! to meet regularly for Counsel with a minister; to be active in a non-church community organisation; to plan church action each month for community goals; to pray and read the Bible daily and to walk together in love for God and for our neighbours." I reckon those six points could form the basis of a most effective lay training scheme for groups.

The Resurrection—G. W. H. Lampe and D. M. MacKinnon, Mowbrays 15s.

"If Christ was not raised, then our gospel is null and void, and so is your faith—but the truth is Christ was raised to life." These words of St. Paul start Professor Lampe's Easter sermon. He pins his understanding of the resurrection on an experience of the risen Christ shared by the disciples rather than on the physical fact of an empty tomb. If you're concerned to see this vital part of the Christian faith in terms that are meaningful today this could help you. If 15s. is too much use your public library.

Chronicles—Ruebeni Foundation—distributed by Norman Passes Ltd., 10/12 Wellington St. Luton. 35s.

This is fascinatingly presented. The Old Testament laid out in newspaper form (a slightly provincial newspaper form) with headlines like "We Quit Egypt Today" in 14in. high type. There's a lot of good background information with maps, illustrations and photographs—including a woman's corner, advertisements and letters to the editor. The Old Testament without tears for anyone between the ages of 10 and 100. But a bit pricey for everyone to buy a copy. And anyway it's a reference book.



HELPING WITH MENTAL HEALTH

Dear Sirs,

HOW I agree with Margaret Aylen when she points out that greater understanding of mental illness is needed!

Helping out at hostels and after-care social clubs, I would wholeheartedly support, providing the person had a genuine interest in helping the sick and was not just curious or felt it was their duty to society.

However, it is there my agreement with her article stops!

The suggestion that members of the general public should visit local mental hospitals sickened me. Having been a patient I can visualise what would happen.

There would be those who are genuinely sympathetic and wanting to help, but they are also the people who would be upset by the sight or sound of a recent admission in the "crisis" stage of mental illness. It must be realised that with the hospital position as it is, it is impossible for complete segregation of patients in different stages of recovery.

Then there is another category of visitor who would feel it their duty and who would be very condescending, attempting to "humour" the patients as if they were naughty children—thus undermining the patient's confidence in him- or herself instead of helping to rebuild it.

And, lastly, there are those who would visit out of ghoulish curiosity—making the patients feel as though they are freaks at a fun-fair.

To this suggestion I would most definitely say "No!" Unless, of course, arrangements can be made for visits to be paid to those who have fully recovered and are in a separate wing of the hospital if possible, but have no relative to visit them or with whom to stay until rehabilitation is complete.

I think the most effective way the general public can help is to make friends with the lonely, not only the old, but the young and middle-aged. Often the knowledge that someone cares a little can avert such an illness. The people who profess to keep themselves to themselves could help by being a little more interested in other people without appearing to be "nosey."

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Be frank about pain

I READ your article about the National Childbirth Trust with great interest, having recently followed their course of ante-natal exercises. Our baby girl was born with really very little trouble—and my husband was with me. Some of the exercises which I had rehearsed were undoubtedly helpful at her delivery, although the pain of labour made the exercises for that stage difficult, at times impossible, to carry out.

I do wish that this word "pain" was used less cautiously in the literature and teaching of the National Childbirth Trust. If I had been told more clearly how painful muscular contractions could be I would have been better prepared to cope with them.

MOTHER OF ONE,
Lichfield.

HOLIDAY CAMPS

Dear Sir,
As a regular reader of "Christian News" I find the article on Holiday Camp holidays a little misleading.

I have not been to a holiday camp yet without being called from my bed for breakfast by music loud enough to wake the dead. Meals are served at set time. Dance hall and theatre are packed to capacity. I have also seen children pushing and pulling to get at various amusements.

Has Malcolm Goldsmith ever been to a Holiday Camp? Meals can be obtained outside specified times if paid for. No more Holiday Camp holidays for me ever.

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INFINITE

This poem is by Brian James Rogers who is
14 years old.

What is this thing that men call God?

A golden idol? The poppy's pod?

The wind that whispers through the leaves?

The earthquake or the raging seas?

The daffodils? The starry nights?

The larva that pours from Sinai's heights?

Though all these things are partly right,

The fog of the finite dims the sight.

God's not one sole thing but most.

Not Father, Son or Holy Ghost.

But everything that beauty holds,

Or honesty and truth unfolds.

But then the devil, what is he?

There's nothing left for him to be.

I say that God is all things good,

And the devil shuns such neighbourhood.

To live in the evil of meagre men's minds,

With people who shut down the blinds.

Who trouble not to see God's light,

But stumble in the paths of right.

God's beauty is in both earth and sky.

Seek not a golden adoration.

But rather seek a field of corn,

Or the rising sun on a summer's dawn.

Our most vital export is

The Rev. Ian Thomson, the writer of this article, is undertaking a research project sponsored by the Conference of British Missionary Societies. He is spending two years finding out how those who wish to carry out Christian mission in terms of "secular" employment (government, commerce, industry, etc.), can best be prepared for their work. At the end of his first nine months, Mr. Thomson has just produced a first interim report for the C.B.M.S.

PEOPLE...

THE CHINESE have a saying that if you are planning for decades ahead plant trees;

If you are planning for centuries ahead plant men;

If you are planning for ever, sow ideas.

What are we exporting all over the world as a Christian nation?

More important than aircraft engines, computers, and all other manufactured goods are people themselves.

The bank clerk in Zambia, the international civil servant in Ethiopia, the engineer in India, and the salesman in Malaysia — these are the people who by their way of life, their work, and their personal relationships, are today, if they

are men of faith and devotion, the true agents of the Gospel.

I believe that for many years ahead the work of missionary societies will be urgently needed overseas for the self-sacrificing work they do in schools, hospitals, churches, and social service, and for all that they do to help the advance of new countries. The fact remains, however, that the traditional missionary is not always welcome in countries that have won political independence.

A leading African administrator said to me recently: "We want no more teachers on mission terms, all must be on local terms." This means that they must be employed by the government, and not by the Church, but it does not mean that such teachers will cease to be missionaries. They will simply be carrying out their work in a secular way.

Wages

The younger churches all over the world are realising this. Recently in South India a group of 30 laymen met to discuss their Christian responsibilities in secular employment, and invited me to help them in their discussion. Some of them had given up a day out of their annual holiday, and others a day's wages, in order to attend this mid-week conference. One was a printer, another worked in a bank, one was in the motor trade—and all felt that their way of life should somehow reflect their faith more clearly.

In the same city, a group of businessmen had taken 25 destitute orphan boys off the street and provided hostel accommodation, free education, food and care for them, out of Christian concern and compassion

GOING OVERSEAS ?

Weekend courses
of preparation

June 23-25 for Teachers, hoping to go overseas, to be held at the Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham.

Chairman:

Professor J. E. Fenn

Sept. 29-Oct. 1 for Middle Management in Commerce and Industry to be held at William Temple College, Rugby.

Particulars from:

The Rev. Ian Thomson, Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham, 29.

These weekend courses are intended to provide important personal preparation for those going abroad in secular occupations. Rapid social change in countries overseas calls for special attention today.

he has more to offer than the spreading of a particular set of beliefs.

Dangers

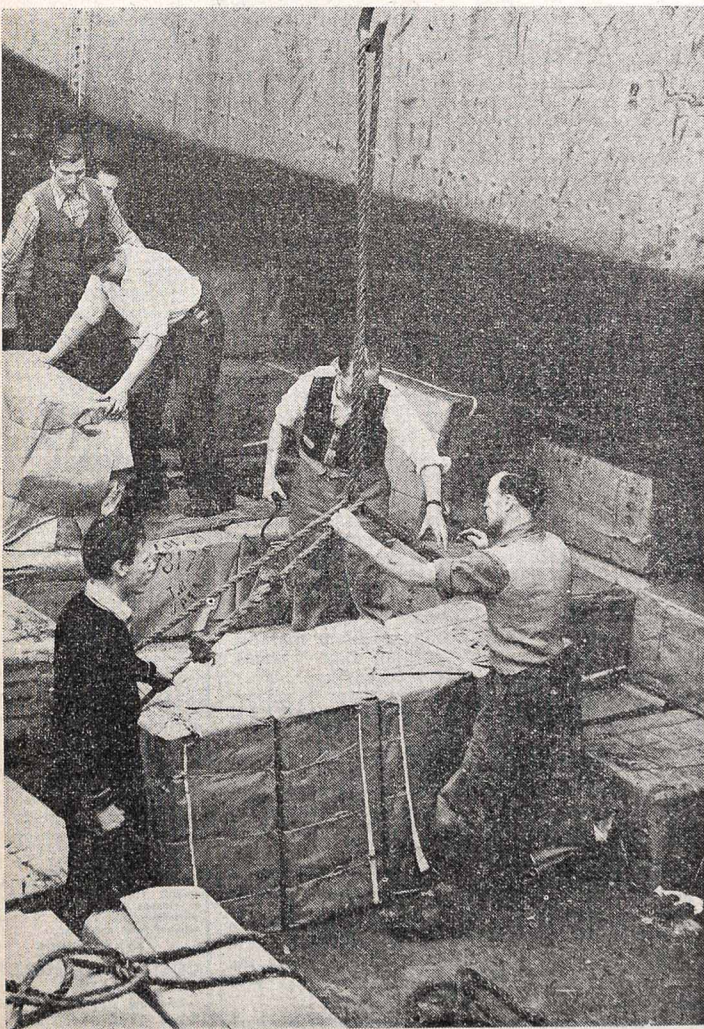
On my way to the East in an aeroplane recently, a salesman asked me bluntly: "What do you do, what do you sell?" I explained that I was looking at the future of Christian mission, and his face dropped. He spoke of the dangers of upsetting other cultures. But the moment I explained the need for the spread of the Gospel through human lives, and in secular employment, and the need for friendship and faith, he quickly understood and approved. "Charity with all men" he seemed to understand, and this is the essence of the Gospel in all relationships, in trade and industry, in the professions, and in government service all over the world.

The love of God is for the unbeliever as well as the believer, and is offered as much to the person from another culture as to the Anglo-Saxon races, and we cannot rest content until this message of reconciliation has sounded throughout the world with a new relevance and urgency.

The layman who goes abroad in secular employment is well-placed to see to this in his way of life and in the example he sets.

Useful

It is only if the work offered by Christians is seen to be useful to the nation that it is acceptable to the authorities, and Christian service has, therefore, got to be geared more and more to fit in with the strong sense of nationalism that governs so many of these countries. The European and American is no longer welcomed as an expert, unless it can easily be seen that



IF YOU are something of a gambler, and prepared to take a chance on the English weather, Cornwall is well worth considering for your holidays this year. With its blue Atlantic rollers and countless tiny coves and sandy beaches, its attractions are, I believe, unparalleled anywhere in England. Nowhere abroad can be found anything which quite compares with its serenity and grandeur, and only the north coast of Scotland offers a similar coastline, and that is considerably colder!

Typical of the county is King Arthur's Castle at Tintagel high on the headlands of north Cornwall, approached only by one narrow series of steps cut in the rock face. One marvels at our ancestors' selection of sites for their Castles, and turning half-way up the steps, you can imagine how, like Horatio and his two comrades, three men could here hold back an army. We might take a lesson from history also

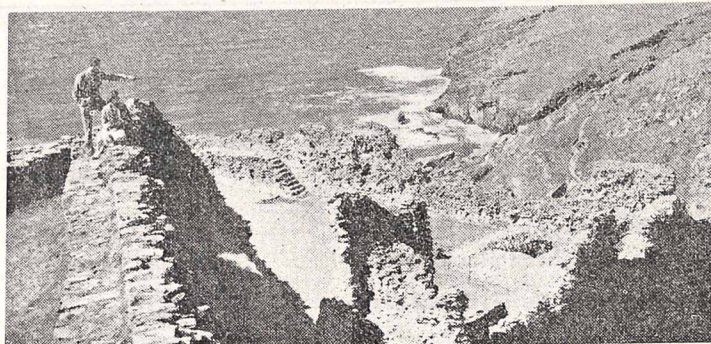
that for prisoners here there was no escape! Not far from Tintagel, just to the north of Boscastle rise the tallest cliffs in the British Isles, nearly 750 feet high.

Cornwall is richly steeped in history, and by virtue of its isolation retained its own language until near the end of the 18th century. In the Middle Ages, it was an important producer of copper and tin, its ports despatching regu-

For the past weeks Cornwall and oil have gone hand in hand. Today the beaches are virtually clear, and Christian News takes a fresh look at this loveliest of counties.

Cornish Rhapsody

By FRANK TURNER



Photograph showing remains of Tintagel Castle by courtesy of Camelford Rural District Council.

lar cargoes to Venice, and its coastline later became a smugglers' paradise.

The imposing Bedruthan Steps cut in the cliffs are reputed to

have been cut by wreckers who could expect a steady supply of ships foundering on the rocks.

Newquay is the best known of its seaside

towns, justly famed for its bathing beaches, and the large Atlantic rollers are ideal for surfing. It is the ocean which is the essence of Cornwall, and unlike any other

English county it has both a north and south coast.

Land's End is no empty title, its cliffs and the rocks stretching out into the sea conveying an air of complete and timeless finality.

The bays and coves are scattered along the whole length of the coast. Further personal favourites are St. Ives, after Newquay perhaps the most popular resort, and much visited by painters owing to its crystal clear air and vivid colours; Polperro, a typical Cornish port (don't miss the perfect scale model of the village); and the Lizard, southern-most tip of England, with the truly beautiful Kynance Cove, nearby.

In addition, we would like only the weather of the Mediterranean and the completion of another by-pass to avoid the blockage on the Exeter by-pass, and our holiday is complete.

Let the prisoners sing

by Edwin Godbold

Nearly fourteen years as a choir-master and organist at a large prison have brought me a heap of memories and experiences, some sad, and some very amusing.

In the first place one always has to be prepared for the unexpected. I remember one day being ready to rehearse an anthem, when the choir librarian told me we would have to do something else, as he'd hidden the copies in his pillow-case for safe keeping and he had just discovered that they had been whipped off to the laundry. Hardly a problem which Sir Malcolm Sargent would have to face!

Psalms have to be chosen with a certain care. The first verse of Psalm 8, "O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is Thy Name in all the world," has certain undertones of meaning in a prison, and is a risk, while the 29th verse of Psalm 18, "With the help of my God I will leap over the wall" is quite definitely out.

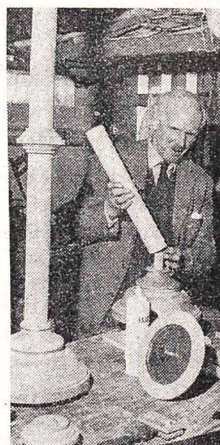
Prisoners, like the rest of us, have their favourite music. Moody and Sankey type tunes are ever popular, and the men are perfectly happy to sing over and over again hymns of the calibre of "Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer," "Abide with Me," and "Nearer, my God, to Thee." A furtive tear from one of the less hardened prisoners usually greets the singing of "For absent friends."

Those who join the choir are generally very enthusiastic—they have to be, since

persecution of those who are committed Christians is not unknown. The heights scaled are only modest, but on rare occasions we have sung such anthems as Franck's "Panis Angelicus" and "Whence is that goodly fragrance" in two parts, and even risen to a three-part performance of "All in the April Evening." The latter was hardly good enough to win a music festival, since one of the three parts was most noticeable for being virtually absent, but it certainly reflected a willingness to have a go.

Perhaps my most embarrassing experience came when I was very new at the job. One day I had finished choir practice and wanted to be let out. I wasn't quite sure how to let a Prison Officer know, so one of the choir members with apparent kindness of heart told me what to do. "Just give a longish ring on that bell," he said, "and someone will soon come along." How right he was. I only managed to alert the whole prison by giving the general alarm!

Prison, I suppose, is the one place where you hope that your choir members will leave as soon as possible and never come back. Unfortunately, however, the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again" is only too appropriate for many of those who are released. Some old friends return again and again, and perhaps that is the saddest side of an unusual job, but a job which nevertheless I find very satisfying.



Photograph by courtesy of St. Dunstan's.

WHEN THE ANGLICAN nuns of St. Gabriel's School, Sandleford Priory, Newbury, lit the Paschal candle at midnight on Easter Eve they also lit two attendant candles in 4ft. high candlesticks, made by a totally blind man. Mr. Leonard Parry, of Burghclere, near Newbury. Mr. Parry was blinded in the First World War

ARTHRITIS MONTH

A joint effort by two major voluntary societies this month will seek to spread information about the suffering and economic loss caused by rheumatic diseases. Among events planned for this "Arthritis Month" is a special service for 500 arthritics at Westminster Abbey on June 5, and an exhibition at Charing Cross Underground Station from June 6 to 24. Over 90 local committees throughout the country are planning events in support of the campaign.

BLIND, BUT HE'S A CANDLE STICK-MAKER

while serving with the Lancashire Fusiliers. He joined St. Dunstan's in 1918 and until his retirement he was a farmer. Nowadays he is fully occupied in his workshop, the products of which range from altar furniture for his parish church, to goal-posts for the local football team.

The candlesticks in Japanese Oak are copies of an original belonging to St. Gabriel's School. They are made in separate parts turned on a lathe and painstakingly checked with templates Mr. Parry made of the contours of the original. So accurate are they,

that it is hard to believe that he could not see the original and relied on measurements and his sense of touch to visualise it.

All the parts are dowelled and glued together. The work took Mr. Parry six weeks although he spent some time before this learning to use the lathe, which he had installed specially for this job.

He said: "I think the greatest pleasure in this work is getting round the many problems that come up. Most important of all, is to get a picture in my mind of whatever I am making—without that I could not succeed."

REVOLUTION—A JUDGMENT ON THE CHURCH

MEN AND WOMEN who do not call themselves Christians are nevertheless working for justice, freedom and human rights, the Rt. Rev. A. G. MacLeod, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of England, said last month.

"We are called to work with them, even if we cannot share all their views or always approve their ways of doing things," he said. Mr. MacLeod, who was addressing the Presbyterian

Church General Assembly in Manchester, spoke of the present indifference to the Christian faith.

"May not the Communist revolution of this century be God's judgment on the Church for its failure to care for the oppressed and to see that all men share the good things God has provided?" he asked.

—George MacLeod.
See page 7.

TREMOL TREATMENT FOR RELIEF FROM THE EFFECTS OF PSORIASIS

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BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS

WITH talk still raging about the development of Caversham, "The Bridge" this month glances back to the past. There are many residents who still remember a Caversham that is rapidly changing, and which seems to be losing any distinctive character. So we print this month a plea for the restoration of the Jacobean summer house in Caversham Court, now in a far more neglected state than when our photograph was taken some years back: we print also an article welcoming the opening of Mapledurham House, and another that draws attention to the work of a distinguished living architect that is threatened with destruction. Our plans for the future must not be implemented at the expense of ignoring our past.

Those residents who have lived in Caversham a long time, and who perhaps have moved from one district to another tend to think still in terms of Caversham as an entity which is separate from the rest of Reading. For them when they go shopping in the village they mean Prospect Street, when they go shopping in the town it means Broad Street. As Rector I notice this particularly among the older members of our four congregations who have many friends in the other parts of the parish; perhaps the fact that Caversham is one ecclesiastical parish is a major factor in producing such community feeling as exists. But the community clearly lacks a centre as the results of the survey published last month pointed out.

We must recognise, however, that new building has brought many thousands of people into Caversham who think much less of Caversham as a whole. New arrivals in Emmer Green will feel no greater links with East Caversham than they do with residents of Earley or Tilehurst. But few people realise how much building is likely to take place in Caversham and the immediate surrounding areas within the next few years. In addition to the 1,500 homes eventually destined for Caversham Park another 1,000 homes will be built soon in Caversham itself: these will be mostly, but by no means exclusively, in Emmer Green, and we may also expect to see further development at Sonning Common and other adjacent areas. All this development will have consequences for Caversham that few people have begun to consider. A desperate crisis faces the educational authorities with our Caversham schools already stretched to maximum capacity.

Beyond holding an inaugural meeting the newly formed Residents' Association has not yet had a chance to meet or discover the views of its members. It was significant that when the survey was conducted last autumn not a single adverse comment was expressed about the development of a central shopping area while a number of those interviewed, although not questioned about it, spoke in favour of development. With the population of Caversham and the neighbouring areas on our side of the Thames due to increase by some 10,000 people within the next few years, perhaps it would be wise to study what has been done at Cowley where a shopping centre of some proportions has enabled people to avoid having to cross Magdalen Bridge to shop in the centre of Oxford.

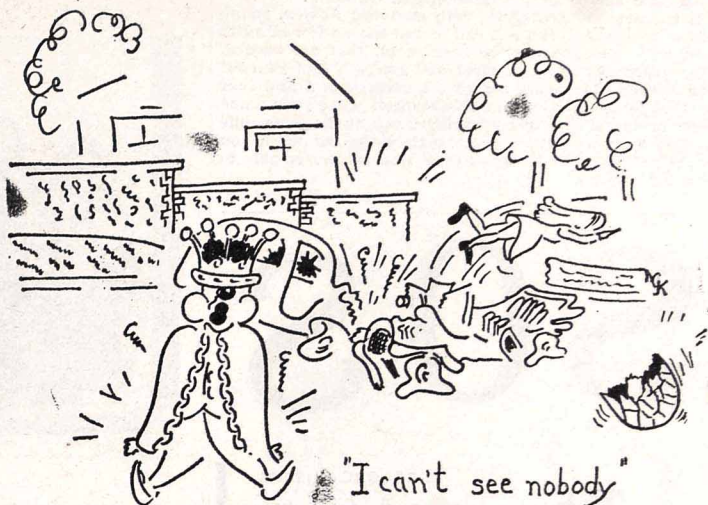
May it not be that what we really need is more shops on the perimeter of Caversham so that a bottle of aspirins or a kipper does not involve a journey to the centre of Caversham, while in the centre the provision of a branch of W. H. Smith's, Boots', Woolworth's and other stores of this kind would save a journey into Reading? Important, however, as shopping is, there are many other matters that are of vital importance for the life of residents in this area. This paper will hope to continue to be the channel through which all residents can express their views so long as those views seek to promote the happiness of the whole population.

John Grimwade

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE: JUNE, 1967—ONE

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

[Existent once again]



"Where IS the Looking Glass?" the King shouted irritably. "It was there last year. Who took it away?"

"I see nobody on the road," said Alice.

"I only wish I had such eyes," the King remarked in a fretful tone. "To be able to see Nobody! And at that distance too!"

"Unless you can see nobody," said Alice, "you shouldn't be driving."

"I always could see nobody when the Mirror was there," grumbled the King.

"We shall never get to Town," shouted Alice impatiently. "Turn right, down the hill."

"I daren't," said the King moodily, "I can't see nobody."

"I'll see you round, then," said Alice, jumping out of the King's car. "You follow me!" And she took a ribbon out of her pocket, marked in inches, and began measuring out the road and putting little pegs in here and there. "At the end of two yards," she said, putting in a peg to mark the distance, "I shall give you your directions to turn to the right — have another biscuit."

Faster! Faster!

At that moment, as Alice shouted to the King to turn right and jumped in beside him, a red sports car, driven by Humpty Dumpty came flashing up St. Peter's Hill, with the Red Queen standing on the back seat, stamping up and down and shaking her arms and crying, "Faster! Faster!"

I Told Them

There was a loud report and Alice found herself floating through the air, over the wall into the gardens of Cliff Dene. Poor Humpty

Dumpty was no more — just a shattered mass of shell. Caversham. In company with all residents of The "Faster! Faster!" suddenly landed with a bump beside Alice. The King, slowly picking himself up from a bed of Peter's Church, they took their life in their hands when they pulled out into the main road.

by
THE WALRUS
With apologies to
Lewis Carroll

I told them once, I told them twice. They would not listen to advice."

If

The disaster might have been worse as, apart from poor Humpty, no one was seriously hurt. It might also have been avoided if the Mirror had still been in position. However, there was a beneficial result, because the King was stirred into action and ordered the Mirror to be reinstated the next day.

As you will have realised, Alice and the King were trying to negotiate the highly lethal right turn out of The

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MURDER AT MIDNIGHT

Picture: Fred Walker

Full marks for Kathleen Lacey's production of Peter Hoar's play "MURDER AT MIDNIGHT" at the Memorial Hall, Mapledurham. All three performances were sold out and one wonders whether this is due to the old faithful who come as a matter of course or whether the play would be equally successful if the Repertory Association decided to stage a guest performance outside Mapledurham. The same question may be asked about other groups performing in various parts of Reading and suburbs. They all enjoy the backing in their own little areas but they are quite unable to spread their wings. They hide behind the excuse that this is "just a hobby" but I consider it poor consolation for all the work that goes into one production. Why is it impossible to arrange guest performances with other groups in between their own productions? Celia Brent was very much in Kathleen Lacey's line. Together

with Ray Lacy as, police inspector, they made a charming and harmonious couple. Norman Griffith's portrayal of the chauffeur was an easy winner, while the public was rightly pleased with the new generation of Mapledurham players — Matthew Vincent, Marian Parmenter and Heather Mumme. Yvonne Taylor's housekeeper — not forgetting Albert Wake and Madge Penny as Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton — rounded up a very good cast.

CAVERSHAM PARK THEATRE introduced itself to the public with "THE BRIDE AND THE BACHELOR" by Ronald Millar at St. Laurence's Hall in Reading where the company intends to stage its productions until a community centre is built at the Caversham Park Village. St. Laurence's Hall seats about 220 spectators and quite a number of full houses represent quite an achievement for a newcomer to this field. I dare say the public

was not disappointed either with the choice of play or with the performance directed by Cecil Hole.

For their first attempt, the Caversham Park Players have exhibited a surprisingly high degree of talent and stage adaptability. I suspect that at least some of them are no newcomers to this venture. Jill Burland and Connie Edwards were quite at home and so were Peter Cockman (The Bachelor) and Allan Morton. I sympathised with Peter Kenwright's brave struggle to portray an American bridegroom and Sheila Chaudhuri's role of the bride. Olive Rowson and Ann Griffin were well chosen for the parts—but during each interval I wished St. Laurence's Hall had a new coat of paint.

Among the eager spectators there were also some members of the Mapledurham Repertory Association, including Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wake.

P.G.

Obituaries

FREDERICK SMALL

Frederick Small, Churchwarden of Mapledurham for 17 years, died on April 11 after a short illness. Just before Easter he returned home from Gambia where he had spent a couple of months with his daughter and son-in-law. On his return, he wrote an article on Gambia for the "Mapledurham Country Churchman" which he had edited for many years. Mr. Small had served Mapledurham in many ways: besides being Churchwarden and editor of the Parish Magazine, he had been Chairman of the Parish Council, a School Manager, and a member of the Memorial Hall Committee. At church he was always to be seen at Mattins and Evensong, but was more interested in Holy Communion than people supposed. He was very enthusiastic about the Parish Communion being held in the evenings on great festivals and about the celebrant facing the people across the altar, together with the increased participation of the laity in the service; and for a time he helped to keep the mid-week Communion service going. He was also keen on Mapledurham and Caversham sharing festivals and always attended the festival Communion at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's. Earlier in his life, before he came to Mapledurham, he had worked for the Y.M.C.A. From his youth he had been a church worker. In his 83rd year when he died, he was still a church worker, but not one to cling to office; he was always ready to give place to a younger man, though glad to carry on if he was wanted. He is greatly missed by many friends in Mapledurham who thank God in every remembrance of him.

JOHN DEAN

John Dean passed away very suddenly and very peacefully on Saturday, April 1, at his home in Berrylands Road.

He had been a member of the staff of Barclays Bank for forty years, and there can be few—if any—people he met in the course of his business duties who were not impressed by his sincerity, kindness and patience. John had recently been elected a Sidesman at St. Peter's Church, and the writer knows how much this pleased him and knows, too, of the pleasure it gave him to serve as a Sidesman for the first time on Easter Sunday morning.

Gentle in his manner and in his speech, he always showed a genuine concern for others.

We who live in Berrylands Road and all who knew Johnny have lost a friend, and our sympathy goes out to Rene, Julian and Janet in their sorrow. Of a truth it can be said of John Dean, "Think of a man as he should be—and he was."

J.N.S.

NUBIA MARSHALL

Rather belatedly we would like to extend our sympathy to the relatives of Mrs. Marshall, late of South Street, who died shortly after Easter.

A keen "Bridge" reader from the beginning, it was always a pleasure to call on her monthly and have a chat. She will be very sadly missed by everyone who knew her.

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Mr. & Mrs. Brown

"I don't think I'll bother to make a change now" says Mr. Brown when he is teased about his wife's prettiness. This is just as well, because Mr. and Mrs. Brown have just celebrated their Golden Wedding.

Mrs. Brown, who has been ill for some time, was hoping to be back in shape in time to celebrate. Plans were well under way when I called at their home in Hemden Road in April, and it was certain the children and grandchildren were getting very excited about the forthcoming event. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been very fortunate in their children, two of whom have settled in Caversham—George

But there wasn't much of a

honeymoon, Mrs. Brown travelled back with her husband to Bath, where he was stationed, but three days later came the posting to France. So the honeymoon had to wait for a long time, until Mr. Brown was demobbed and working back with Suttons, where he remained until his retirement after 51 years' service.

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bers of St. Peter's congregation. Another son is living in the West country with his wife and three children, and their daughter lives in Emmer Green. Between them they have produced eleven grandchildren who are a great joy and delight to Mr. and Mrs. Brown. Scarcely a day passes without a visit from one or more members of the family. Needless to say they are all doing, or planning to do, all kinds of interesting jobs. One grandson for instance works for the "Evening Post" while another, who called when I visited them, has set his heart on veterinary work.

It is obviously going to be a great occasion and we would like to join with their friends and relations in wishing them a very happy continuation of their married life.

Parting reflections

By
David Cliff

Nearly four years ago we came from the slums of Birmingham to live in Caversham Heights. It was a big change. We left dirty dingy streets and back-to-back houses, homes where one cold water tap was the sum total of modern amenities, with a lavatory in the yard shared by half-a-dozen households. We ourselves, newly married, lived on a main arterial road in a decaying Victorian house that had been in turn part of a fire station, a working men's club, a book-maker's residence and a Vicarage. We shared bathroom and kitchen with the occupants of two other flats. To come to Ilkley Road was to enter another world, to be on our own in a delightful house in a peaceful road. How clean Caversham looked, how richly endowed with trees and open spaces, to say nothing of the River Thames, with unique Caversham Court from which to admire it. In our part of Birmingham there were no trees, and a small asphalt playground was the only open space for the thousand families who lived within a stone's throw of it.

PACE

These were the outward things which made such a difference to our daily life. But some of what had meant so much to us in Birmingham was lost in Caversham. The sense of excitement which comes from living near the middle of a big city

was gone, the pace of life slackened appreciably, and we felt that the cutting edge of life, razor-sharp in Birmingham, was here in Reading dulled and blunted.

Whether it's a matter of Thames Valley lethargy, or because in Birmingham time means money, I don't know!

PROBLEMS

My job and its environment could hardly have been more different in the two places. In Birmingham my work had two parts. I was curate in one of the worst down-town parishes, where virtually no one came to church, and where my job evolved into being a link man between the representatives of the various Social Services. Poor and problem families were thick as flies in those over-crowded and under-privileged streets. I was also an Industrial Chaplain, which involved the regular visiting of three large factories.

RESPONSE

I came here to be curate at wealthy and well-supported St. Peter's, though my job grew to include wider responsibilities throughout the Anglican Parish (e.g. Youth Stewardship and the Parish Family Holiday). This is an area where churchgoing still flourishes, where the more traditional work of the Church meets with a response which is, by Birmingham standards, enormous. Here many people find that Christianity still says something meaningful in their lives. There is a wide interest in matters of faith, particularly when opportunity is provided for debate and discussion. There is no shortage of lively and informed minds. I have benefited greatly from meeting and talking with people in

Caversham, and have much valued the opportunities given by continually circulating among the different congregations. It has been a privilege to get to know and to work with Christians of other traditions.

HEEDLESS

The Church here is excellently geared to meet the needs of the Caversham community (largely a residential middle-class suburban one) in a traditional way. But all the world is not like Caversham, and even here thousands remain heedless. Unfortunately the excellent Christian activities in Caversham are not adequate to answer the questions posed by a society which is growing even more de-Christianised. I am not suggesting that those responsible for these activities are self-satisfied. But the Church cannot just transpose its traditional methods and hope to combat the challenges of a growing secularism, where industry and commerce and politics and medicine and education can go on without thought of God.

EQUIPMENT

It is when Christians are confronted with the dilemmas, conflicts of conscience which daily life in today's world throws at them, that they find themselves ill-equipped. It is like being sent to fight in the jungle with equipment designed for the Arctic.

LINK

These are vital problems for the Church, and in my new job I shall not be able to escape them. I shall be working in two worlds at once, as vicar of a small unchanging country parish by the banks of the Severn, and as a member of the Industrial Mission in the un-beautiful industrial carpet town of Kidderminster. What common ground in the Christian Faith can link these two worlds?

RECRUITED THROUGH THE 'BRIDGE'

On April 28 the Berkshire Field Research Group held a meeting at the museum. Two "Bridge" readers were elected as members—I hope it will be the first of many.

In case you are thinking of joining, you might like to know about excavations planned for this summer. Nearest home there may be excavation at the Abbey if the council plans more destruction there. And at Spencer's Farm Dr. Slade will be digging until October. "The more the merrier," he said. Inexperienced volunteers will receive instruction at this dig, which is on Saturday afternoons and Sundays, just north of Maidenhead.

Blenburton Hill, near Wallingford, will be excavated June 24—August 1. Those willing to spend more than ten days should see Mr. Rutland at the Museum. Newbury Museum will be opening a "Druid's Barrow" on Wash Common during August.

These and other semi-private excavations form one of the largest programmes undertaken in the county.

G. K. THOMAS,
Antiquities correspondent.

MAKING YOUR OWN MOVIE

Anyone who complains that there is nothing to do in Reading should make the acquaintance of 22-year-old Joan Hague, who last year won first prize in the silent section of the "Make a Movie" contest, sponsored by the "Evening Post."

As she says, you don't need a lot of very expensive equipment; with her cine camera and with the aid of two small boys, Neil and Mark Griffiths, she was able to make a delightful story called "The Truants." The story is woven round the finding of a 10s. note, which the boys spend on a day at the zoo, paying truant from school, and many of the incidents were quite accidental, like Mark falling over and grazing his knees. Both the young actors thoroughly enjoyed themselves. All this may sound complicated, but to anybody as interested as Joan is in photography, it is quite within the bounds of possibility. In fact she goes further. She says that anyone owning nothing more than a tape recorder would find it well worthwhile joining the Reading Cine and Tape Recording Society, a thriving organisation which recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. Their aim is to encourage the lone worker rather than those who prefer to work in groups. This doesn't mean that the society never works together; in fact the group has worked with hospitals to make tape recordings for patients to send to their relatives all over the world. Ann Armstrong, the well-known local respondent and correspondent of the "Evening Post" is among the many who have seen films made by members.

Not all the members aim to become professionals, but Joan herself, who works at the BBC, is well on the way to making photography her career. This month she is transferring to the Film Department, where she hopes eventually to be able to work on film editing. She was given her first camera at the age of 14, and only acquired her cine camera three years ago.



Her other hobbies have had to take a back seat recently, but for any young person who is not particularly interested in cine photography and who wants to find things to do, she recommends membership of the Central Club in Chain Street where, for a nominal fee, there are all manner of hobbies waiting to be tackled. Until recently Joan herself was keen on sailing among other things. As she says, there is no need for anyone in Reading to be wasting their time.

For those who are interested, the annual membership fee of the

Cine and Tape Recording Society is £1 5s. and the secretary, Rita Noyes, 4, Froxfield Avenue, will be pleased to give anyone particulars. At the moment Joan is working on a film she took while on holiday in Canada and the U.S.A.; naturally the Niagara Falls will figure largely in this.

May we wish Joan every success in her new job. For the moment she will be commuting from her home in All Hallows Road, so we shall still be seeing her in Caversham, and anyone who has the chance to see any of her films should certainly do so.

U.N. MODEL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

David Cropp, of Caversham, who is an undergraduate at Birmingham University, recently attended the Model General Assembly of the United Nations. He has sent the Caversham Bridge this report:

"From March 29 to April 1 the 3rd United Nations Model General Assembly was held at Church House, Westminster. Five hundred students from Universities all over Great Britain took their places as representatives of the member states of the U.N.

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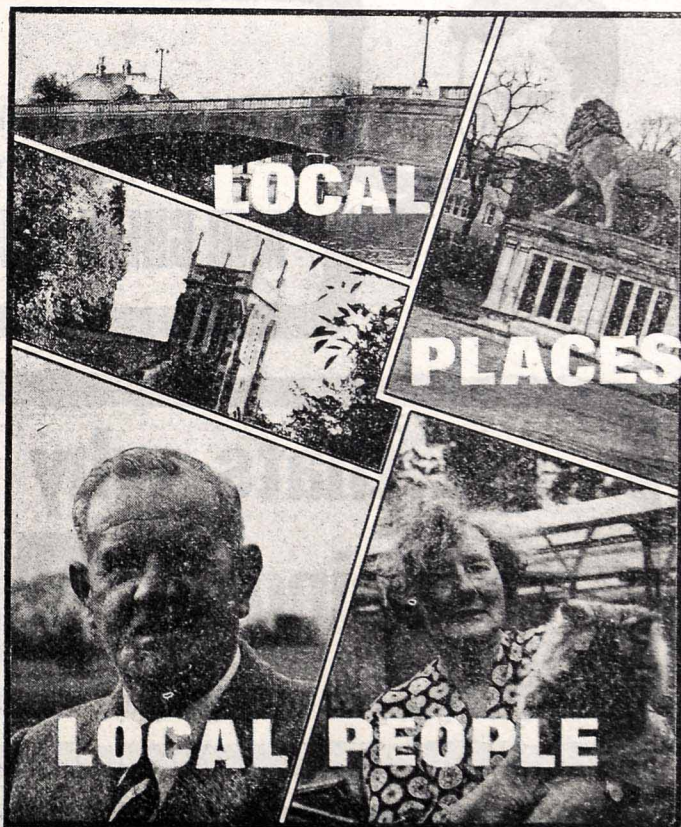
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H. Godwin Arnold says: "Must This House Go?"

In the centre of Caversham Park stands a large neo-Georgian mansion—this is Caversham Place, built in 1924. The cost in those far-off days was £5,678. For two years the Reading Civic Society has tried without success to secure its preservation.

Whenever the preservation of a building is discussed there are at least four questions which must be considered:

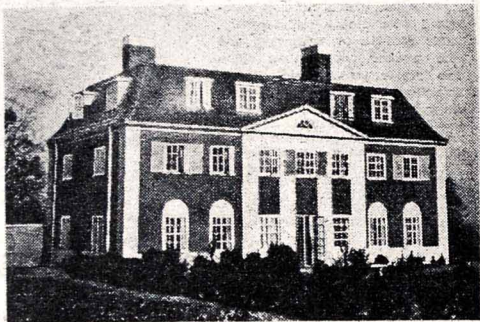
Is it worth it?
What use is it?
Who will pay?
Who cares?

IS IT WORTH IT? What is the interest of the house? The house was built for Major General Sir Cecil Pereira for his own occupation. His architect was Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis, who is widely known for his beautiful village of Portmeirion on the coast of Merionethshire. His works are not numerous but are of distinctive quality. There is a certain irony in the fact that, were he dead, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government would be able to "list" buildings by him as "worthy of preservation." However, at 94, he obstinately persists in living and wrote recently that he had firmly resisted an accidental attempt to kill him by motor car. He writes: "Being a strong supporter of civic societies, and having inaugurated several such myself, I am delighted to give Reading's any help I can. My client for the house

was an old comrade-in-arms, General Pereira, of the Coldstream Guards, brother of the Monsignor Pereira who had his Catholic Seminary at Caversham Park, and who sold the General the plot where I built. It was a very large family—hence the number of bedrooms." As it is not for the architect to praise his own work, one should add that it is a good example of the neo-Georgian domestic architecture of the period.

WHAT USE IS IT? When discussions with the developers started in 1965, their own suggestion was that, considering the value they would put on the site of the house as building land, only

a brewery company would be likely to be able to afford to buy it. The Civic Society did not hear of any success in this direction, and between January, 1965, and the present, has tried to interest various bodies in finding a use for the house. Henley R.D.C. were sympathetic, but by the time they had expressed their opinion outline planning consent had already been given for housing on the site. Approaches were made to James Butcher's Housing Association, Elizabeth Fry Homes and Cheshire Homes, but although each in turn was interested, none of them accepted. Lastly, the Caversham Park Village Association was approached as it



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MAPLEDURHAM HOUSE

by
Justine Mair

Over a thousand people visited Mapledurham House on Easter Sunday and about the same number did so on Easter Monday, and indeed the Eyston family were a little overwhelmed at the extent of the interest. I think everyone appreciated having something local to see on a holiday weekend without having to go far on the roads, or even having to go on them at all as the walk from Caversham along the Warren is most pleasant.

was thought that the house might be suitable for the community building which the village requires and for which public money may be hard to find. They find that it is an old building which would require considerable maintenance and which is not even pleasant to look at. Its multitudinous small rooms are not what are needed for a community centre, and it would be expensive and difficult to heat.

WHO WILL PAY? This question overlaps with the last. A person or a body which has a use for it will count the cost and see whether it is worth it. If none such comes forward then the house will come down and something of quality will have been created only to be destroyed.

WHO CARES? Oxfordshire County Council, after considering representations by the Caversham Park Village Association and Reading Civic Society, decided that the house was not of sufficient architectural value to deserve to be kept. The

Much has been written already in the local Press about the history of Mapledurham House, and for many of us it has been sad to see this magnificent old house mouldering away. Necessary repairs to roof and stone mullions have been extremely costly, but after this work had been almost finished it was discovered last year that the floor of the big drawing room, known to have been

Ministry of Housing has power to make a Preservation Order but, as has been said, are restricted to the work of dead architects. In any case, their resources are not such that they can frequently engage in struggles to preserve buildings for which there is no local enthusiasm. Where local interest and planning committees conflict they can side against the planners. But this is not a case which is worth such a conflict.

Surely this is a sad waste? Can none of your readers help to find a new use for it?

weak, had developed dry rot which had in fact so eaten into the brickwork that it was doubtful whether the floor would have survived another winter. Had Mr. Eyston known this when he embarked on the work of restoration, his courage might have failed. It has certainly needed great courage to undertake this work. Grants do get given for houses like this but they do not cover nearly everything and, quite apart from money, time is needed to reawaken a building which has lain partially asleep for years. The pictures are clean, the furniture repaired; Mr. Eyston's mother picked up the charming boudoir curtains at a sale in Scotland; his aunt found the beautiful mantelpiece in the dining room. At this opening weekend the lovely flower arrangements were a great help.

But I am sure Mr. Eyston will agree that, quite apart from further big repairs and redecorations, there are endless smaller details such as perhaps books in the library and possibly later on the dining room table could be laid with some good china and glass, which will make the house of continuing interest to local inhabitants who will return each year to see what has been achieved since their former visit.



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VICTORIAN JUNKETING

Eighty years ago this June, all England was rejoicing on the occasion of the golden jubilee of Queen Victoria. We re-print this month the account of Caversham's celebrations as described in the parish magazine. If there are any of our readers who remember this day, we should be delighted to hear from them and to reproduce any photographs of the events of the day in Caversham.

"Tuesday, June 21, the long-expected day, which dawned beautifully fine, was ushered in early in the morning by the booming of cannon and the hoisting of the ensign of St. George on the church tower, from which the bells pealed forth merrily, being set swinging to a date touch of 1887 changes. Divine Service, which was fully choral, was held at 10 a.m. The appointed Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving was used, the music of the Te Deum being that composed by the late Dr. Dykes. The anthem was the well-known 'Awake, O happy nation,' the execution of which, together with the whole musical portion of the service, reflected the greatest credit on the organist and choir. A short and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. J. G. Chester.

1,200 CHILDREN

Shortly afterwards the children of the parish, to the number of 1,200, assembled at the schools and headed by the Henley and Peppard Band (that of the R.M.C. having failed to keep its engagement at the eleventh hour), marched to Balmore, which had been thrown open by the kindness of General Radcliffe. Here they massed and to the music of a second band, composed mostly of stringed instruments sang the National Anthem and "God bless the

Prince of Wales" with pleasing effect.

PUNCH AND JUDY

Having been regaled with buns and milk, a rush was made to the 18 swings, the Royal Punch and Judy Show and other amusements provided for them. At 1 p.m. the adults, to the number of 500, sat down to an excellent dinner, served by Mr. C. Turner, two of those who were present being vividly reminded of a somewhat similar entertainment in which they had taken their part during the peace rejoicings of 1814.

SIEGE OF READING

It is interesting to note that the dinner was served on the identical spot where a skirmish was fought during the siege of Reading in 1643. At the conclusion, hearty cheers were given for the Queen, the Vicar and General Radcliffe.

In addition to a coconut bowling alley, etc., which was well patronised during the afternoon, a long list of sports, which lasted without intermission from 1.30 p.m. till past 8 o'clock, was carried out without a hitch, great enthusiasm being displayed by the onlookers, who crowded round the quarter-mile enclosure, which had been roped and staked with flag decorations.

We regret that space does not allow us to give a detailed account of the racing etc.; it is enough to say that the greatest excitement was evoked by the sack, obstacle and bucket races, together with the tug-of-war between Caversham and Emmer Green (in which the former were declared victors), not to mention the menagerie race in which Mr. A. Cooper's black cat scored first honours, Mr. J. H. Cooper's white drake coming in second. The prizes, in number about 70, including a marble clock, watch, writing cases, etc., were awarded to the winners at the conclusion by Mrs. Radcliffe.

At 4 p.m. the children sat down to tea, the Ladies' Committee having their hands more than full in providing for the wants of so many hungry mouths. The adults followed, but owing to the enormous and totally unexpected number that presented themselves, we fear that many who were entitled to a tea did not get their deserts. Good humour however, prevailed and shortcomings, we hope, were forgotten as the shades of night began to fall, when a grand Chinese lantern procession, numbering 200, emerged from behind the trees and breaking up into two companies, perambulated the grounds, finally joining together and marching up the centre, rallied in mass and sang the National Anthem and other patriotic songs.

FIREWORKS

The candles beginning to burn low, a very fine display of fireworks by C. T. Brock and Co., which were said to quite eclipse the display on the Reading recreation ground, wound up the proceedings shortly before 11 p.m. in a most satisfactory manner.

NO DISORDER

Perhaps the happiest feature of all in connection with the Jubilee Celebration was that though there were 5,000 persons estimated to be present, not an angry word was heard, nor was there a single case of disorder of any sort or kind, either in the grounds or village throughout the day.

LOYALTY

We ought not to omit to mention the loyalty displayed in the village by the numerous flags, shields and devices which adorned the streets, Bridge Street in this respect being particularly noticeable, while the illuminations at night in some of the houses were highly artistic and brilliant."

HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY

Work is nearly completed on the improvements to the Westfield Road Almshouses, and we draw our readers' attention to an advertisement on this page, inviting elderly residents to apply. Three of the former occupants will be returning and this leaves three vacancies. The interior of the premises has been almost entirely rebuilt, electrically installed and each set of rooms has a modern kitchen and its own bathroom. When the work is completed we shall hope to publish photographs of the striking change that has been made. The charity has now been incorporated into the Reading Municipal (Church) Charities. The Rector of Caversham, Mr. C. V. Burnside, Churchwarden, and Mr. W. H. R. Wright have been appointed to a sub-committee to deal with these houses.

101 NOT OUT

There were high jinks at Arthur Clarke Old People's Home recently when "Granny" Gale celebrated her 101st birthday. There was a huge cake, in which everybody shared, and many other good things as well.

Unfortunately "Granny" complained of being too sleepy to be interviewed when we called on her. But we understand that she is still quite alert, and joins her friends regularly every day for meals. "She is always down before me for breakfast," says one of the residents. Must be the secret of her long life.

Our very best wishes to "Granny" and may she live to celebrate many more birthdays.

GAZEBO IN CAVERSHAM COURT

Many people who are in the habit of visiting Caversham Court Gardens and sitting for a while beside the placid waters of the Thames will have noticed the small brick building at the western end of the gardens, now partially hidden by trees, and would like to know something about it.

17th CENTURY

Built probably in the early 17th century, the walls at the base are of flint and brick and the upper part is timber-framed with brick infilling, which appears to have been renewed in about 1750. The upper part of this two-storey building is approached from the North by a causeway and entered through a pair of Georgian doors. It contains what appear to be original Jacobean windows on the South, East and West.

which when it was first built, before the trees and evergreens practically engulfed it, would have afforded fine views up and down the river — hence the name for such garden rooms — gazebo. Many stately homes have these rooms which are a feature of the garden lay-out, like those at Montacute, in Somerset, but so far as can be ascertained, the Caversham Court Gazebo is possibly the only remaining one of its period overlooking the Thames.



Picture: National Buildings Record.

UNIQUE

This unique, attractive little building, which is of considerable local historic interest, most certainly should be preserved for the enjoyment of future generations. Unfortunately, it has been allowed to get into a bad condition, although it has been the property of the Corporation for many years and the lower part is used as a garden store.

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OUR JUNE FESTIVALS

We give this month details of our services on our three parish festivals that fall in June. The sermons this year have been planned with our preparations for Key Fortnight in mind, and it is very much hoped that all members of the Key Group who are committed to praying and working for Key Fortnight will be able to be present. The observance of these festivals by members of all our four congregations worshipping at the festival church has a long tradition in this parish, but of recent years attendance has been very much better; we are particularly grateful to our choirs for the trouble they take over the music at these services. We hope that in addition to tea being served on the lawns of St. Barnabas' and St. John's some entertainment will also be provided before Evensong.

EMBLEY PARK

There are still some vacancies for the third week of the parish holiday (August 19-26). Anyone who will be there the previous week can stay on for the last week if they wish. Enquiries to the Rectory please.

ZAMBIA IS OUR CONCERN

After the findings of the No Small Change groups which met in 1966 had made it apparent that there was a strong desire to establish a link with a particular diocese overseas, the Church Council invited Canon Kingsnorth, of the U.S.P.G., to speak to them and have agreed that money voted for the work of the Church overseas and not allocated to any other specific project or society shall be given for work in the diocese of Zambia. It is our intention as a parish to focus our overseas study on this parish and a small committee has been asked to consider how best we can forge links with the Church in Zambia. They will be reporting to the Church Council in the autumn.

ROBERT ANDREW ARRIVES

25, Ilkley Road, has not been without a young member for long. Joanna Clift is now succeeded by Robert Andrew Scott-Dempster who was born on April 30, and we congratulate him on his choice of parents.

St. Peter's News

NO EMPTY SEATS

Some 75 extra chairs were taken to the parish church for the first Key Fortnight invitation service on Sunday, April 23. And every one was needed. It is estimated that some 530 people squeezed into St. Peter's for the biggest congregation that anyone can remember. We were delighted to have children from Caversham Primary and Hemdean House Schools taking part. As it was St. George's Day the lesson readers appeared with buttonholes of red roses, and the specially devised service was much appreciated by all who attended. We look forward to seeing the church as full again at the second service on September 24.

THE BISHOP OF OXFORD
Clergy of the Reading and Henley Deaneries have a combined meeting at Caversham with the Bishop of Oxford on June 20. The Bishop will celebrate Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m. and it is hoped that in addition to the clergy, many members of our congregation will be present. The clergy will be breakfasting afterwards in Toc H, and have a meeting later with the Bishop in the Rectory garden, provided the weather permits.

REGATTA EVENING

The Social Committee hope to have the usual regatta evening in the Rectory garden on Friday, June 9. This was much enjoyed last year and we look forward to a warm June evening.

ALSO IN THE GARDEN

The Mothers' Union will have their June meeting (Tuesday, 13th) in the Rectory garden, and St. Andrew's members follow them with a barbecue the same evening.

ST. PETER'S WIVES' GROUP

A dressmaking demonstration will be given by "Vilene" in Church House on Tuesday, June 20 at 8 p.m. New members are welcome. For further information ring Mrs. B. L. Fowler at 74420.

CAVERSHAM PARISH PATRONAL FESTIVALS

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"God Loves Us"

On both these days tea will be served in the church grounds from 4 p.m. On St. Barnabas' Day, Evensong will not be sung in the other three churches of the parish.

ST. PETER'S DAY
THURSDAY, JUNE 29
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St. John's News

SEVEN AGES

Over 200 people attended the first Invitation Service held at St. John's. Seven different age groups took part. Their age range stretched from the Infants in St. John's School to members of the Old Age Pensioners Group. Each age group were offered five minutes to offer some typical aspects of their daily lives as their worship to God.

It was a splendid occasion, both a worthy act of worship and a thoroughly enjoyable and happy service, with something very relevant and meaningful for all ages to watch, to listen to and to join in. The following morning on the way to work, people were asking each other "Were you there last night?" If you wish to be present at the next Invitation Service book the date

now. It is on September 24. This will also be our Harvest Festival, so if you wish to sit down be there in good time.

KEY HOUSE GROUPS

Every member of the congregation has been invited to attend two meetings in a house in their neighbourhood. The purpose of these meetings is to explain to everyone the purpose and arrangements for Key Fortnight, and to discuss how best each person can help prepare for it. At the second meeting there will be a service of dedication and prayer for God's blessing on the Fortnight and all taking part. If anyone has been accidentally left off the lists of those to be invited, and would like to attend or hear more about these meetings, they should get in touch either with Mr. Nicholls or the priest-in-charge.

St. Andrew's News

SUMMER FAIR

This year the Fair will be on Saturday, July 1. It will be opened by Canon Nash, the former Rector. The Fair will be run on lines similar to last year. Members of the congregation are asked to bear the various stalls in mind during the coming weeks—greengrocery, books, white elephants, bottles, groceries, cakes, needlework, etc. Proceeds for the Church Hall Funds.

TEEN ACTION GROUP

The Teen Action Group continues to go from strength to strength. The programme for June is as follows:

- 4 Consideration for the Social Survey.
 - 11 Open evening for parents.
 - 18 A U.S.P.G. film.
 - 25 Talk and discussion "Why Go To Communion?"
- New members always welcome.

ORGAN RECITAL

The priest-in-charge will give an organ recital after Evensong on Sunday, June 4.

FRANK AND PHYLLIS LITTLE

It is always sad to say "goodbye," and we have particular reason in the case of Frank and Phyllis Little who, apart from anything else, have been splendid company; not many have had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Slindon, Phyllis' 90-year-old mother (a little more than that too), but she, like them, has a good sense of humour, and with their going there will be a few less laughs in this part of Caversham.

In addition, St. John's is very much in debt to Frank, who has been treasurer for the last two years, so far only a debt of gratitude but there is hope yet. He has been a very efficient and willing worker, who will be badly missed.

We wish all three every happiness in their new home in Woodcote.

Churches of Caversham

St. Paul's Presbyterian News

St. Paul's fulfils the need for a place of worship in a locality which is devoid of any other Church, but, paradoxically, its membership (about 120) is made up of approximately 75% of members who live not less than two miles from its doors and only 25% who live in the vicinity. Nevertheless, more local residents enter the premises through the media of a very flourishing and active Darby and Joan Club, run by the W.R.V.S., on Tuesday afternoons and the Women's Guild which is held on Thursday afternoons, by regular adherents to the Sunday services of worship.

The government of the Presbyterian Church is twofold. The spiritual side is the prerogative of the Session, which is composed of the Minister, who is also chairman and Elders, which in our case number 11. The Elders are nominated and elected by the congregation and serve for life. The Session has an oversight of all the organisations within the Church and concerns itself in the aims and the progress of these organisations, without interfering with the running of them. Amongst other duties, the Elder undertakes to visit the members and adherents in his district not less than six times a year and in the course of these visits, Church and other matters are freely discussed. These visits are in addition to those made throughout the year by the Minister and serve a useful purpose in keeping the congregation well informed of what their Church is doing. The financial side of the Church is governed by the Deacons, who serve for three

years at a time and are elected by the congregation at the annual Congregational Meeting which is usually held in February. The deaconate, consisting of all Deacons and Elders, has control of all income. It also has the responsibility of spending it in the wisest manner to maintain and upkeep the buildings and grounds and to meet the obligatory demands of the Presbytery of London North, to which we belong. A good deaconate is necessary in these hard financial times and we are fortunate in St. Paul's to have a first-rate deaconate.

The Junior Church is held on Sunday mornings and is divided into three groups; the beginners, the primary and the intermediates. The older children come into church for the first part of the morning worship and leave after about 15 minutes, to go to their own departments for further instruction. The younger members of the Junior Church assemble and remain in the Church Hall until the finish of Junior Church. There is also an older group which meets on Sunday afternoons for what ultimately, we hope, will become full Church membership.

Youth activities throughout the week are held in the evenings and include Scout Cubs (Mondays), Scouts (Tuesdays), Girl's Club (Fridays) and a mixed Youth Club (Saturdays). These groups often give valuable assistance at functions organised by the social committee (a sub-committee of the deacon's Court responsible for organising all social functions), as well as enjoying the fellowship of members of their own age group.

For the ladies of the congregation there is an organisation called the Monthly Club, where guest speakers talk or lecture with slides on a variety of subjects, such as floral arrangement, meat butchery, travel, wild life, civic duties, etc.; these meetings are held on Tuesday evenings and even the men can attend. There is no specific male organisation in our church, perhaps because our menfolk are kept busy with the upkeep of the grounds and premises or baby-sitting, to allow their wives to attend meetings.

Whichever organisation with our church you may belong to, you will find the same friendly atmosphere and spirit. An open invitation is extended to anyone to come along whenever you please.

St. Anne's News

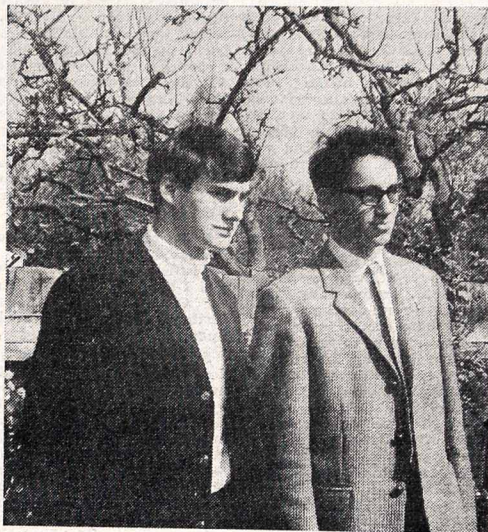
The Ukrainian exiles in Reading celebrated their Easter solemnity by having a Mass at St. Anne's at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday, April 30. This was followed by lunch at St. Anne's Hall with the traditional breaking of eggs.

On May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman, His Grace the Most Rev. George Patrick Dwyer, blessed and rededicated the house chapel at Mapledurham House before a large and representative gathering. The ceremony of blessing was followed by Mass at which His Grace preached.

He congratulated Mr. John Eyston on the successful conclusion of the formidable task of restoration of the house and chapel. They are both monuments to the courage and tenacity of families who remained faithful to their religion at a time of great difficulty.

To avoid some difficulties which are being experienced, St. Anne's Mixed Youth Club will be open to members only unless otherwise announced.

Caversham Heights Methodists' News



OFF TO ISRAEL next month for a working holiday are John White (left) and Stephen Klein. They have won a £100 travel scholarship from Reading School to study the economy of the kibbutzim (collectively owned farming communities). The idea was Stephen's. He is Jewish and has read a good deal about these communities. John, a Methodist at Caversham Heights, was enthusiastic about it and they decided to apply together for the scholarship.

To claim the award they had to make out a detailed case explaining what they wished to study and how they would set about it. They also had to prepare a budget showing how much the expedition would cost. While in Israel they will keep a record of their visits and will make a report on their return.

Stephen and John are both sixth formers at Reading School. Stephen is interested in sociology and wants to study it at university. John hopes to read politics and economics. Both should find their journey a useful and stimulating experience.

THESE SHOES ARE MADE FOR WALKING

A pleasant Sunday stroll Greys, Highmoor, Stoke 25 miles of it—was taken by 13 young pioneers of the Caversham Heights Methodist Young People's Squash, on April 9. It wasn't just the sunshine and the beauty of the countryside, though, that took them away from their Sunday dinners.

Each walker was sponsored by church members and friends for so much a mile walked, and the proceeds went to the Methodist Relief Fund. It turned out an expensive day for the backers, because everyone managed to finish the course, despite sore and blistered feet and aching limbs. The Methodist Relief Fund gained £40 from the enterprise.

In case you are thinking of taking a leisurely look at the beauties of Oxfordshire, here is the route they took: along the towpath to Henley, thence by country lanes to

Gosbrook Road Methodist Church News

At the Sunday evening service on April 9, a beautiful oak lectern was dedicated in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. George E. Sutton and their son, the late "Ted" Sutton.

Mr. George Sutton was for many years a member and Deacon of Castle Street Congregational Church and later until his health no longer permitted, he was a regular attendant at Gosbrook Road Methodist Church.

"Ted" Sutton grew up in this church and gave to it much service. Subsequently he joined the Anglican Church where he did valuable work as a Lay Reader.

It is very fitting that they should be commemorated in this way as they were both "Craftsmen in Wood," their wood turnery business being well known in the town and very many churches in the district contain candlesticks and other furnishings made by them.

The lectern was made by a member of the church, Mr. Ivan Holley, of Messrs. A.D.W. Ltd., High Wycombe.

Youth Week- Easter 1967

By Ray Bradbury

In May's "Caversham Bridge" there was a short note as to how the Youth Week of Caversham was going and I am pleased to be able to say that the remainder of the week was very pleasant for everybody.

One youngster who came on the whole week wrote this:—

"The week started with a pilgrimage to Guildford Cathedral, a good outing for the beginning of the week."

On Tuesday morning we visited the Natural History Museum in Kensington and many people liked the idea of being allowed to look round the museum by themselves, instead of in one big party, as more can be seen in the limited time. In the afternoon we went to see the "Mousetrap" in a small theatre, the play being very entertaining. Wednesday, Kew Gardens, which was a very good place for an afternoon outing.

Thursday afternoon was spent on a treasure hunt around the local area.

To Cheddar Gorge and Salisbury on Friday, and apart from being the longest trip, it was perhaps the most exciting day.

Saturday we went to London Airport which was very interesting and I think a little more time could have been spent there than a few hours.

On the whole most people

enjoyed it, although there were some doubts from a few people on days like Monday and Thursday. On my part it was a most entertaining week and I would enjoy going again."

As leader of the week I would like to say just a few words. First of all I would like to thank many people—the priests of Caversham for showing so much interest in the week, Ray Turner, for all the work he did in the St. John's district, mothers who kindly gave up time to come and help prepare the teas, in particular those who came on Thursday as they had such a hectic time, and finally, but not least the 40 youngsters who came on the outings. Those who went all the week seemed to get on exceptionally well together and the lad that wrote the piece above did not know anyone at the beginning, but soon got to know them and they all mixed very well together.

With other things permitting there will be another week next Easter of which details will be out at about Christmas time. If you would like to join us please come, as you will be very welcome, but do not leave it too long before you make up your mind to come as next year it is likely that places will go very rapidly as provisional bookings are already coming in from those who came this year.

MAPLEDURHAM P.C.C. Hears About Key Fortnight

When Father Gibbard visited Mapledurham P.C.C. to speak about the Key Fortnight at Caversham, after some questions had been asked, he suggested a resolution that "this Council wishes to have nothing to do with the Key Fortnight." Strange as it might seem, so from now on 1967 will be no second year was found to this resolution.

The Council, who had heard of the success of the spring time invitation service at St. Peter's, were unanimously agreed that St. Margaret's should take full advantage of the offer of the Rector to allow them to share in the Key Fortnight, so from now on 1967 will be Key Year in Mapledurham as well as in Caversham.

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St. Barnabas' News

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ST. BENET'S

On September 2, St. Benet's will hold their annual fete and, as is the tradition, members of St. Barnabas' Church have made themselves responsible for the produce stall. If you have some spare ground now, why not grow some kind of fruit, flowers or vegetables for that stall.

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CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS

MRS. BIRTWISTLE presided at the meeting held on April 20, in place of MRS. HAYDON who was attending the T.W.G. Drama Festival at St. Lawrence's Hall.

A talk was given entitled "Dressmaking Today" by the Vilene Lecture Service.

SOCIAL STUDIES. The group met on April 4 when MISS JOYCE WOODFORD spoke on her work as a Children's Librarian.

INTERNATIONAL. The group have met twice during the last month. The first meeting took the form of a coffee evening at "Clonmel," St. Andrew's Road. The guest speaker was MR. CHUDLEIGH, a biology graduate, who spent a year in South America through

the International Voluntary Service. A raffle was held with prizes donated by members of the group which resulted in a donation of £2 8s. 6d. being made to the funds of the I.V.S. The second meeting was on April 12 when the speaker was MRS. BEAN, wife of the rector of St. Lawrence's Church, who spent six months in Washington on an exchange visit. This was a most stimulating evening and Mrs. Bean was a charming speaker who gave very much the woman's view of the differences between the way of life in the U.S.A. and Great Britain.

CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON

Twelve ladies from the Arthur Clark Home were invited to tea and entertained by the Jenner School of Dancing. This was arranged as in previous years by the Chiltern Group.

At the April meeting MRS. PHYLLIS HADLEY interested members with a lively talk on "Life in America." Discussions were then held on programme planning for next year.

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

EMMER GREEN

Our congratulations to the Drama Group on winning the cup at the Berkshire and North Hampshire Drama Festival.

At our April meeting a glimpse into what houses and towns may look like in the future was given by MR. BRIAN GALLOWAY who gave an enlightening illustrated talk on "Towns of the Future." A short talk was also given by MISS FORSYTHE on the work done both at home and abroad by the International Voluntary Service. The plant market was well supported.

Our rummage sale on the following Saturday once again proved well worthwhile.

Next meeting, June 13, a speaker from the National Dairy Council. New members welcome.

Dear Editor,

There are references in the social survey published in last month's "Caversham Bridge" to the need felt for more shops in Caversham.

You asked me to comment on this in the light of a report which you said had reached you about the recently formed Caversham Residents' Association, to the effect that some of its Executive Committee were "against any development at all." You also indicated, though I was not clear on what grounds, that the Executive Committee had, in your view, been claiming to represent views on behalf of Caversham Residents when in fact those views had not been ascertained.

As you can imagine, my Committee was not exactly pleased by these charges. I am very glad of an opportunity to answer them.

First, the Executive Committee is certainly not opposed either individually or collectively, to all development in Caversham. The Committee has no right, and would not wish, to express any views whatever on development in Caversham except those which it has reason to believe are strongly held by the residents whom it seeks to represent.

So far the only views on any development plan which have been given wide public expression were those revealed at the Inquiry last autumn into the proposal for a shopping precinct in Church Street. I understand that at that time nearly 1,000 signatures were collected in only five days to a

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petition opposing the scheme, the Traders' Association opposed it, and the feeling at a public meeting opposed it. When very shortly after its formation, the Executive Committee of the Residents' Association dis-

covered that a new, almost identical proposal had just been submitted to the council, it felt bound therefore to draw immediate attention to the earlier opposition, and ask that, before any final decision was taken, the residents should have a chance to express their views. All the Committee's energies since that date have been concentrated on putting across this one message, "before you decide what to do with our roads and our shops and our houses, tell us what is proposed, and give us a chance to say what we think about it."

I do not think this could reasonably be construed as opposition to all development, and I hope you will agree that the Committee has not gone further than it reasonably could.

Secondly, I suggest that the desire for more shops revealed by the "Bridge" survey is not by any means incompatible with the opposition shown last autumn to the Church Street precinct. More shops may well be wanted. But the survey does not say where, or what kind, or how many. The Residents' Association can clearly help to convey this demand if

it can be given more precise definition.

This brings me to my third point. The Committee is most anxious to build up membership, and to improve its contact with residents. If there is enough demand for it, we hope to have a further public meeting as soon as possible. In the meantime, if anyone has views they want to put forward on ANY aspect of development in Caversham, they will be most welcome. The names of the Executive Committee and the address of the Secretary are below.

Yours faithfully,
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Dear Editor,

Through the "Bridge" my committee wishes to thank all Caversham and Emmer Green people who so generously contributed both to our house-to-house collection by donating more than £300 towards the total of £853 and also those who walked or sponsored walkers in the walk organised by Reading Y.H.A. for the fund, and helped to raise £1,145. The Save the Children Fund helps more than 200,000 children every day, so vast sums of money are needed for this work and we are most grateful to you for all your help.

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Caversham	Caversham Heights
June	
4 Rev. A. E. Ward.	11.00 Rev. E. B. Wright.
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11 Rev. P. W. Luxton.	11.00 Rev. E. B. Wright.
Mr. C. Fowler (6.30).	4.00 Rev. E. B. Wright (1).
18 Rev. E. B. Wright.	11.00 Mr. J. S. Marsh.
Mr. P. Davies.	6.30 Rev. P. W. Luxton.
25 Mr. D. L. Colborne.	11.00 Rev. E. B. Wright.
Mr. J. W. Gregory.	6.30 Mr. E. Ripley.

Note: (1) Sunday School Anniversary.

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4 11 a.m., 2.45 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.	Sunday School Anniversary.
Rev. A. J. Potts.	
11 Association Sunday	
11 a.m., Mr. R. Brown.	
6.30 p.m., Rev. P. A. Outen.	
18 11 and 6.30, Rev. L. S. Lewis—Morning Communion.	
25 11 and 6.30, Rev. L. S. Lewis.	

June 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 (Balmore Hall and Hemdean House School)
12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 2nd Sunday).

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 (not 1st and 2nd Sundays).

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)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 2nd and 3rd Sundays).

St. Barnabas

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.15 a.m. Family Eucharist
9.15 a.m. Sunday School (Church Hall)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (4th Sunday, 5.15 p.m.)

St. Margaret's, Mapledurham

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays)
9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

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8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Mass.

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(except 1st Sunday when at 8.30 a.m.).

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Service 3rd Sunday.

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5 Susan Lunnion

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April

2 David Jones

Philip Knowles

St. Andrew's

March

19 Rupert Bancroft

Nigel Perrin

April

16 Susan Ricks

Caversham Methodist Church

March

5 Paula Sumner

CONFIRMED

(St. John's Congregation)

April

18 Clifford Haines

MARRIED

St. Peter's

March

11 Michael Slack and Marian

Watkins

April

1 Geoffrey Weller and Julio

Vaughan

Toni Sabine and Jacqueline

Turner

St. John's

March

4 Geoffrey Young and Susan

Wyatt

St. Andrew's

March

29 Frank Beetham and Ruth

Blanksby

April

1 Simon Milner and Rosalind

Downard

St. Barnabas

March

4 Peter Jenner and Jennifer

Barnett

11 Gordon Taylor and Patricia

Leadley

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March

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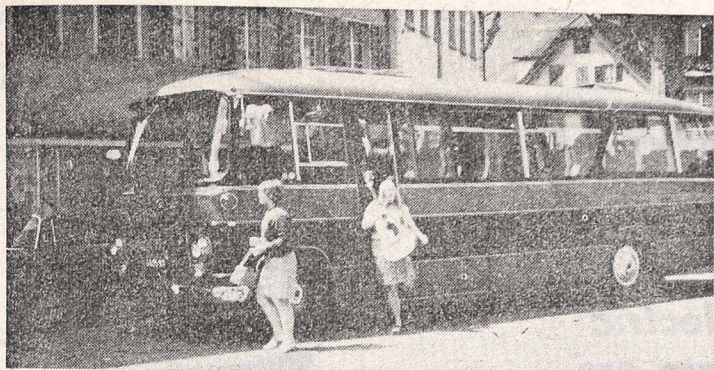
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WELCOME 'INVASION' OF BRITISH HOMES

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For the youngsters it was the opportunity of a lifetime to gain an overall impression of the British way of life, as well as to visit the Continent. They stayed with English families in the Home Counties, Hampshire, Devon and Somerset, attended a course at St. John's, Beaumont College, Old Windsor, Berks., where they were given lectures on the English historical and cultural background.

By Joan Best

There were visits to Runnymede, Windsor Castle and Eton, and finally they went on a coach tour of Europe, through Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Italy and France.

The first course was such a success that on July 11 this year over 120 young Americans as well as 20 Greek teenagers will be arriving in London.

HAND PICKED

Anyone eager to play host to these young visitors should contact Mrs. Betty Stickney through the Summer Schools at 133/5, Oxford

Street, in London. She is herself the mother of a large family and is responsible for making the homestay arrangements. She certainly has a task on her hands this year with over 140 teenagers to plan for from July 23 — August 11.

Great care is taken in choosing the right families. Not only should they be in easy reach of London, but they must have a child of the same sex and age as their visitors, be able to provide facilities for the students to follow their own particular interests such as tennis or riding, and be generally prepared to show them around and make them feel at home. Quite a job.

But last year Mrs. Stickney managed so well that she didn't have a single complaint, and the majority of families are having students to stay again this year.

Her secret is that she personally visits the families so that she can discuss the interests and background of the students with them. She also insists that the American parents correspond with the families before they send their children to England, to discuss any matters of a personal nature and to form a link between the two families.

A PLEASURE

Many of the English families still write to their young guests, and all were very enthusiastic about the young Americans. To quote just a couple: "The two American girls are quite delightful, and it is a pleasure to have them. The visit seems to be a great success on both sides, and they are having a wonderful time. I have had letters from both their mothers saying how much they are enjoying it..." and "Claudia was quite an education! I must say we thoroughly enjoyed having her, and now miss her cheerful presence around the house."

SUDDENLY, I GOT THE PICTURE!

IT CAME to me as I was listening to a reading from St. Luke's Gospel in church recently. Maybe some of us always keep our thoughts firmly on what is being read or said. But I have the kind of mind that flits off on a trail of its own without warning.

The piece I was listening to was the one about Zacchaeus, the publican, the little man who wanted to see Jesus, but was too small to see over the others' heads. So he ran on in front and climbed up a sycamore tree, so that he would have a better view.

It was strange that this particular passage should crop up, because we had been talking about it at the last Sunday School lesson I had given. Actually it's held on a Saturday morning, but you will understand that I mean a lesson about religion. The apostles were being discussed and we had reached St. Matthew and I was explaining how a publican was a collector of taxes, not somebody who served drinks at an inn.

Then one of my bright sparks called out: "There was another one of those." "Yes," chimed in his sister. "He was a little man and he climbed up a tree." "It was a sycamore tree." "Yes, a sycamore and he ran on in front to get up in it." "And Jesus saw him." "And he said he wanted to stay in his house." "Yes, he was only a little man, you see."

So out came the story told by two children who could hardly read, but who had

heard the story once — read from the scriptures in church.

CARTOONS

That's why suddenly hearing the story of Zacchaeus again, made me think deeply about the kind of pictures we get from words and the lasting impression they can make on a young mind. Jesus himself knew that his listeners' minds were like a series of cartoon strips — and He was always plugging his stories with pictures. There were little situations that these people could understand, little scenes they knew. This is still the secret of real teaching. Despite all the modern technological developments, the advanced visual aids, it is the simple uncluttered picture that makes the really deep impression.

As teachers, as pastors, as parents, if we pass on the word of God to others, this is the way, it seems to me, that we should do it. Using the same methods that Jesus used with his tales of straying sheep, of workers tending grape-vines, of the feast of the fattened calf, of

pearls, of fish nets, of coins and lamps. Pictures of ordinary things which stay in the mind.

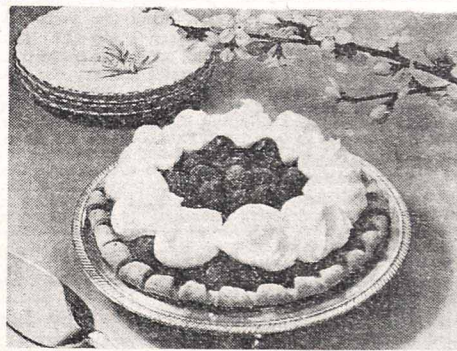
Perhaps the simplest picture of all to imagine is the Cross — just two pieces of wood, which even as we see it in the dark shadow, seems to emerge as a golden sign of victory and triumph.

"MARCO"

Kitchen safety

I'm not sure just how new they are, but I thought the stove guards on the Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents stand at this year's Ideal Homes Exhibition were really a good idea. All too often kids wander into the kitchen while Mum's back is turned to have a quick look at what's cooking — and we all know the outcome of that. The stove guards aren't the most beautiful pieces of kitchen equipment that I've seen. They stand about five inches high, are white with wavy edges, and will clip on to the side of any cooker. —Joan Best.

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- ½ pint hot water.
- ½ pint cold water and strawberry syrup.
- 1 pkt. Bird's Dream Topping.
- A good ½ teacup cold milk (4fl. oz.).

Fresh or canned strawberries. Dissolve the jelly in the hot water, then make up to ½ pint with cold water and drained strawberry syrup.

Leave until setting point is almost reached. Arrange strawberries in the pastry case and spoon over with the setting jelly, allow to set completely.

Make the Dream Topping as directed on the packet and use to decorate the pie as desired.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. 1666.
2. 250 miles.
3. In Northern Ireland on the coast of Antrim.
4. The Royal residence of Windsor Castle.
5. Fourpence.
6. (a) Aberdeen, (b) Dundee.

Colour T.V. on hire

Great news for television addicts. Radio Rentals are the first off the mark with colour television sets to hire for only 30s. a week, which seems to be a far better idea than forking out £200 or more for a colour set. It looks as though practically everybody is going to want to be in on a new thing — they already have a two-month waiting list! —Joan Best.

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CAR RACE "NONSENSE"

Dear Sir,

Having read the article by Ernest Adkins entitled "Is all this speed worth the effort?" may I comment on some of the points he mentions?

He says that the performance of the production car is not improved as a direct result of motor racing.

Although this is not the purpose of motor racing, it is only an interesting and useful by-product, the fact is that the safety, at least, of the production car is improved by racing. The better the tyres are the safer a car is; even in 1967 the laboratory and drawing board, or even the computer has not replaced trial and error in tyre design.

Last year one of the world's largest tyre manufacturers tried literally hundreds of different combinations of tread patterns and rubber compounds in order to find a tyre that would grip a little better than their rivals. They would never have gone to the trouble or expense in such a short space of time had it not been for the close competition of motor racing. In a couple of years the lessons learned will have been ploughed back into normal production tyres.

If Mr. Adkins is ever in a car that just manages to stop a couple of feet from disaster, or just manages to swerve out of the way of some suddenly appearing obstacle, perhaps he will stop to think. If it had not been for motor racing it may have been another 10 years before anyone found how to make tyres to grip so well.

Most good tyres today can be traced back to a racing design.

Disc brakes were first introduced to cars because a better system than the drum brake was required to gain an advantage in motor racing.

As regards success on the track being followed by increased sales, was the success of Honda bikes in this country merely the result of good advertising or a good product? Ford of America have found a dramatic increase in sales since their racing successes. Lotus received greatly increased orders from U.S.A. following Jim Clark's historic victory in the 1965 Indianapolis 500 and so on.

However, why does motor racing have to be justified at all by such things? No one suggests that football should only be played if the end result is better football boots. Motor racing is a sport and it exists for many of the same reasons as any other sport.

As regards its appeal, I personally don't watch top-class motor racing because I see myself as a potential Grand Prix winner, more the reverse. When I see a car drifting slightly sideways through a corner, sliding neatly to within a few inches of the edge of the road, I am always amazed to think that anything so difficult can be done so well. The judgment of the top Grand Prix drivers is fantastic, and the sensitivity required to feel when a car is cornering absolutely as quickly as it can without sliding off or spinning off the road is difficult to imagine, and I should think that it is the desire by drivers to do this a little better than anyone else, as well as the normal competitive spirit which is the basis of any sport, which explains the existence of motor racing.

R. J. PULLINGER,
142, Cleeve Road,
Yardley Wood.

The hazards of progress

"HOW ECONOMICAL," thought the oil companies, "to build large tankers." They were correct except in one respect; nobody, apparently, asked what would happen if one of them ran into trouble. We found out the hard way when the "Torey Canyon" struck the rocks.

We are surrounded by uncalculated risk, by dangers which are the by-product of necessary and useful progress and should be forestalled. This would cost money in research and safety devices, of course, but the resultant tragedies are more expensive by every standard than preventive measures. It cost quite a sum to clear that oil, and clean up Aberfan—and where are the latter's children now?

Think of the large loads of highly inflammable or corrosive materials tearing along our roads—more and more of them in articulated lorries which "jack-knife" in emergencies with devastating results to life and property. But "jack-knife" statistics are concealed and a preventive device has only just been invented. Its fitting has not been made compulsory, of course.

The "safe" car has been talked about for years! but where can I buy it? Those aerosol sprays (so useful!) are everywhere and are also miniature hand grenades, even when empty, if exposed to heat. And all those wonderful quick-cure drugs—which are so easy to prescribe and over-prescribe in order to conceal more deep-rooted ills. And then there is the Pill; the official reassurances do not quieten my



By Raymond
Efemey

fears. How can we assess full effects in such a short time? I know some strange stories myself. And are we really prepared for a full-scale atomic power station mishap?

I could lengthen that list considerably; enough to say, perhaps, that a little patience and foresight is a virtue, that danger can make our economies look very false.

HELPING EX-PRISONERS

by John Duncan

ONE OF THE many ways in which men may help to alleviate the loneliness of those in prison is by becoming a prison visitor.

Prison visitors pay regular visits to prisoners allocated to them and during a man's sentence this could be his only contact with the outside world. Friendships of this kind can be a very real encouragement and support to a man when he is released from prison. Men who volunteer to be visitors may be appointed by the Prison Department of the Home Office at a prison Governor's discretion and upon his and the Chaplain's recommendation.

Ten years ago, Mr. X, a Midlands industrialist, who was also a prison visitor, began to employ some of the men he had met in prison in his factory. Since this small beginning over 100 men have been given a start on their release from prison. One of the main factors leading to men's returning to prison, lack of employment, is overcome by this man's concern and trust for the ex-prisoner.

Over the prison grapevine men get to know that this factory at least will give an ex-

prisoner a start. Various organisations which help ex-prisoners to find employment know that they can turn to this firm for help. Many of the men, having been given an opportunity to re-establish themselves, move on to other employment. Those who stay have proved themselves reliable workers and two ex-prisoners hold particular positions of trust as sales representatives in the firm.

Mr. X is supported by the workers in his factory in the task of laying the foundation for a man to make a fresh start. When they discover that a new man on the shop floor is recently released from prison they make an effort to be welcoming and understanding.

And Mr. X's concern does not end with providing employment. A major problem for many ex-prisoners is to find some suitable accommodation. Already there are caravans provided by the firm in which men may live and there are plans to convert part of the factory into hostel accommodation.

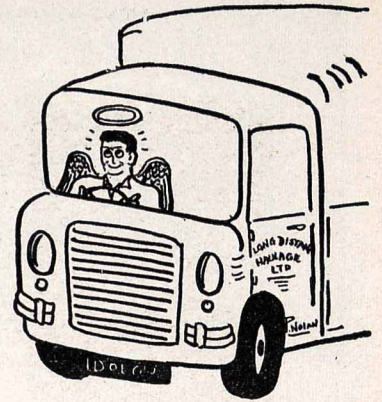
Mr. X says he "only gives ex-prisoners an opportunity." He's too modest.

Electric cars are the answer

AMERICA spends over 12 billion dollars (an American billion being a thousand million) a year trying to control air pollution—half of which is caused by exhaust fumes from 90 million cars, trucks and buses.

And America is not alone with her problem—e.g. last October's International Clear Air Conference in London was attended by delegates from all over the world; in November a Vehicle Pollution Conference was held in Prague, Czechoslovakia and "Dangerous Exhaust Fumes" was the heading in a West German Press report in January this year.

The answer to the problem of car exhaust fumes is, of course, the electric car. And Britain is already way ahead of the United States with electrically-operated motor vehicles.



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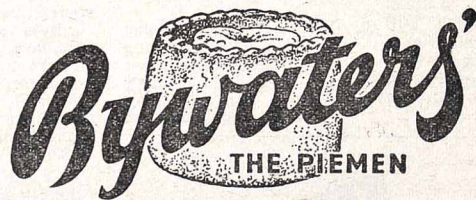
This seems to be the opinion of the average man in this country, on the evidence of a sample survey taken for the Road Haulage Association by a public opinion research organisation.

Top of the pops among road users for carefulness, intelligence, helpfulness, patience, responsibility, non-aggressiveness and safety-consciousness was the long-distance lorry driver, while motor-cyclists headed the poll for carelessness, stupidity, selfishness, impatience, irresponsibility and lack of safety-consciousness.

Some of the other opinions recorded are enlightening. Not surprisingly, perhaps, bus drivers score a fairly high rating on commendable attributes. But van drivers don't come out too well on carelessness, irresponsibility, and lack of safety-consciousness.

Taxi drivers don't seem to be too popular, either—which is perhaps not surprising... a driving instructor has said: "When they've got a fare, everyone's in their way. When they haven't got a fare, they're in everyone's way."

What about the private motorist? He comes out about average!



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PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



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Off the coast of the Isle of Mull is Iona, once long ago the base of a great Christian drive into Scotland, and since 1938 the headquarters of a great modern outreach by the Church of Scotland.

GEORGE MACLEOD

The 20th-century Iona vision came to a man who, 30 years ago, was the Church of Scotland minister of Govan on the Clyde. His name is George Macleod and today he is the Very Rev. the Lord Macleod, M.C., D.D., the first minister of his Church to be made a Life Peer. In September, Baron Macleod of the Fuarinay will retire as leader of the Iona Community, which is his creation and which has filled his years

from Govan to Westminster. The Iona vision was born in George Macleod during the depression years of unemployment in his shipbuilding parish. He reconstructed an old mill as a

basically Scottish organisation, even though many of its 100 members are scattered further afield. Most of them are ministers, though a sprinkling are laymen.

The Community's aim is to help the Church into 20th-century life—

by bringing ministers into close touch with the daily life of working men;

by exploring better ways of gearing the training of ministers to modern life;

by taking political and social action of all kinds—pacifism is a major plank in this; George Macleod won his M.C. in World War I and was a pacifist next time;

by using new patterns of prayer and worship.

Now the Community has three addresses—one in Edinburgh, and one at Community House on the North Bank of the Clyde in Glasgow. The Iona headquarters is the third with the Abbey, which has been rebuilt with the guidance and practical work of the rugged leader.

Ralph Morton, deputy leader, has said of Lord Macleod: "The Abbey, built on the foundation of others, is his work and it is finished. But it is not the only thing he has built. He created the Community—from scratch. Perhaps it is his more remarkable achievement. And it is by no means finished."

That's why he's in the House of Lords. With more work to do, you can bet.

Television

This month Harold Jeffries takes a look at

The critics

WE WERE watching a programme called "The Stresses of Divorce," one of those brilliant bits of work by Alan Whicker. The climax came when a man broke down in an interview and cried. At that moment I hated Alan Whicker's ruthlessness, and loathed television for making it possible for millions of people to gape at this private tragedy.

I said: "That's what I'm going to write about this month," and my wife said: "Don't be silly, by the time anyone reads what you have to say they'll have forgotten all about it."

The trouble is, she was right.

A monthly critic cannot focus on individual programmes in the same way as his daily or weekly colleagues. He can't say "Last night's play was a load of old rubbish," or "This week's 'Panorama' gave us a fascinating insight into the political life of Outer Mongolia." The best he can manage is "The play you saw four, five or six weeks last Tuesday, depending upon which date in the month your paper is delivered—was a load of old rubbish," which is just not good enough.

VALUE

This of course can be very frustrating; but it has got its particular value. It forces one to take a more general look at television broadcasting, and to make some considered judgments about broad issues, such as censorship, the need for an extra channel, what makes for the best kind of viewing, and many other subjects that have been already aired

in this column.

If we accept that television has a powerful influence upon the way people think, then someone has got to stand back from it and see its virtues and its faults in broader terms than the individual programme, and it seems to me that not enough critics are doing this.

DEEPER

It would be good to see television critics doing more often what their opposite numbers in the world of the theatre do regularly—that is to write about trends rather than particular productions. A theatre critic is no good unless he can talk about the world of drama as a whole, and a television critic should be asked more often to write about his particular subject in broader terms.

It's not enough just to say "That programme was good" or "That programme was a failure." Television deserves a deeper treatment than this, and I look forward to the time when there are as many serious books written about television in general as there are about the theatre in general.

In the meanwhile I shall keep trying to do my little bit.

Favourite hymns are out

MOST churchgoers are aware that a large proportion of the hymns in their hymn books remain unsung. Fewer are aware of the faults of their favourites.

Now Mr. David Holbrook has done something about it after 10 years of intensive work.

With a group of teachers in Cambridge, he studied the problem of what he called "the inherited dross of books of 600 hymns, most of them meaningless or full of very strange sentiments."

The Cambridge Hymnal (Cambridge University Press, 25s.) is the result.

Of the opposition he encountered, Mr. Holbrook said: "Some people are deeply offended that we have cut out 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and 'There is a Green Hill'."

"It is not that we want to stop people singing them, but that we do not think they are good enough to be included in a book like this."

The musical editor is Miss Elizabeth Poston.

Latin can go now

LATIN can be dropped from the heart of Roman Catholic Mass, starting June 29, under more worship changes allowed by the Pope and announced at the Vatican.

The newest change, subject to the approval of each country's bishops, means that native tongues will be possible during the part of the Mass when the priest consecrates bread and wine.

With all the changes brought about previously priests still have had to use Latin when they said in the most solemn moments of the Mass: "Hic est enim corpus meum,"—"this is my body."

Careers

By Jean Farbrother

TRAINING AS A NURSERY NURSE

A NURSERY nurse is trained in every aspect of the development and the needs of children from 0—7 years.

The nursery student usually takes a course lasting two years, during which time she studies in theory and practice the young child, learns how to care for him, what his needs will be, the best

way to clothe and feed him and the average development for his age. She has to complete items of practical work, such as making toys, knitting and sewing clothes, improvising play materials, mending garments and repairing equipment.

In addition she will continue to broaden her own education by attending a Further Education College.

During her training she will work, as a student member of staff, at two of the following: a residential home, a day nursery, a nursery school or an infant school. She becomes a member of the staff and takes her share of the duties and probably has in her care a small family group of children. During this time she has to make observations of the children to assist with her theory.

BABY

To qualify as a nursery nurse, the student has to pass all the practical sections, such as bathing a baby, preparing feeds, providing suitable play materials, telling stories, serving meals, which are carried out during her training; pass an examination paper which is made up of questions relating to the many aspects of her training; and satisfy her tutors that she has a real interest in young children and is capable of providing what is needed at their different ages for their all-round moral development.

When qualified she has the choice of working in a home or residential nursery with deprived children; in a nursery school, which children attend daily; a day nursery which caters for children whose mothers go out to work; in an infant school alongside a teacher; or become a private nanny with a family.

Are you the sort of person who is devoted to children and wants a career with a difference—though not one of the highest paid? If so, this may be the job for you.

QUIZ TIME

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BRITISH ISLES?

- 1.—What was the year of the Great Fire of London?
- 2.—Approximately how long is the River Thames: 103, 250 or 304 miles long?
- 3.—Where is the Giants Causeway?
- 4.—Where is the largest castle in the British Isles?
- 5.—A groat was a silver coin which used to be currency in the British Isles. What was its value?
- 6.—Which Scottish cities are known as the: (a) Granite City; (b) Jute City?

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His Holiness Pope Paul

Topic of the month

JUNE 29 is St. Peter's Day, when thanks is given by Christians of many denominations for the Apostle who played such a large part in the leadership of the early Church.

But for Roman Catholics St. Peter is more than AN Apostle, he is THE Apostle. He is not ONE leader, he is THE leader, especially appointed by Jesus Christ to be the head of the visible Church on earth.

"So what?" may ask the simple soul. "So," we must reply "we come face to face with one of the biggest barriers to the reunion of Christendom."

The Rock

The fact is that Christians disagree about what Jesus Christ meant when He said to Peter—"You are Peter, the Rock; and on this rock I will build my church, and the forces of death shall never overpower it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; what you forbid on earth shall be forbidden in Heaven, and what you allow on earth shall be allowed in heaven."

It would take a book to deal fairly with this disagreement, because it involves all

sorts of deep and difficult things, but it is not too much to say that Catholic interpretation of this passage is the main foundation of the Papal office.

St. Peter

The word Pope comes from Greek and Latin words meaning "father" and in early times it was commonly applied to all sorts of bishops, but 900 years ago Pope Gregory VII prohibited its use by any person other than the Bishop of Rome, and it became the accepted title of Peter's successor.

Although there is no conclusive proof that Peter was ever Bishop of Rome, it has long been the belief of Roman Catholics any many other Christians that he was, and that his tomb is behind the High Altar of the great church named after him in the Vatican.

If Peter was the first Bishop of Rome, and if the commission that Christ gave to him was not only to him, but to his successors, then it follows that succeeding Bishops of Rome would possess the same powers and privileges.

THE POPE

Through the years the office has become increasingly venerated by Roman Catholics, and at the Vatican Council of 1870 it was decreed that in matters of faith and morals the Pope is infallible when speaking **EX CATHEDRA**—which means when he is speaking as head of the Church—and does not necessarily need to have the consent of the rest of the Church.

Encouraging

It is over this question of infallibility that so many non-Roman Catholics find difficulty, and before Christians of other persuasions can become united with the Roman Catholic Church, this, and many other knotty problems will have to be sorted out.

It is, however, an encouraging thought that any future discussion will not be sabotaged by the prejudices of the past, but will be helped by the universal honour that all but the extremist few now give to the man who occupies the Chair of Peter—the Pope.

All right, M.C.C., I'll drop everything and help out, but listen...

By Ernest Frederick Adkins

IT has been suggested that M.C.C. appoint a Public Relations Officer or "Doctor" to save the game from itself.

When Harold Macmillan resigned as P.M., Lord Hailsham announced his readiness to relinquish his peerage and thereby make himself available for election.

Emulating the Rt. Hon. Quintin Hogg, I, Ernest Frederick Adkins, would like to inform M.C.C. that I am prepared to forego all other obligations and place my services at their disposal.

Before the gentlemen of Lords rush headlong to avail cricket of this offer I would like to establish why my services are so desperately needed and what I propose to do to rectify a rapidly deteriorating situation.

My main concern is that M.C.C. is not fully aware just how desperately they need my services.

Attendance figures at county games continue to fall and clubs are becoming more and more dependent on outside sources for financial survival.

An echo from the day of the wealthy patron who sponsored the game is still bedevilling cricket.

FORTUNATE

The attitude that suggests the spectator, if not a member, should consider himself fortunate in being allowed to view the proceedings even at a price, still exists.

Whether the game is played for the benefit of the players or the public is a matter of first principle that the game seems unable to resolve.

Does county cricket want an audience at all, and if so to what extent should their needs be met?

Self sufficient club cricket is a quite different proposition (players who pay to play are entitled to play the game according to their own requirements)—rather more can be reasonably expected from the paid player performing before an audience who have paid to be there.



Every cricketer is restricted to performing within the confines of his ability and according to the dictates of the game—but it is surely possible to equate both and satisfy the customers need for positive cricket.

When appointed, I intend to stamp out the frequent practice of allowing a game to degenerate into an academic exercise when a positive result is not an automatic conclusion to the game.

When this situation arises I believe it an imposition on the part of the counties to accept monies at the turnstiles.

Where a captain utilises the last day of a game for batting practice, I believe his intentions should be made known and the public admitted free as they should be on all occasions where a result is not possible. If a game is terminated as a contest by virtues of weather or vagaries of captaincy the paying public must be reimbursed.

In one swoop I intend to make cricket available to the widest possible audience by insisting on Sunday cricket. In the absence of any logical reason for not playing on Sunday any county choosing not to do so be asked to withdraw from the competition.

SCRAPPED

The registration period for overseas or any player be scrapped immediately (how proud Essex must be that Barry Knight is not playing county cricket).

Counties must stop treating non-members like cattle, they must be made to feel part of the club, and not like privileged onlookers. Toilet and catering facilities must be improved—shelter from the rain, everyone can't get under the bicycle shed—and Edgbaston please note, a public telephone.

Grounds unable to provide wickets on which a reasonable game of cricket can be played—to be closed until they comply with the M.C.C. ruling on this matter.

I am only just beginning to warm up.
GENTLEMEN, I AWAIT YOUR CALL.

TOPIQUOTES

A Christian is not a person who uses the Church as a hobby, as others might be interested in trains or postage stamps. A Christian is someone who offers the whole of his life to God, all his time, all the hours of his day.

—TRUTH TO TELL by Hugh Montefiore.

I am not in sympathy with the ordination of women because I think that if God had meant His Church to have women priests He would have made it known to the world rather sooner.

—Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsey, speaking to Roman Catholic London University students recently.

There is the self-containment of the great state churches, too intent on national prestige, ceremonies and subsidies to notice that they no longer have worshippers. There is the self-containment of the small free churches, so busy protecting their freedom from the world that they have ceased to have any influence in the world.

—Dr. S. H. Moffett.

Many atheist Russians see nothing incompatible in watching the candlelight processions round the Orthodox churches and eating traditional cheese and spring cakes today, and taking part in the Labour Day parade in Red Square tomorrow.

—The Times.

Jewellery which is seldom worn—brooches, rings, necklaces and earrings—could save children who are starving to death at this moment. Look in your wardrobe, not for old clothes, but for good suits and dresses you do without.

—Cardinal Heenan.

I plan to appear at Tralee in high-necked clothes, especially as it is Sunday.

—Jayne Mansfield, in Tralee.