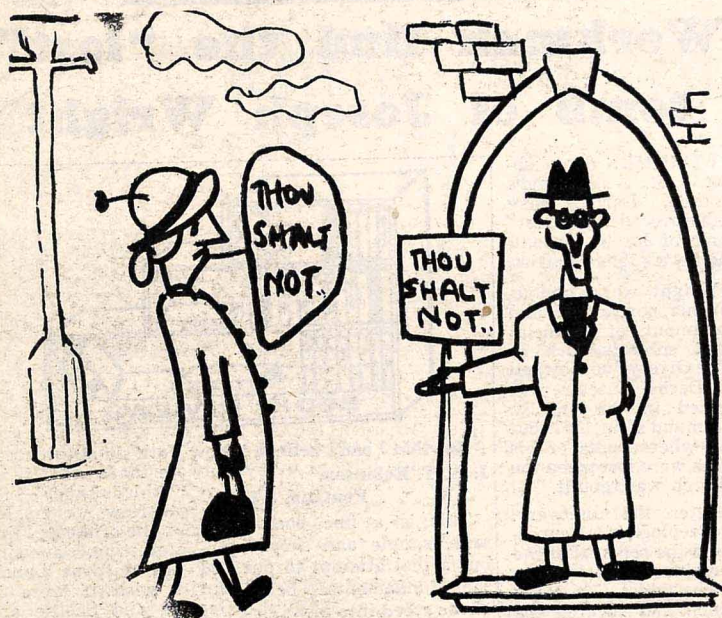


DEBATE CONTINUED ON TV

We still say it . . .



This image of the church MUST GO!



FROM AUGUST'S
CHRISTIAN NEWS

IN AUGUST we came out in support of Lord Willis' Bill to brighten up the British Sunday.

As a result, Geoffrey Brown, our Editor, and Murrey Nash, of the Lord's Day Observance Society, were invited to the studios of Associated Television to discuss their differences in a magazine programme.

WE THINK OURS WAS THE STRONGER CASE.

We know for certain that it represents the point of view of many Christians — we would go as far as to say the vast majority. Yet the attitude of those who introduced the programme was one of surprise that a Christian newspaper should support the Bill — surprise that we should be on the side of liberty and common sense.

IT'S TIME THAT WE SCOTCHED—ONCE AND FOR ALL—THE IDEA THAT THE CHURCH ALWAYS SUPPORTS THE STRAITLACED AND SOBERSIDED. THAT CHRISTIANS ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO SEEK TO INFLICT BY COMPULSION THEIR VIEWS ON OTHERS. THAT ENJOYMENT OF LIFE'S PLEASURES IS ALWAYS SINFUL.

We don't believe it's true, so why should the world be allowed to go on thinking it?

Of course there are standards and disciplines that Christians accept — but some people distort them so that they appear to the ordinary person as great, dragging, kill-joy burdens.

CHRISTIANITY IS NOT A FORBIDDING "THOU SHALT NOT" SORT OF FAITH, FROWNING DOWN AT THE WORLD. IT IS A LIBERATING FAITH THAT TAKES THE WORLD SERIOUSLY AND MULTIPLIES ITS PLEASURES.

LETTERS



We welcome all readers' letters at

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A CAREER IN ACCOUNTANCY

Dear Sir,

Lest your young readers obtain an unbalanced view of conditions of entry into the accountancy profession, I would wish to point out that there is a means of entry which does not require the student to become an articled clerk. The following bodies of accountants, whilst enjoying equal professional standing and status, do not require articled clerkship as a prerequisite of entry into membership:—

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- The Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants, 1, Buckingham Place, London, S.W.1.

Of the foregoing bodies of accountants, the first listed enjoys full and equal statutory recognition along with the various Institutes of Chartered Accountants.

Evidence of the degree of co-operation between all accounting bodies, i.e. Chartered and those listed above, is that all the members of these bodies are able to sit for, and obtain, on an equal basis, the post-graduate Joint Diploma in Management Accounting. Thus it is possible to read much more advanced studies in accounting without being a Chartered Accountant, and indeed, without ever being an articled clerk.

In view of the foregoing, perhaps Mr. Turner's article on Page 6 of your August edition of "National Christian News" could be added to so that youngsters may perhaps be better informed as to the best and many varied openings available in accountancy.

R. C. GRETTON, A.A.C.C.A.
Peppard Road,
Caversham,
Reading.

P.S.: I wish to compliment you on an excellent paper.

The important thing is kindness

Dear Sir,

As a regular reader of your very interesting "Christian News," I would agree with the writer of the item, "Hell and High Living," when he says that in spite of increased prosperity there seems so little happiness.

For example, elderly people today, will say that the important thing is not so much the money that they have or are given, as the desire for kindness shown to them. It seems that we have grown into a state where money is the deciding factor.

More is achieved by kindness and tolerance than this world dreams of.

Mrs. E. Price

236, White Road,
Quinton,
Birmingham 23.

INDIGNANT ABOUT ANYTHING?

—Try a letter to "Christian News"

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF HEALTH LTD.
Enquiry Department, N.S.
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Broughton, Manchester 7.

U.N.O.— "A platform for petulant ranting"

Sir,

"Facing the Facts," (Raymond Efemey — August article) leads me to express, my personal views, which are emphatically that I would never be prepared to throw my weight, or that of my family, into the United Nations — it would be unadulterated folly!

This organisation has, as admitted by the writer, proved not only 'fumbling' but is hesitant, inept, and just a platform from which so many 'heads of State' give vent to their petulant ranting — surely there are words in the English language other than 'imperialism and colonialism.' If this is the writer's idea of marriage, then divorce would be inevitable.

From my observations during the last few years it would appear that many of its members pay lip service only and not financial service; the Government of this country supported by a minority of others, has been an ardent admirer of an organisation which appears to ME to be the reverse of 'United.'

May I say that I too am well aware that we are LIVING IN 1967, but I would wish to continue this somewhat precarious state with a little more peace of mind and a greater admiration for the United Nations than I can muster at the present time!

MISS M. I. TANSEY
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Sussex.

WASTED—AND WE ALL FOOT THE BILL!

EVERY week chemists all over Britain are pouring antibiotics, painkillers, sedatives, and medicines worth hundreds of pounds down the drain.

All because people are too lazy to collect their prescriptions.

A chemist in Govan had to throw out antibiotics worth over £10.

'They'd been sitting on the shelf in the back shop for three months.

When it became obvious the customer wasn't going to collect the prescription, the chemist had to throw it out.

He couldn't keep it for another patient or put it back into stock — that might be dangerous.

Another chemist reckons he's £100 worth of uncollected prescriptions on his shelf.

Some chemists have as many as three dozen prescriptions on their shelves.

All are paid for by the National Health Service whether they're collected or not.

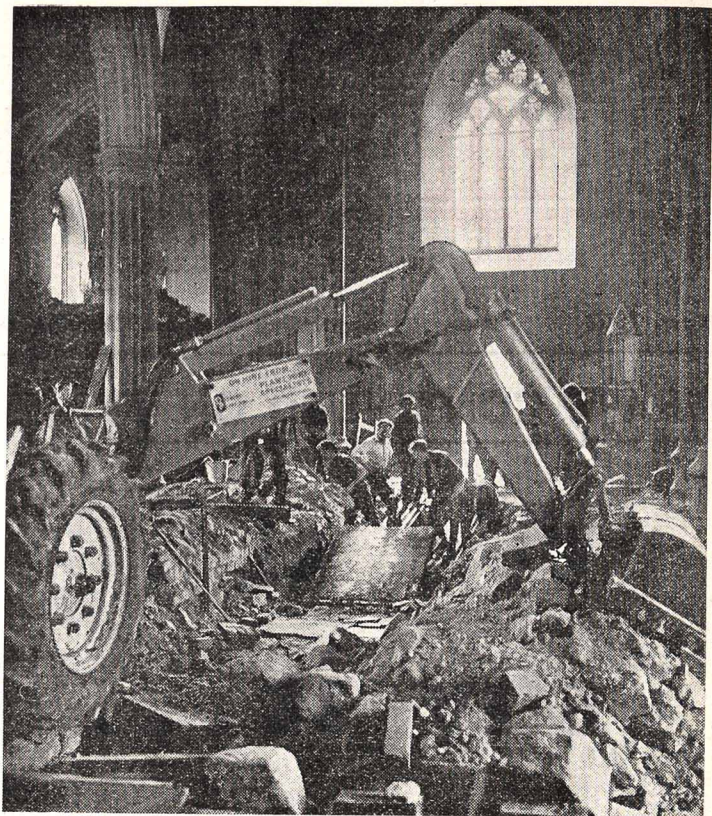
The situation is worst in big towns, where chemists depend a lot on passing trade.

Chemists in local shopping areas, who have regular customers, rarely have more than one or two uncollected prescriptions.

But the number is rising.

Since the 2s. charge for medicines was taken off more and more people are failing to collect their drugs.

Yet the average cost to the country of an N.H.S. prescription is 11s. Many are worth a great deal more.

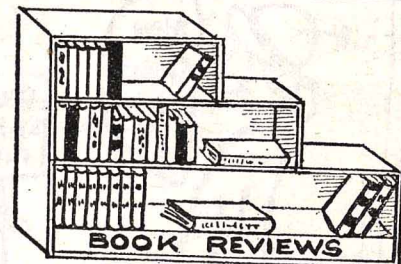


Workmen find the "lost" tomb of Joseph Wright

WORKMEN demolishing St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, have rediscovered the "lost" tomb of Joseph Wright, the town's famous artist.

Wright, world famous for his portraiture and treatment of artificial light subjects such as "The Orrery," now owned by Derby Museum, was buried in the old St. Alkmund's in 1797, but the whereabouts of his tomb were lost when the Church was rebuilt.

After the discovery, archaeologists supervised the removal of the remains and a two-ton stone tablet 7ft. long which had covered the grave nearly three feet beneath the floor of the present building.



But that I can't believe! New York slang (at least I suppose that's what it is)

J. A. T. Robinson.

Fontana, 3/6.

This is a fine book—sane, simple and short—but a real attempt to put the fundamental belief of the creed into meaningful language. "I believe profoundly in what these doctrines are concerned to say but the traditional ways of stating them so often put the crunch at quite the wrong place."

Of the resurrection — "I myself find the evidence for the empty tomb very compelling. I find it difficult to get away from the fact that the tomb was found empty. But I believe strongly that a Christian can be free to say that the bones of Jesus are around somewhere in Palestine. For the conviction of Christ's living power — which is what belief in the Resurrection means — does not turn on any theory of what happened to the body."

God is for real, man — Carl Burke. Fontana, 3/6. The Bible—or parts of it — in sizzling East Side

I've got "Th' Good News according to Mark in't Lankishier dialect" (published last July) which has as a by-line to the title "Surelee! thert one on um, Thi twang shows thert a Northerner.

—Sidney Evans, Monica Furlong and Basil Moss, C.I.O., 2/6.

A little booklet about the Church's ministry. Ideal for anyone who wants to know what the priest's job ought to be today — and that could be any Christian who yearns to see a relevant Christianity — P.C.C. member, student, or priest himself.

OWARDS UNITY

"Christian
News"
surveys
the
field

CITY CHRISTIANS IN MERGER EXPERIMENT

LINCOLN will soon become the first city in Britain to designate the centre of its city as an area of ecumenical* experiment.

This significant experiment in church co-operation has been prepared for the last 18 months by the Lincoln Council of Churches and will consist of a team ministry whose work will include a chaplaincy to industry and commerce, service to voluntary and professional groups, the organisation of conferences with business groups, contact with the arts, and specialised pastoral counselling.

The stress of the whole enterprise is on missionary involvement and service, and the term "city centre" will not be narrowly interpreted—for instance, the work of the industrial chaplain, the Rev. John Wilcox, which stretches to the edge of the city, will be considered an integral part of the team's responsibility.

The leader of the team will be the Rev. Stanley Booth-Clibborn, an Anglican, who has recently returned from Nairobi where he was leadership trainer under the Christian Council of Kenya for the last 10 years.

Other members, in addition to Mr. Wilcox, will be Sister Marjorie Maltby, a member of the Deconess Order of the Methodist Church who previously worked in Manchester, and Mrs. Muriel Newman, a Church of England parish worker. A Congregational Church in Newland will be the team's office.

WHERE THE VICAR SITS IN A METHODIST PEW

PRACTICAL steps towards Christian Unity are being taken in Oakworth, a growing village of 2,500 people high among the hills above Keighley, Yorkshire.

During "Feast Week," here involving the last Sunday in July and the first in August, it was felt better to be having united services in one Church rather than putting up with woefully depleted congregations in all four.

Consequently, on the first of the recent Sundays, the two Methodist and the Baptist Churches closed down, having accepted an invitation to attend Evensong at the Parish Church.

The week following, the principal Methodist Church was "host," the Anglican and other congregations joining with them at evening worship. The Vicar was with his people, in the pew, as had been the Methodist Minister the Sunday previous.

These were not the first attempts at co-operation.

More than a year ago, delegates from each Church held an "Inter-Church Conference." Ways in which Chris-

tians could usefully work together were fully discussed at a series of meetings.

Resulting from this, united action was taken appropriate to the major Christian Festivals. A service of Lessons and Carols was held in the Parish Church at Christmas, and a Holy Week Devotional took place in the Baptist Church. Both events were very well attended. A "Procession of Witness" was planned for the Tuesday after Whit-Sunday. This should have culminated in an open air service in the School grounds; but driving rain sent everyone into the Methodist Church across the street.

During autumn, the Conference will consider plans for joint visitation, particularly in the rapidly expanding "dormitory areas." It is hoped to set up machinery which will ensure that

no family "moving in" will be left longer than a few days before receiving full information about Christian activity in the locality. This will be followed by a personal visit from laymen inviting them to attend the Church of their persuasion. The laymen (laywomen too) will visit in pairs... each of the two from a different Church.

There is no Roman Catholic Church in Oakworth; but contact is being maintained with the Parish Priest responsible; and information in all appropriate cases is passed to him.

Perhaps the most important result of this movement in Oakworth is that in all the Churches intercessions are made publicly for the ministers and congregations meeting in all four places of worship.

—A YORKSHIRE
VICAR.

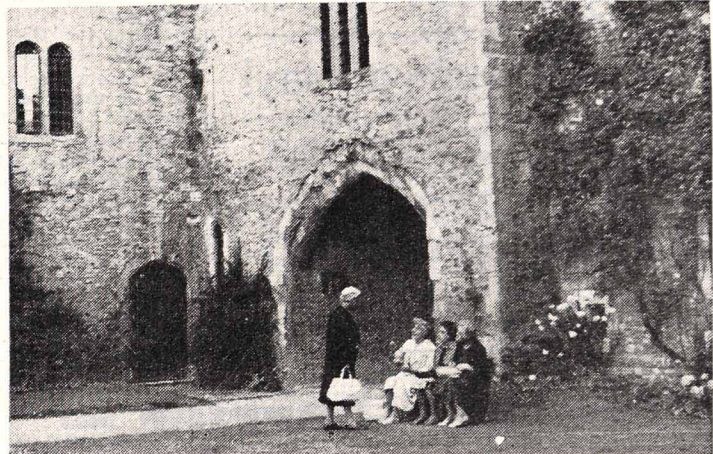
ALLINGTON CASTLE— UNITY STRONGHOLD

MANY UNITY meetings have been held at the Catholic owned guest-house Allington Castle. Perhaps its annual Ecumenical Retreat for Clergy, held in October (the first weekend) this year, points to the fact that people in this corner of Kent really mean business. But anybody who has stayed at Allington realises that unity is here all through the year.

Standing on the banks of the River Medway, Allington is a real solid thick-walled castle surrounded by a genuine deep moat. However, an entrance has

been fixed in place of the original drawbridge, a big bell hangs at the gateway, and a large green courtyard welcomes all. There was a stockaded settle-

The Carmelite Order, when they were restoring the shrine at Aylesford, a couple of miles along the river, needed a property to house some of the nuns



Always time for a talk—a corner of the courtyard at Allington Castle.

ment here once, it is said, and the Celts had a village here, followed by the Romans, and later still the Normans, some of whose work is still seen in the massive walls. Every period of history added to Allington, or altered it, so that it is now a mixture of several ages, with its long gallery, its Tudor Wing, its banqueting hall, and the courtyard still with the iron ring, a relic of bear-bating days.

Crusade pigeons

There are tales of a ghost; there are secret hiding-places, there are battlements, and spiral stone stairs, and old pigeon houses with hundreds of nesting-holes, as well as a flock of deep brown pigeons whose ancestors came from the Middle East in the time of the Crusades!

TV FROM SHARED CHURCH

A service from St. Barnabas, Hattersley, Cheshire, the only Anglican-Methodist church in England, was televised recently. The church was originally designed for Anglican worship, but in 1966, halfway through its construction, it was suggested that it could be adapted for an experiment in joint worship, which has now been successfully carried out.

Anglicans and Methodist approach the Communion rail together and divide to receive Communion from their own Minister, the Methodists from the Rev. Derek Bedford and the Anglicans from the Rev. W. Pyatt.

Princess Margaret attended the consecration of the church nine months ago and Pope Paul also interested in the experiment, sent a crucifix to the church, which was the first time since the Reformation that a Pope had presented a gift to a non-Roman Catholic Church.

*Note: What does "ecumenical" mean? — see "Simplify the Jargon" on Page 4.

who were working for them. Somehow the money was borrowed, and the Castle, just on the market, was bought. It has gradually taken shape as a guest house, welcoming any who seek a place of peace and quiet. Newspapers, television and radios are forgotten, as Kentish peace invades one.

Meals in the refectory are always a social event, one never knows whom one may meet, one's neighbour might be from the next town or another Continent; the talk may be in one's own tongue, or the broken or beautifully captured English of people of any nationality.

Everybody is welcome at Allington. Everybody's views are respected. The more creeds, colours and ages represented, the happier are the residents. The thirst for knowledge embraces horticulture and building, science and art, technology and letters. All guests are important, they are all part of God's family, they all have something to contribute to each other and to the world at large.

Occupation

One visit I made to Allington last year happened to coincide with an invasion by an American television company to use the castle as a setting for a colour film. The guests, the extras, the priests, the staff, the technicians and the actors—including Sir Michael Redgrave, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., and Herman—without his Hermits—all met and mingled and talked. This was unity of occupation as well as religion, of race as well as means.

That may be the secret of Allington—this ideal that religion is got a thing apart, to be taken out on Sundays, but the real everyday involvement with our neighbours.

So that you will leave after your weekend, your week or your month, with a feeling of knowing a little more about yourself, a great deal more about God, and a positive glimpse of what Christianity really means.

Margaret Connolly

gobbledegook—

or the art of talking
about things that matter
so that nobody under-
stands a word you say!

THE BIBLE, we are told, contains some of the most beautiful, straightforward, simple prose in the English language.

How then did the Administration of the Church of England come to lumber itself with a load of long-winded jargon which nine out of ten church-goers do not understand and which to the rest of

the population must seem like a language from Mars?

Take the word "ecumenical" for instance. It is bandied around in ecclesiastical circles, but how many people outside those intimately connected with the inner workings of the Church know just what it means?

Let's look it up in the dictionary. That's off-putting for a start. "Ecumenical" — same as Oecumenical, says the book. Having started let's move on to the "O's" . . . Odyssey — Oe (didn't know there was such a word) — Oecist — Oecology . . . Ah! here we are "Oecumenical . . . of the whole Christian world, or church; universal; world-wide." And I bet you thought it was something to do with the Pope didn't you?

Now YOU know what it means; see just how many other people know as well. Go around asking people one after the other, "What does the word 'Ecumenical' mean?" Those who don't stare at you blankly and open-mouthed will say, "Sorry old man, not a clue."

I've tried it. I asked: A parish councillor and M.U. member of more than 30 years experience; I asked my dentist, an accountant and director of three companies; an assistant bursar at a high school; I asked a purchasing officer who daily spends thousands of pounds of other people's money.

I enquired of a medical secretary, a Girl Guide Lieutenant and finished up with a schoolmaster. Some got as far as "something to do with the Church." But not one of these people knew the meaning of the word "ecumenical," and they call themselves members of the Church of England.

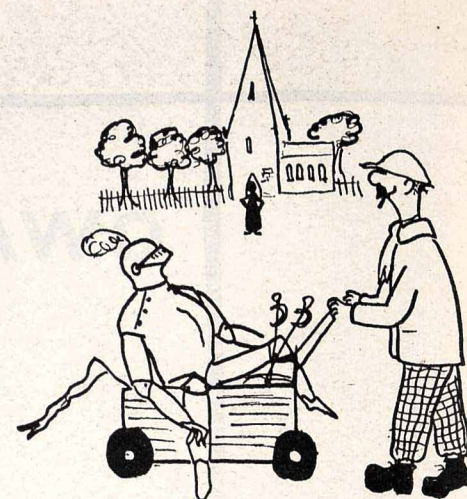
Surely there must be a strong case for either simplifying the jargon, which is comprehensible only to the "In" people of the Church, or for an intensive campaign to instruct the ordinary Church-goer.

If Synodical government comes it will be imperative that members of P.C.C.s and all who will be concerned with the management of church affairs should be fully conversant with the technical jargon which at present is a language exclusive to the "professional" church people — priests and officials.

If you think that the choice of the word "ecumenical" was not a fair one for a Gallup-type poll then have a look at a few more: "Consistory; dilapidations; g l e b e; plurality; sequestrator" — to name just a few. Words of this size frequent ecclesiastical circles.

TAKE THE WORD WHICH IS BECOMING FAMILIAR THESE DAYS, "SYNODICAL." TAKE "SYNODICAL" FOR INSTANCE. YES; BY ALL MEANS TAKE "SYNODICAL." I FOR ONE CAN WELL DO WITHOUT IT.

FRANK MILES.



Michael Dodd
goes on about
an offer . . .

ANY OLD IRON?

"IN YOUR church you may have a sword," the letter announced casually.

Well, when you're a parson, part of the occupational hazard is the miraculous draught of paper that comes your way. If any of it is going to be read, it must be eye-catching. And this certainly was eye-catching.

"In your church you may have a sword, or a shield, or pieces of armour which, perhaps, on inspection will be seen to be in need of expert attention."

I can't honestly say that I had ever noticed any of these things. Not surprising perhaps — our church is only eight years old.

WHY PAY?

A bright spark on the Church Council remarked that we only claimed to have the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. But we didn't think that would count. Anyway why did the letter want to pry into our wardrobes?

"What we want to do," it went on, "is to restore and protect these pieces, a service which we will provide free of charge." Chivalrous, forsooth.

TO PUBLISH

By this time I was anxious to read more. This is what came next:

"Irrespective of this we would very much like to learn of any ancient arms

or armour in your church so that we can record the pieces in a comprehensive book we propose to publish on this subject."

Still can't help but I'll do my best to watch the book-shops.

But this enterprising organisation hadn't finished yet. The letter had another offer, which I thought was good enough to bring to the notice of you readers.

ACADEMIC

"It may be that you can help us further by letting us know, with the permission of the owners, of any private collections or single items of arms or armour known to you, which may be of academic interest to us."

This is YOUR big chance. Have another look in grandad's old chest or behind that skeleton in the cupboard. Don't forget — any bit of armour will do, though shields and swords seem to be most in demand. Name and address of these defenders of the faith supplied on request. Gadzooks!

Parents and teenagers . . . by F. J. Taylor

The age barrier —

A father asks 'Have I failed?'

IN A complicated and changing world the teenager is confronted with many problems. Some they must solve "the hard way" for themselves. With other problems they may need to seek advice based on adult experience, but a desire for privacy and independence during these years create an age barrier.

If during their school years those responsible for the upbringing of children have built a sure foundation, the path to a balanced and responsible maturity will be easier. Unfortunately, the most conscientious teachers cannot, with limited time and facilities, give the necessary attention to teach the complex individual child in a large class. Many parents, upon whom the main responsibility must rest, seem too busy to give the time and attention required.

With a son (full-time Technical College student) and a daughter of 17 (dental nurse) my wife and I have endeavoured to give time and attention. We took them to the seaside and country, museums and art gal-

leries, circus and pantomime; and have taken a keen interest in their hobbies and pastimes. Although I am an agnostic, I did not discourage their taking part in religious activities. I believe that the Church and associated organisations offer the most effective antidote to the increasing juvenile delinquency which arouses the concern of all responsible people.

BACKGROUND

Although my son has, apparently, without any pressure from me, given up his religious beliefs, I feel that his religious contacts have given him a good moral background, that otherwise he might have lacked. But I have been disturbed in recent years by a reluctance to confide in me, on personal or general matters. Is this a superiority complex arising out of the advanced educational opportunity that we have given him, or is it a general antagonism towards his

elders?

With my daughter I am faced with a different problem. She is taking an increasing part in religious observance to the exclusion of almost all of her interests. A great deal of her spare time is devoted to some activity connected with the church; some of it, of course, is of a social nature. She took part in a recent broadcast in "Women's Hour" with other teenagers on their "Aims in Life."

The other participants expressed their concern about the atom bomb, social evils, racial distinctions and everyday problems; whilst my daughter was content to put over her unrealistic approach, just reiterating her dedication to religion and the glorification of God.

I feel that, with her pleasing voice and attractive personality, she missed an opportunity of expressing a practical and constructive opinion of an intelligent teenager.

HOW FAR . . .

Finally — my own problem. How far am I, as a parent with a social conscience, justified in attempting to impose my own views on them to replace my son's arrogant cynicism, and my daughter's religious obsession with a constructive and practical purpose in life?

Whilst with all due modesty, I feel that we have given them a reasonable moral and material basis for their future, we have not fulfilled our true function as parents. Must we admit failure as so many other parents have done?

A Quaker Peace Testimony

DISARMAMENT NOW!

Come and hear . . .

Philip Noel-Baker, M.P.

Wednesday, October 25, at 7.30 p.m.

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE,
BULL STREET, BIRMINGHAM

NEW IDEA IN MUFF-COMFORT

WHO SAID muffs are old-fashioned? A new type may well be popular this winter because it's said to ease rheumatism in the hands.

It's made of plastic, impregnated with wax. The walls of the muff are hollow. When filled with hot water, the warmth of the wax lining can bring relief in 20 minutes.

The muff can also be wrapped round a rheumatically knee, ankle, or arm. The coating wax does about 30 treatments. It can be renewed for 5s. The muff costs 27s. 6d.

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KEYS EVERYWHERE

POSTERS with keys upon them seem to be all round Caversham at the moment. What is going on? I hope my non-Anglican readers will pardon me if this month I write about something for which we Anglicans have been preparing a long time; indeed many people are asking, as indeed we hoped they would, what Key Fortnight is all about.

The English like to think they are a Christian people. But the truth is that even the veneer of Christianity has worn decidedly thin. I well remember Bishop Cockin saying about eighteen years ago that our grandparents knew there were some rules and tried to keep them, that our parents knew there were some rules though they did not always do much about observing them, but that our generation is not even aware that there are any rules.

Christianity must not, of course, be thought of as a religion of rules. St. John tells us that the law came by Moses but grace and truth by Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, as we look around to-day, the fact as G. K. Chesterton remarked is not that Christianity has been tried and rejected, but rather that it has not even been tried by most people.

Five years as Rector of Caversham have however taught me that a great many people want to know more about the Christian faith. They are looking for the key to real living: they have, perhaps when schoolchildren, been put off by a presentation of Christianity which does not make sense to them in the world of 1967. But they are aware that the Church to-day is trying at last to interpret the Gospel in a way that is meaningful. Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Protestants alike are all involved in this process of renewal. But in England when it comes to signing on the dotted line most people—if they have to declare some religious allegiance, say that they are "C of E." And because of this what the dear old C. of E. is doing in October in Caversham is relevant to most of our readers. And I would ask that it would have the prayerful support of our non-Anglican friends.

But what are we doing? Simply this. Our religious communities exist, among other things, as an article on page 6 tells us, to make God real to people. So we have invited four members of the Society of St. John the Evangelist at Cowley to help us understand more about our faith. Those of us who like to think of ourselves as "inside" really know all too little about the Christian faith. If we are honest we will admit that we find it difficult to go on saying our prayers, we find the Bible a difficult book so we seldom read it, and even if we are among those who call themselves regular communicants it is probably habit rather than conviction that brings us to the altar rail. So in the first place Key Fortnight is a domestic matter, an opportunity for the regular Churchgoer to deepen his understanding of God. But it is more than that, it is also an opportunity for the many thousands who read this paper and like to think of themselves as Christian, to come and hear the experts. Many of you will receive a personal invitation to come to one of the four Anglican churches. But if you do not, but think of yourself as in any sense a member of the Church of England, then take this article as your invitation. But we are not just arranging a series of lectures on a "take-it-or-leave-it" basis. The four members of the Community from Cowley want to spend their time much more in personal interviews, and there will be ample opportunities for anyone to meet them personally and privately.

For several years Anglicans in Caversham have been a very active body of Christians. The columns of this paper are each month evidence of this. Key Fortnight is designed to teach us more about the God in whose name we allegedly undertake so much. A Christian without a proper understanding of God is as useless as a doctor with no knowledge of anatomy. We hope at the end of Key Fortnight that God's Church will be a more worthy instrument in His service. And perhaps some who are at present baffled and perplexed by life to-day will have found enlightenment and a new faith.

John Grimwade

THE £X,000 PARTY —

who pays the bill?

Hospitality is a Christian duty, few people would attempt to deny that this is so. But the question that many Caversham ratepayers are rightly asking after the events in Caversham Court on Saturday, August 12 is where you draw the line. Six hundred scientists were attending an international conference at the University, and it was felt that the Mayor and Corporation ought to entertain them. So far so good—but what in fact happened?

Behind the visible signs of a party in Caversham Court lay many hours of planning and organisation in the Town Hall. How much time staff at the Town Hall spent in arranging the party we shall never know. But what was plain to local residents was the simple fact that the preparations in Caversham Court and the clearing up afterwards took three weeks.

During that time Caversham Court was largely spoilt for those who during the August holidays much enjoy this beautiful oasis. True it was not actually closed to the public, but entrance was through a side door and mothers with prams who discovered this way in, then found that the only path without steps down to the river was blocked by marquees and they were forbidden to push their prams over the grass. The cost of the marquees alone amounted to several hundred pounds, but, in addition to the tents, landing stages were erected and launches were used to bring guests by river from another marquee near Caversham Bridge Hotel. On at least four occasions in

by
THAMES WARD
VOTER

the days preceding the party a fire engine was seen outside the Court, and carpenters, electricians and gardeners were all diverted from their usual work for this one evening's party which sadly for those concerned turned out to be on about the coldest night of a hot August. An elaborate entrance was erected, and two bands played, one on each side of the river. And then of course the expense of the food and drink has also to be taken into account.

The total cost for the evening will never be known. But ratepayers can rest assured of this—that when the Corporation wants to give a party it

certainly gets a move on and manages to find the men and the money for the job. Perhaps the plans that have for years been shelved for enlarging the old people's home at Warren House will now be looked at again; perhaps some of those economies which we are told are necessary in our schools will also be looked at and found not so necessary after all. Of course the £X,000 spent on one party is only a tiny fraction of the Borough's annual expenditure. But was a party on this scale necessary at a time of economic restriction? And what justification can there be for using a public park in this way? It is one thing to allow a charitable organisation to hold a one-day fete in a public park, a fete that will be attended and enjoyed by hundreds of local residents—it is quite another matter to use a park as Caversham Court was used on August 12.

But in the last resort we must blame ourselves. Did you take the trouble to vote in May in the municipal elections? If our elected representatives are intending to give more parties on this scale at least we shall know who NOT to vote for another year. One thing is certain — never again must a Reading public park be used in this way, and never again must public money be spent like this.

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TALKING POINT

Who prays, and how?

There can be very few people who have grown up in this country and who have not been introduced to the practice of saying prayers. Those who did not first hear the name of God and Jesus Christ on the lips of their mother at bedtime will almost certainly have done so at school assembly. Although many people are reserved when it comes to talking about prayer, it seems now to be widely acknowledged that a very large number of people find it extremely hard to pray in the ways they have been taught. Many have given it up because as they have loyally got on their knees and tried to pray to the God whom they had been taught was "in heaven up there" and now is . . . ? they find only emptiness and frustration. Others may still mechanically perform the old prayer routine and use all the traditional language and words, but the practice does not give them life and fulfillment; it does not express a living relationship with the God they had grown up to believe in, and who seems to have dissolved before their eyes.

And is it not true that the same difficulties arise in corporate church worship? Do not some of our services

seem lifeless and formal? Lacking in spirit?

Approximately a year ago a new slogan was born and quickly appeared in newspapers and on the radio and TV. It is, "God is dead" and must have shocked many people who saw it for the first time. It is something that cannot be ignored because it seems to have originated on the lips of Christian men and women, not from those who sought to spread adverse propaganda about the church. But it is only a slogan and does not mean what it seems to say—that there is no God.

During recent years many, many people, who had been practising Christians, have made a discovery. Many have spent their lives supporting the Christian church, and in so doing have imbibed all the traditional language and imagery. They did not notice or they did not mind that when they entered a church or began to pray at home they seemed to enter another world with another language. They did not notice that these two worlds had become quite divorced from one another. Outside church they talked of love and happiness, selfishness and greed; inside church

they learned about redemption and gospel, judgment and salvation, incarnation, sin, heaven and hell. These people, and perhaps some of us, too, woke up one morning and realised that they did not know what any of this meant. It was a language that did not seem to have any point of contact with the world they were in once they got up off their knees.

The world: the only world—the real world where we have to spend our days.

by Malcolm Cooper

They wondered as they sped along a motorway, what does God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost mean? As they rose to 40,000 feet in a transatlantic jet, the words, "He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right-hand of God" sounded ridiculous.

What does "Born of the Virgin Mary" mean?

In the 1960's the language and imagery of nineteen centuries are like some colossal building which has crumbled around the heads of those who entered it and sought to find their way along its long and difficult

corridors. That God is dead for many people. And, having lost their image of God and the language in which to talk about Him, their faith is in a void. No wonder prayer is difficult! It will remain difficult, too, until we each meet the living God again, this time in the real world of our everyday lives after the dust of demolition has cleared a little.

The question is, therefore, an urgent one; can we see

anything through the dust even now? Indeed, we can. While we may not know how to picture God in our minds, it is quite possible to believe. Though I do not know how to think about "Him", by an act of sheer faith (not a pure faith as if I had no doubts or difficulties about it) I believe there is a God. I believe that this universe is "surrounded" and "supported" by a something or a someone who loves me, and holds me dear for ever. And, in loving me, this God gives hope and meaning and significance to my life. Holding that there is such a

God by faith, and helped in this faith not least by what I know about Jesus the Christ, I endeavour to respond in love to "Him."

It would be most interesting to know how many people, if any, do not have some such belief. I suspect that everyone of us believes in something which is at least akin to the Christian belief in God. Do not most people grope towards some sort of imagery with which to talk about this God?; do not most people feel their way towards some sort of relationship with God, even though they cannot picture Him. Do not most people pray?

If people have largely given up the traditional forms of prayer because they meant so very little, it means that those who do pray now do so because they have found new life and meaning in it. Prayer is not something that can be taught in the nursery or anywhere else, it is something which grows as a person's relationship with God grows. As a person's faith that there is indeed a God increases, as his trust in God's love grows and his life becomes transformed by that love, then his prayer will become a living reality.

Just as a child feeds on

his parents' love by looking, by talking and simply by being with his parents, so we feed on the love of God in our prayer. In our faith that we are surrounded by the love of God we may sometimes express ourselves in words or we may sometimes simply dwell quietly and thoughtfully on His love. In doing these things we are praying, we are making contact with Him.

Words are not necessary for us to pray. Indeed, one of the discoveries that people have made is that at times in their lives when they have had to face situations which are more than they can cope with, it has been the continual "prayer" of quietly trusting in God and "handing over" to Him that has meant most.

But before prayer can express anything or be of any use, we have to be people who have met the living God and who have submitted ourselves to Him so that a relationship between us is born. It is a fact of experience of countless people that through the dust they have met the living God, have believed, and have become new people doing many wonderful things because of the new Spirit that comes to them.

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EMBLEY PARK

A third summer at Embley has come and gone. This year more people than ever have enjoyed a perfect week's holiday in these ideal surroundings. We feature below an article by Paul Goriup who was at Embley for the second of the three weeks.

Among the highlights of the first week were the rounders and water polo matches on the Sunday afternoon, when residents played visitors under Embley Park rules, and the partial "black-out" on the Tuesday nights when visitors to the "local" returned to be greeted with requests to "lighten our darkness" as like Florence Nightingale, lamps lit up the staircase. Then there was Mrs. N. at the discotheque wearing her husband's shirt over a much shortened skirt, and the concert and the bonfire on the last night.

The last week which brought a heat-wave saw many families with younger children (eleven for high tea each day). The public gallery was crowded with spectators watching the most extraordinary squash rackets tournament that can ever have been devised, and the unprecedented appearance at fantastic expense and incredible personal inconvenience of the Dowager Duchess of Embley who flew specially over from the Crimea in HIS mini-skirt to present the prizes.

Bookings for next year will open shortly after Christmas. The vast majority of those who went to Embley this summer hope to be back there in 1968. Why spend money visiting the Continent when a week at Embley costs £6 15s. 0d.



Picture: Miss A. Clarke

A general view of the garden front showing the putting and croquet lawns.

THEY GROW ON YOU

Embley Park holidays juniors—with the minimum grow on you. In August, by enthusiasts in individual fields. No official organisers, no compulsion, no fees, no advance preparations. The shyest of the shy and even the most reluctant one could not but fall for it! By the third day of the week, the parties had a swinging time on a "do-it-yourself" basis (except for food which was taken care of by the school staff).



Picture: Mr. D. Jackson

Lying low. The attractive open-air pool near the house was in almost constant use—and not just day time.

CHAMPIONS

For the young ones there was the traditional bonfire party, with cocoa, snake Abdyl and the sing-song. A most successful and original performance was also provided on the last night by the appearance of "hippies" adorned by the local vegetation. Farewell sorrows were drowned at a midnight swimming gala by torchlight.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of individual championships.

Table-tennis: men: Joseph Alban; ladies: Margaret Griffiths; juniors: Christopher Coope.

Putting: mixed pairs: Catherine Griffiths and David Cropp; juniors: Stephen Clamp.

Bowling: mixed pairs: Monica Hodge and Charles Lorenc.

Croquet: mixed pairs: Gladys Cropp and John Scriven.

Swimming: girls: Mary Hogarth and Myra Forward; boys: Quentin Curtis and Christopher Coope. In relay, men beat the ladies and women beat the fathers.

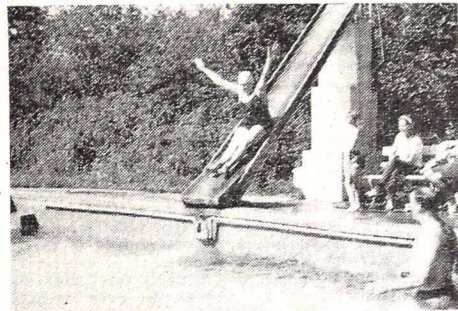
DO-IT-YOURSELF HOLIDAYS

What a week it was — it really was! With Trixie and Malcolm Cooper of St. Barnabas.

I came face to face with "The Seven Pillars of Wisdom," by T. E. Lawrence, in the spacious library of Embley Park School and decided — for the umpteenth time in the past 25 years — that since I was on holiday there was nothing to stop me from finally getting acquainted with this famous work.

That was on the first day of the Caversham Parish holidays, at Embley Park School, near Romsey, on the edge of the New Forest, in

the third week of August. chess? ... A game of "New-Then the flood gates opened market" for serious players? and — anybody for croquet, Would you be interested putting, bowls, tennis, table in "The Seven Pillars of tennis, squash, badminton, Wisdom?"

Picture: Mr. D. Jackson
Shot on the chute.

With Caversham Parish Holidays becoming an established event, it would be perhaps possible to consider a Parish Holiday Cup Championship, with the winners of individual weeks fighting it out in Caversham at a weekend reunion. This could be coupled with an exhibition of photographs and slides taken during the holidays. Too ambitious?

Notes
by
Paul
Goriup

Holiday camp? Certainly not. It is a meeting place for friends and new acquaintances. And there is always plenty to talk about if you want to. So much experience and vitality, so many different professions and occupations! A chemistry teacher, a nurse who looks after the blind, a printer, an agricultural expert, a power engineer, a salesman, a clergyman, students and so many others, all blending together into a big happy family.

A visitor, who dropped in for lunch, explained almost apologetically why he did not come for the week. "You see, I do not belong to the Church."

The only Church I have seen in action at Embley Park was Christianity in practice — the fellowship of men, or one aspect of it. Certainly the only Church with any future, as distinct from religion—and the only kind of parish holidays that Mary Clift had visualised.

Another pillar of wisdom?

There are many attractions from the tourist point of view. But they were completely out of rock in Romsey. In the New Forest there is a memorial at the place where an arrow, fired at a stag by Sir Walter Tyrrell, bounced off an oak tree and struck King William II, surnamed Rufus, on August 2, 1100.

There is also another attraction — nightly pilgrimage to "The Hatchet," on Salisbury Road. But if everything fails and one is willing to try out his patience, there is always fishing on the lake by the school. A carp or two may bite between six in the morning and two in the afternoon — as Ted Fulbrook found out.

As you have guessed, I did not get down to "The Seven Pillars of Wisdom." But I will probably make another attempt next year.

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CAVERSHAM BRIDGE

I wonder how many people know that there is in existence a letter from King Charles I to the Mayor of Reading demanding that the bridge over the Thames at "Caversham" which was "lately broken down" be put in repair within 24 hours. No wonder the Mayor was in a state of great consternation. Wars have a habit of requiring things to be done urgently, and King Charles was in a great hurry to relieve his garrison under siege at Reading. Eventually, the garrison surrendered and King Charles withdrew to Lord Craven's estate. His final crossing of the bridge, some years later, was as a prisoner, having taken a final farewell of his children at Caversham Park.

The first mention of the Bridge is in a document signed by King Henry III in 1231, commanding the Sheriff of Oxfordshire to go with him to the chapel of St. Anne's which stood on the north right-hand side of the bridge, a chapel which later became famous for its relics, including "a piece of the halter Judas hanged himself withall." The chapel of course disappeared at the time of the Reformation.

It is not known who was actually responsible for building the bridge, but it is certain there was a con-

nection with the Abbey, itself built in the thirteenth century. Pilgrims must have been among the first to cross and travelling pedlars, minstrels and beggars would have quickly discovered the same route. Various people at different times were responsible for its upkeep, and at one time it was the dual responsibility of the Reading Corporation and the County of Oxford. In 1811 the Oxfordshire side became so dangerous that Reading Corporation brought an action against the County of Oxford. Eventually, an indictment was brought against Lord Cadogan, the chief landlord, and he was obliged to carry out repairs.

Long before that Queen Elizabeth gave permission for masonry to be taken from the Abbey for the repair of the bridge. She had a vested interest in its upkeep since she used it herself on a visit to Sir Francis Knollys. Some years later Queen Anne of Denmark crossed it on a similar errand.

But one way and another Caversham Bridge was in a very sorry state by the middle of the 19th century. A collection of bits and pieces, parts made of iron and parts of wood, it was in bad repair and far too narrow for the needs of the

time. In 1869, the old bridge, parts of which had been in existence for 700 years, was broken down. It is an interesting sidelight on this operation that Waterman's Cottage, covering 35 feet by 25 feet, three storeys high, had to be removed eastward and re-erected. This was successfully carried out in a single operation, the furniture and family of the Waterman Piper remaining in the house during the whole time of removal. A pretty remarkable achievement.

The new bridge was opened in 1869. Many Caversham people will remember it. Extremely ugly in appearance, it was nevertheless a great improvement on the old one, being 20 feet wide with two footpaths each five feet wide.

In 1911 all liability of the Oxfordshire County Council ended and it was decided to build a new bridge with a clear width of not less than forty-five feet. The result, a fine new bridge, elegant and practical, a bridge any town could be proud of, was opened in 1926. W.D.

HE PUT HIS FOOT IN IT!

By our Midlands Correspondent

You have to go away from home to achieve fame nowadays. Mr. Ted Fulbrook, of 129, Hemdean Road, won a valuable competition at Arley, Worcestershire, while staying recently with his wife Kathleen and daughter Sarah, 7, at the Vicarage. The competition? — the Gentlemen's Ankle Contest at the Church Fete! Prize—a pair of socks.



JAMES PETTENGELL

Much has already been written about James Pettengell whose death occurred on Friday, September 1. What is not generally known however is the part he played in bringing the "Caversham Bridge" into being. He served on a small committee which was set up in 1963 to consider the possibility of starting a church newspaper in Caversham and gave much valuable help. When the paper was launched for some months he voluntarily undertook the task of laying out the copy ready for the printers, a work on which he would spend several hours over the weekend once a month. Increased pressure on his time compelled him eventually to stop this work, but

DRAMA GROUP

The second production for Caversham Park Theatre will be in St. Laurence's Hall on Thursday and Friday, November 9 and 10. The

Committee have chosen Terence Rattigan's "SEPARATE TABLES," this is actually two separate plays, which must, by copyright, be performed together, and are

set in a small private hotel in Bournemouth. Most of the characters are the same in both plays but there is a different couple around whom the main story revolves in each play. In the original London production these couples were played by the same two actors — Eric Portman and Margaret Leighton. Both the plays are basically serious but not without touches of comedy — all the parts are good, worthwhile characters. This is one of Mr. Rattigan's finest plays and will present a real challenge to the cast and all concerned in the production.

THEY BRING YOUR "BRIDGE"



Picture: Fred Walker

The Misses Day, of 25, Highmoor Road, are regular workers at St. Andrew's. Miss Lily Day (left) is the secretary of St. Andrew's Fellowship. Miss Dorothy Day is treasurer of the same organisation and was formerly a Sunday School teacher. Both sing in the

Reading Festival Choir and both work at the Red Cross helping in the out-patients' car-pen at the hospital and also at meetings for the disabled in St. Andrew's Hall. Miss Lily Day is also secretary and treasurer of the Ranelagh Hockey Team, a post which she has held for 25 years.

OBITUARIES

he was always ready to give advice to members of the editorial board, who will miss his valuable and most willing assistance. Mr. Pettengell, who lived in Morecambe Avenue, had, before moving to Caversham, been an active member of the congregation of St. Bartholomew's Church where he had been a server. He was also a member of the choir and Church Council of St. Lawrence's. We extend our sincere sympathy to his sister whose home is in Morecambe Avenue and to his brother. May he rest in peace.

a devoted wife and mother, was particularly fond of her garden and a prolific and gifted knitter almost to the end of her long life. Mrs. Hocking will be greatly missed by her daughter, Mrs. E. Sawyer, with whom she lived, by the other members of her family and her many friends but the memory of her Christian witness will remain.

KAY JEFFERY

It is with much sorrow, but very happy memories, that many people heard of the death of Kathleen Barbara Jeffery, "Sister Jeffery," on Sunday, July 31, 1967.

One cannot help but have many vivid pictures of such a lively and courageous character — she gave courage and hope to all her patients — and when teaching pupil nurses inspired them with the necessity of the high standards which she herself achieved. Only one who drew her strength from the Christian Faith so firmly could face as she did her last illness, with such courage and peace. It was a privilege to have worked with her and nursed her.

In her work, her home life, and her spiritual life, no one could have set us a better example. We thank God for every remembrance of her. J.M.B.

Angry residents of Caversham Park are being asked to report to the police the index numbers of cars seen speeding dangerously on Lowfield Road — the southern perimeter road of the village.

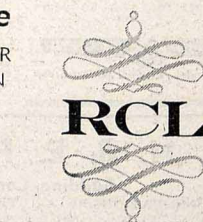
This was agreed at a recent meeting of the Council of the Caversham Park Village Association.

Lowfield Road was deliberately built with many curves — with the object of slowing down motor traffic. Naturally a number of motorists are attempting to use this village "service" road as a link between the main Reading — Nettlebed (A4000) and the main Reading — Henley (A4155) roads. It particularly seems to have attracted an irresponsible element who like to hear their tyres screaming as they brake sharply when going round the curves.

The part of Lowfield Road still owned by the contractors has a 20 m.p.h. speed limit and the remainder which has been adopted by the Oxfordshire County Council a 30 m.p.h. limit.

Apart from screaming tyres keeping people awake at night, children from Caversham Park have to cross Lowfield Road to attend Micklands County Primary School.

It was stressed at the Village Association Council meeting that residents who report motorists should be prepared to go to court if necessary, if this menace to safety and peace is to be scotched.



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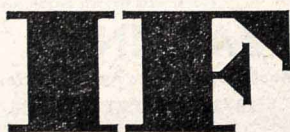
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Q. I have just purchased a car from a garage. I was told the car would suit me. I checked the condition and it seemed all right so I purchased it for £400, paid £150 deposit and took a loan of £250 from a Finance Company. After driving the car for a few days I found it was not in serviceable condition and I cannot get my money back. Have I any redress against the garage?

A. If the garage gave a warranty to you for instance, that the car was good and serviceable, you

may well be able to recover your money from the garage. But if not, as is more usual it is very doubtful whether you will be able to claim your money back; and you certainly will not be able to recover the money the finance company loaned you. You will have to pay the finance company back in full with, of course, interest. When you signed your agreement with the finance company it was a loan to you to buy a car (although you never saw the money, it was paid to a garage) and the agreement would exempt the company from any dispute about the condition of the car you purchased. It was in fact a separate agreement between you and the finance company, and if they are not paid it would be lawful for them to recover the car from you, under the Hire Purchase Acts. Most garages do not give a warranty on the car they are selling especially if it is not a new car and the legal maxim applies of "caveat emptor" (buyer beware) and if you have purchased a car that is unserviceable it is your fault and you will stand to lose quite a lot of hard earned money.

Always, if you are not mechanically minded yourself, have the car you wish to acquire checked by an independent mechanic, before you agree to buy, and certainly before you enter into a hire purchase agreement for the balance of the purchase price of the car.

Q. There is a ditch and hedge running along the side of my land. The deeds of my property do not show to whom the boundary hedge belongs. My neighbour wishes to cut down the hedge which divides my land from his and put up a wire fence which I do not want. Have I any redress if he does this or can I stop him doing this?

A. Where two plots of land are separated by a hedge and a ditch, there is a presumption in our law that the hedge and the ditch belong to the owner on that side of the ditch on which the hedge is. The presumption is such because in years gone by it was presumed that owners of land did not trespass on their neighbour's land, and would have dug his ditch on his own land and throw the soil from the ditch on to his own land upon which he planted a hedge to help bind the soil from falling back into the ditch and also for a windbreak. If however, there is no ditch the boundary between the two pieces of land will run through the middle line of the hedge. Therefore if the hedge is on your side of the ditch you may certainly stop him covering it.

LEY SCRIPTA

THOUGHTS OF A ROVING REPORTER

We hear a lot these days about Thoughts. Mao Tse-tung set the pattern, several other Eastern leaders have followed suit, and one of the letters which the Liberal Party endeavoured to deliver to the Chinese Embassy contained, I believe, the thoughts of Jeremy Thorpe. So why shouldn't I get in on the act? I've been busy decorating this last month, so I've had plenty of time to think, though I'm afraid my thoughts have not been very profound. Still I'm sure they are every bit as good as those of Mao—in an emergency they could be read out on the steps of the local Churches. So here they are.

What a good thing I told the "Bridge" Editor I wouldn't be doing anything for the paper this month. This job's going to take far longer than I thought. If only it wasn't necessary to do so much cleaning down first; but as every good decorator knows, this is the secret of success.

This step-ladder isn't safe. Saw some in a local shop recently, quite inexpensive and certainly very firm—all one requires in a step-ladder.

Talking of local shops, I went to Westminster Abbey recently for the express purpose of seeing Mr. Sear's kneeler in position. Acting dumb—not difficult for me—I asked an official if he could tell me if the kneeler was in place. He accompanied me to the High Altar and kindly allowed me through the barrier to see it. It looks magnificent. Of all the wonderful new tapestry recently installed, this piece is outstanding. Incidentally, I see they are freshening up the interior of the Abbey in glorious colours; the result among other things includes a wonderfully fresh screen.

Wonder if all her friends have caught up with the news of Penny Nott (née Wilkinson) who has recently given birth to a baby girl, Karyn Jane. Penny and her husband are still in America but hope to be returning next Spring for the wedding of Penny's sister, Jane. Jane has recently become engaged to a cousin of Penny's husband.

I'm using polyurethane paint on this job. It's more expensive but extremely hard wearing and doesn't chip. Surprising what a difference fresh paint makes. Have decided to go over to very light paint, usually magnolia, throughout the house—in a dark house it makes a lot of difference. And matching paint saves the endless arguments about where the outside of the door leaves off and the inside begins.

Just heard that Maureen Paynter, who before her

As soon as this painting is finished I must take a look at the garden. I don't know about other districts but in this part of the world the roses seem to have suffered from black spot this year. This must be dealt with.

Aren't we lucky in our Caversham shops—nearly all the shopkeepers here know their stock so well that we can trust their advice implicitly. Supermarkets are all very well, but who can take the place of the small shopkeeper who, when I ring him and ask if he remembers what paint I used last year, can tell me the exact type and colour.

One of the minor difficulties in Caversham is that we have several shops all selling the same things, all so good and obliging that it is difficult not to have a feeling of guilt when patronising one rather than another. Hate to think what will happen when we get new shops. I only hope those of us who have had such good service from existing ones will not be in too great a hurry to desert them for pastures new.

Feel a bit guilty I've not been able to visit my sick

and elderly friends recently. Rang someone to ask of he would visit one of them, only to discover that he had been ill. Nevertheless he would do his best to call. Can't help feeling it is time a few more people got in on the act—I mean, of course, the work of the "Bridge" Social Scheme. Some people are grossly overworked and there are still hundreds of people in Caversham who could spare a couple of hours a week to visit, or shop, or drive or write letters for some elderly person.

Incidentally, the scheme works. Thank heaven. I thought of it when my mother had to go to hospital recently and we couldn't get a taxi at that time. Pity many people who do voluntary work themselves are so reluctant to call on such services when they need them—they seem to be under the impression that if you come into the category of "helpers" you don't qualify for help.

Now that's finished, I suppose I'd better write something for the "Bridge", just in case.

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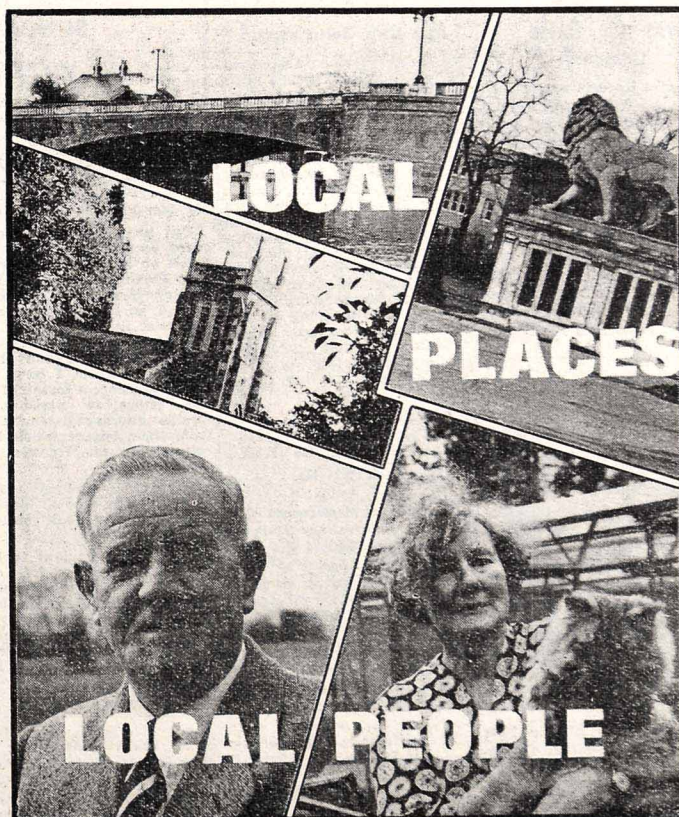
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KEY FORTNIGHT IS HERE

Churches to be floodlit

THE most longed for planned event in the history of the parish of Caversham for many years begins on October 8 when in each of the four churches of the parish the visiting team of priests of the Society of St. John the Evangelist begin their series of talks.

A carefully organised poster campaign that was launched on September 25 has prepared the public for something of unusual importance. From October 8 all the churches will be floodlit, and invitations to hear the addresses in the four churches have been taken to hundreds of houses. Members of the congregation

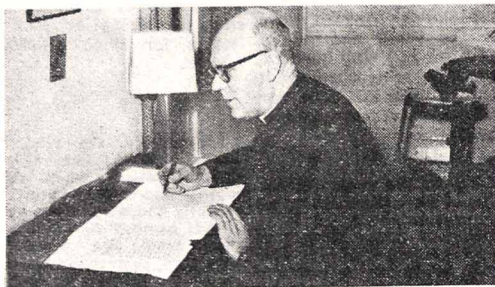
began to think and plan for this event last November but even before then the Rev. Mark Gibbard had spoken to the Parochial Church Council. Hundreds of prayer cards have been printed and circulated.

Compared to many parts of the country congregations in Caversham are large. Newcomers frequently comment on the numbers at the principal Sunday services in each Church. But the population is growing all the time and it is probably no exaggeration to say that in Caversham there are four thousand confirmed

members of the Church of England who have lapsed from any regular part in the life and worship of the Church.

It is hoped that the fortnight will help present church members to a better understanding of their faith, and also show to those at present outside the life of the Church that the Christian Faith is relevant for modern man. So Key Fortnight is for everyone who claims to be a member of the Church of England, active or passive.

WHO'S WHO IN KEY FORTNIGHT



The Rev. Mark Gibbard

Before joining S.S.J.E. the Rev. Mark Gibbard was on the staff of two theological colleges. India and Ceylon he recently wrote another book "Unity is countries, including Russia, to not enough." He has recently study how the church is facing modern problems. He was secretary of a commission on the church's responsibility towards children, and wrote a book "Tomorrow's Church" on the subject. He is a member of the Archbishop's Committee on Evangelism. After visiting South

He has recently visited Canada, Guyana, and West Indies where among other things he was invited to preach in a Roman Catholic Cathedral. He returns to England on October 2, from an extensive preaching tour of the U.S.A.

The Rev. David Campbell

Educated at Winchester College he worked for three years in the Asiatic Petroleum Company before going to Oxford University and Wells Theological College. He was a curate in Portsmouth during the war and then became a chaplain in the Royal Navy. After a further curacy in Portsmouth diocese he was vicar of St. Mary's, Isleworth until he joined S.S.J.E. in 1955. In 1964 he became assistant superior of the society.



Picture: Fred Walker

The Rev. Jonathan Young

Born in Oxfordshire in 1925 the youngest member of the Key Fortnight quartet goes to St. John's district. He has spent some years in the Royal Navy and after taking his degree at Lampeter he was for nine years in a curacy at Roath before joining S.S.J.E. in 1962. Recently he has come to work at Reading with some of the Clewer Sisters and has a flat in St. Giles's Vicarage.

The Rev. John Shand

A Scot with a degree in mathematics and science visits St. Barnabas' for Key Fortnight. After ordination he worked on a Scottish housing estate. The he joined S.S.J.E. and went to South Africa where for five years he was head of St. John's College, Umtata where 250 African young men were prepared for matriculation and the university and 100 trained as teachers. For another five years he was director of religious education in the diocese of Johannesburg. Since his return to England he has spent the greater part of his time in universities, schools and parishes conducting fortnights such as he is visiting Caversham for.

OTHER NEWS OF KEY FORTNIGHT

The parish of Mopledurham is co-operating fully in Key Fortnight. The Rev. Mark Gibbard joins them for their Harvest Supper on Thursday, October 5, and St. Margaret's will be observing Harvest Festival on October 1. Members of St. Margaret's organisations shared with St. Peter's in the Festival of Light on September 24, and the congregation is asked to attend the talks in St. Peter's.

At the opening Key Fortnight service at St. John's on October 8, at 6.30 p.m. the Rev. Jonathan Young will talk about "Prayer and myself." The following Sunday, October 15, his subject will be "Prayer with others."

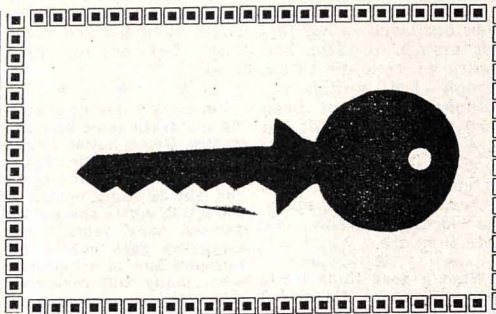
Harvest Suppers are all connected with Key Fortnight this year. St. John's held theirs on Tuesday, September 26, but in the other districts the suppers coincide with the arrival

of the Cowley Fathers. The Rev. Mark Gibbard will be at St. Peter's supper in Balmore Hall on Friday, October 6, the following night Saturday, October 7, the Rev. David Campbell will be at St. Andrew's and the Rev. John Shand at St. Barnabas'. Please note these dates and be sure you get a ticket for one or other of these suppers.

St. Andrew's make a break one night in the pattern of the talks

given by the Rev. David Campbell. On Saturday, October 14, films will be shown in St. Andrew's Hall and there will be no address in church.

"Why are we here?" This is the question the Rev. David Campbell will be answering as he starts his series of Key Fortnight talks in St. Andrew's on Sunday, October 8, at 6.30 p.m. The following Sunday his subject is "Worship."



Key Fortnight

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. MARK GIBBARD

My dear Friends,

You know how some people count up the days before they go off on holiday, and now the Key Fortnight we have been looking forward to is nearly here. I am confident we shall find that it will bring us real help in our homes, our friendships and in our daily lives. Again and again I have seen what difference a fortnight like this brings to parishes, to families and to individuals; and from their letters, which I receive afterwards, I gather that it lasts.

So I at you—and many others—will receive these blessings from God, may I ask you to do three things?

(1) Do your very best to keep an hour or so free each evening for the series of talks: the addresses follow one another like the chapters of a book, so you will find it much more interesting to you, if you hear it all.

(2) Ask your families and

friends to come with you, offer to call for people; it is no time now to be shy.

(3) Pray carefully every day for the Key Fortnight—for those you hope the course will help, for your family, for your friends, for yourself, my three colleagues and myself. Remember our Lord said, "Ask, and ye shall receive": "have faith in God."

I would like to ask of all who have been confirmed a fourth thing. Could we all make a point of receiving our Holy Communion on the first Sunday morning? It is the best way to make us a united Christian family and the best way to pray for our fortnight together.

Our community joins its prayers with yours that God will guide, bless and strengthen you in all your churches and districts.

With my prayers for you,

Yours ever sincerely,

MARK GIBBARD, S.S.J.E.

Society of St. John the Evangelist

What is it for?

by

The Rev. Mark Gibbard

On May 7 of last year the Archbishop of Canterbury spent the day with us at our community's house in Oxford. "A peach of a day" he called it: certainly we too enjoyed it with a crowd of our friends.

It was a great event for the Anglican Communion in the world, that we were enthusiastically celebrating. Just a hundred years ago Richard Meux Benson had founded our society, so that for the first time since the Reformation there was community life for men in our Anglican church. (Communities for Sisters had already started some twenty years earlier). Many of these new communities met opposition, as new things often do. But gradually they won for themselves a recognised place in our church. And in this century at the Lambeth conferences the bishops from all over the Anglican Communion have stressed again and again the value of these communities and of their service to the world in mission, in educational and in social concern.

Richard Benson began with two other priests; one had been a maths master, the other had come from the United States. They lived for couple of years in a small house in the Ifley Road, not far from Magdalen Bridge. Then as others joined them, they built a larger house a few hundred yards away in Marston Street. This remained their home for 30 years. As numbers increased further, they built the present community house and the fine church. The old house, which was radically modernised a few years ago, is now a house for retreats and conferences. There is a busy house for similar work in London, St. Edward's House, near Westminster Abbey.

Richard Benson's plan was that members of his community, both priests and laymen, should live together, pray and study and then go out (if a modern phrase may be used) to make real to the people of their own day God, who has disclosed Himself in Jesus Christ. Fr. Benson himself realised that this would have to be done in a variety of ways for different countries and different ages.

Three years after the foundation of the community he planned with the parochial clergy in London something like our key fortnight, though immensely larger, for over a hundred parishes. His letters about it, though to us rather quaintly Victorian, show a passionate sincerity and an intense desire to understand and help people.

His name was becoming known across the Atlantic, and so many Americans came to the new community house that an Oxford scholar said that an American eagle should be placed over the front door. It was natural then that the first offshoot of the community should be in the United States. In 1870 Richard Benson and two other fathers crossed to Boston (at that time it took 12 days) and he was cheered "by the heartiness of the welcome from the descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers." Today the American branch of our community is quite independent; its main house is at Cambridge, Massachusetts, by the Charles River on the edge of the Harvard campus; it takes care of two churches in Boston and also has two houses in Japan, where

about half the members are Japanese.

There is now also a Canadian branch, which started from the American house, but which now entirely runs its own affairs. Besides its own community life it has charge of a group of village churches north of Toronto in the Muskoka country, which with its lakes is becoming in summer a tourist area.

Wherever the community is at work, it is looking to see whether new developments are required. In fact one member of the Society has been living for some months in Reading, trying to work out a new pattern of service with the Sisters from their community at Clewer.

Richard Benson, although in many ways a typically Victorian man, was in his time a bold pioneer. He did not dig up a rule for his community from the Middle Ages. He aimed at something relevant to his own age. And he would wish, I think, that we should do the same for the sixties and seventies of our century, for he wrote that each member of his community should be:

"A man, not simply of the day, but a man of the moment, a man precisely up to the mark of the times, and that he should review calmly, dispassionately, dutifully all the phenomena of the age in which he lives, and he should not review them as things to deplore, but as things to rejoice in and as things to be acted upon."

So the four fathers, who are coming to Caversham for the Key Fortnight, will try to deal with present problems and will try to make God real to those who feel all the pressures and perplexities of today. We know we cannot do this ourselves. The most that we can do, if I may use an illustration from elementary science, is to act as "catalysts" to warm up a re-formation already in progress among you. We are indeed grateful for the work and the prayers you have put into the preparation for this fortnight. And there is so much more you will be able to do during the fortnight itself. We wish to be fellow-workers with you in God's work. And we can go forward together in confidence, knowing that it is God who will make to grow whatever seed you and we sow together.

NEWS FROM THE CAVERSHAM CHURCHES

ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

CATHEDRAL EVENSONG

The visit to the Cathedral together with some of our Free Church friends was voted by choir members and congregation alike a great success. In all, about a hundred people from Caversham, went to the Cathedral on Saturday, August 12, for the service. We were sorry that the Free Church ministers were on holiday and so unable to take part in the service but the congregation was thoroughly ecumenical, and included a Roman Catholic priest from Portugal. Our thanks are due to the choirmasters and all members of the choir for the hard work they put into this memorable occasion.

OUR NEW PRIEST

By the time the "Caversham Bridge" is published, the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Colin Scott-

Dempster will have taken place. Many members of the parish asked for reserved tickets for the service in Christ Church. Our new priest will be celebrating the Eucharist for the first time on Friday, September 29, the feast of St. Michael and All Angels' at 8.15 p.m. in the parish church, and he will look forward to many supporting him with their prayers on this occasion.

THE REV. STEPHEN JEFFERY

Because of the recent death of his daughter the Rev. A. S. Jeffery will shortly be moving to Exmouth to share a house with his other daughter who lives there. He expects to move sometime in October. He has given generously of his help to this parish in many ways. Not only has he usually celebrated the late Eucharist

at St. Andrew's on Sundays, but he has been seen frequently in all districts of the parish during holiday months and at times when we have been short staffed. Many will miss his counsel and advice, and all who have known him in Caversham will wish him happiness in his new home.

ST. BENET'S FETE

A fine Saturday afternoon brought a large crowd to St. Benet's fete for what was a most happy afternoon on September 2. There was more support from the four parts of the parish than has been noticed in previous years. The profits amounted to about £175 a slight increase on the 1966 figure. The organising committee are to be congratulated on a most successful afternoon, and we were privileged to have as the opener this year, the Mayor of Reading.

St. Peter's News

LOTS OF WEDDINGS

Recent weeks have seen the weddings of many who are well known in the congregation. The Rev. Raymond Birt came over to marry Susan Slade to Brian Bould. Gillian Petherbridge, for long a member of the youth club has married David Little and gone to live at Fleet. Unfortunately, her wedding coincided with the choir's visit to Oxford Cathedral, but the Rev. Eric Wood kindly came from Maudslough to take the service. Rosemary Gamble followed next and Fred Walker caught her on the steps of her parents home during the reception and got the photograph we publish.

But our young men have also been marrying off. David Shaylor married Millie Smiley at Aylesbury on September 2. His brother returned from India after his year with V.S.O. in time to be best man, and David's parents flew back from Nairobi, and we have been glad to have them around for a month, before flying back on September 29. A rival attraction to the parish cricket match on September 9 was Roger Kynaston's wedding to Shan Williams in Lampeter. Caversham in-



Picture: Fred Walker.

Miss Rosemary Gamble was married at St. Peter's on Saturday, August 26, to Mr. Nicholas Rooker.

vaded Wales that week-end. On October 3, Miss Broad-Roger and Shan will be living at Putney. Our best wishes go to these young communicants whom we shall hope to see visiting their parental homes here, from time to time.

THE WIVES GROUP

The mid-week quiet of Peppard Common was shattered on Tuesday, August 8, with the arrival of sixty children accompanied by St. Peter's Wives. The annual picnic proved to be a very enjoyable affair and once again a party of children from the Chiltern Children's Home were entertained. There will be two meetings in October.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

There will be a family service for parents and children at 3 p.m. The visiting star will be the Rev. Mark Gibbard.

CONGRATULATIONS

Gerald South recently gained a First Class degree in physics at Oxford University and will be starting research work in October.

St. Andrew's News

The Sunday School

On September 3, the Sunday School teachers attended the Parish Communion at St. Margaret's, Maudslough. This occasion was a fitting reminder that the Sunday School held every week in St. Andrew's Hall is a Combined Sunday School for the children of St. Andrew's District and Maudslough. Plans for the Sunday School during the coming months include: October 29: Prizegiving at which Mrs. Grimwade has kindly agreed to present the prizes; November 3: Bonfire and Firework Party; December 6: Teachers' Annual Meeting and Party and on January 3: the Annual Outing to the Empire Pool Wembley Ice Rink to see "Cinderella on Ice."

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heaton who celebrated their Golden Wedding on September 13. They were married in the Parish Church in those far off days of the first world war.

St. John's News

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

October 22, 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (said); 6.30 p.m. "The writing and truth of the Bible." introduced by a member of Staff. October 29, 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (said); 6.30 p.m. "Our Link Overseas, Zambia." A Service of Intercession with a film strip presenting the social and spiritual problems of this new nation.

ST. JOHN'S BROWNIES

The 3rd Caversham (St. John's) Brownies shared a happy Pack Holiday at Coddesdon Lodge, Basildon with Brownies from the 10th Euston and 1st Iver Heath Packs and their Guiders. Games, songs, tricks and other ideas were pooled. Waving good-bye at Reading Station on the final Saturday, was a very sad moment for all.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Michael Younger on gaining a First Class degree in Mathematics at Oxford University, and good wishes to Mary Williamson (nee Clinch) and Wendy Sander-son (nee Jackson) as they start their married lives.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1 6.30 p.m.

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The combined choirs of the parish will sing. No evening service in other districts.

St. Barnabas' News

Children at St. Barnabas

This is probably a very good time to remind everyone that the following groups for children exist in our Church.

- a A creche meets at St. Barnabas House on Sundays at 9.10 a.m. for children under five.
- b A children's club meets in St. Barnabas Hall on Sundays at 9.15 a.m. for children between 5-11 years old.
- c A young people's club meets in St. Barnabas Hall on Sunday evenings at 7.30 p.m. for the over 11's.

Family Services

Two family services will take place in the near future. These will be at 3.15 p.m. in church and provide occasions when children and parents can unite in a short act of worship appropriate for children.

The first is a children's harvest gift service on Sunday, October 8.

The second is a family service on October 29, the Sunday nearest All Saints' Day.

CAVERSHAM METHODIST—GOSBROOK ROAD

Congratulations to Mr. Roger Crutchley who has gained his B.Sc. (Econ.) at Kingston College of Technology.

St. Paul's Presbyterian News

One of the lines of a hymn often sung at an Armistice Service contains the phrase: "Let us forget." It is so easy in these fast moving times for our memory to store, as a

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

Choirs of the Gosbrook Road and Caversham Heights Methodist Churches will be joining with the choirs of other Reading Methodist churches in a Festival of Praise on October 4, at Wesley Church, Queen's Road.

The festival will be based on readings from Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," together with anthems and hymns.

Caversham will be well represented at the festival. The readers will be the Rev. E. B. Wright, and the Rev. J. O. Cochran, who was minister here some years ago. The organist will be Mr. John Simpson, of Caversham Heights.

Full programmes are obtainable from any of the choir members, price 2s. 6d.

computer stores information in its memory, things which were happening not so long ago. To refresh my memory before writing this article about St. Paul's, I checked through our Church magazine and I was surprised how much I had forgotten that had happened only a matter of 2 or 3 months ago. These are some of the things I found.

An innovation this year is the members of the congregation choosing a list of about a dozen of their favourite hymns, which they submit to our Minister, who does his best to make use of most of all of them in due course. It does mean because these are usually the most popular hymns that everybody can enjoy their Sunday singing.

Our Sunday Youth Club members also took an active part in our worship by conducting a complete evening Service, and they also did likewise at Grange Church, Southcote. Another outstanding achievement by our young members this year has been the award of the Harry Lewis Shield in the N.C.E.C. Scripture Examinations for the best annual pro-

gress in the Scripture Examination.

In July, at our Garden Party held in the Church garden, we were pleased to welcome back as Openers, our former Minister and his wife, the Rev. John Martin. We enjoyed very pleasant weather, and a very profitable day to supplement our Church funds.

Also in July we were pleased to know that our Church organ had at last been completely overhauled and converted to electrical operation. The quality of the tone of the organ, good as it was before, is now vastly improved, and we hope it will last for many years to come. To help to pay for this costly project, the Deaconate are to make special arrangements for "get togethers" which should also prove to be valuable social occasions in our Church's life. After trying to make do with a piano for choral accompaniment, surely any effort is worthwhile to ensure that the Church service has a good and efficient organ to lead its praise.

After all, no expense is too great if it allows us to praise Him who gave so much for us.



Miss J. B. Tanner of Marshland Square and Mr. D. P. Rapson, of Evesham Road, were married on August 5, at St. Barnabas Church by the Rev. M. T. Cooper.

"For Pete's Sake"

This, the latest and widely acclaimed film produced by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has been booked for its Reading and District Premiere on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 23, 24 and 25, 1967, and will be screened twice nightly (5.30 and 8 p.m.) at the Glendale Cinema, Church Street, Caversham.

In accordance with the policy of the Billy Graham

Evangelistic Association a ticket sales scheme will operate and the minimum charge will be 3s. per head. The majority of the seats will be bookable in advance and further information concerning reservations can be obtained from the Rev. D. H. Weller, 109, Crescent Road, Reading (Telephone 62027).

Please support this venture with your presence and your prayers.

WITH THE SCOUTS

American Jamboree

Two members of St. Peter's Scouts, Simon Nicholls and Tony Richards, attended the recent World Jamboree and record their impressions for the "Bridge."

U.K. Troop 17 left London Airport on July 27 flying to Montreal. We stopped in Montreal for refuelling and then continued to fly to Spokane Airport, Washington, U.S.A. The troop stayed in Spokane in people's homes for two days before going on to the Jamboree in Farragut State Park, Idaho.

We arrived at the site on July 29 but the Jamboree did not begin until Tuesday, August 1. The time before the Jamboree was used in preparing our site and gateway. Our troop consisted of Wiltshire, Channel Islands and Berkshire which numbered 33 boys and 3 scouters in all. The activities throughout the camp included boating, swimming, archery and adventure trails; these activities were carried on throughout the day in the mid 90's. We left on August 10 from Spokane

Airport and flew to Indianapolis, the capital of Indiana for home hospitality for a week. Everyone had a great time and the people were very friendly. We left Indianapolis on August 18, flying to New York for a brief trip around the city. America. Our plane left again later that day and arrived in London Airport on August 19, at 8.40 a.m.

The Jamboree was great fun and most of the boys wish they were back in America.



Picture: Fred Walker.
Tony Richards (left) and Simon Nicholls (right) photographed after their return from the Jamboree.

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St. Peter's	St. Anne's
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion	8.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 11 a.m. 7 p.m. Mass
9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION	
11.00 a.m. Matins	Our Lady of Caversham
12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays)	8.30 and 10.30 a.m. Mass.
6.30 p.m. Evening Service	BAPTIST Caversham
	11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship
St. John's	Evening Service after 1st Sunday after Morning Service 3rd Sunday
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion	
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST	11.00 a.m. Junior Church
6.30 p.m. Evening Service (not 1st Sunday)	2.45 p.m. Sunday School.
St. Andrew's	North Caversham
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion	10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST	Communion after service on 3rd Sunday.
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion	
6.30 p.m. Evening Service (not 1st Sunday)	METHODIST Caversham Heights
St. Barnabas	11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion	10.15 a.m. Sunday School.
9.15 a.m. Family Eucharist	Senior Dept.
6.30 p.m. Evening Service (not 1st Sunday)	11.00 a.m. Sunday School.
St. Margaret's, Mauderham	Junior and Primary Dept.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion	Gosbrook Road
9.15 a.m. Family Eucharist	11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship.
6.30 p.m. Evening Service (not 1st Sunday)	11.00 a.m. Sunday School
	SALVATION ARMY Prospect Street
	8.00 p.m. Young People
	6.30 p.m. Adults
	ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YORK ROAD
	11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Worship.

METHODIST CHURCHES OCTOBER PREACHING APPOINTMENTS

Caversham	CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH OCTOBER PULPIT APPOINTMENTS
1 Mr. R. Davies	Oct 1 Church and Minister's Anniversary — the Rev. W. J. Grant (Evening Communion).
Rev. C. D. Phippen	8 Rev. L. S. Lewis (Morning Communion).
8 Mr. J. S. Marsh	22 Rev. L. S. Lewis
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Rev. P. W. Luxton	
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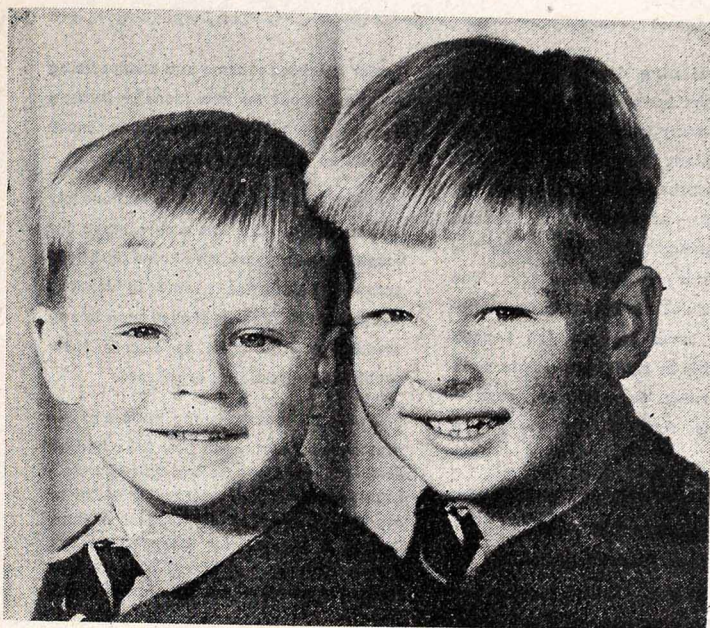
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"Please God make us good boys and give us nice dinners . . ."

Affluence and empty tummies—in England!

IT'S ALARMING to think that in the days of the so-called "affluent society" there are one million, five hundred thousand children who are living below the National Assistance level. One child in five goes to school on an empty stomach and many who do get breakfast don't have a proper breakfast and have badly cooked, badly planned meals.

Recently the Food Education Society published a pamphlet pointing out that a balanced three-meals-a-day diet is essential for children.

These facts may come as a shock to many housewives whose monetary problems might consist only of whether the family will be able to take a holiday abroad this year, should they get a new car or will their husbands be persuaded to fork out for the new coat they've had their eye on. But for the 2,300-strong voluntary school care workers in London the news will come as no surprise. On July 13 this year they celebrated their diamond jubilee. Their oldest member is 92 and has been working for the school care service for over 45 years — she's still offering her services — a tremendous record.

FARCICAL

Sixty years ago a London headmaster wrote that it was farcical to try to teach children who came hungry and unclothed and with no desire for instruction. The school care workers know all about this.

As well as visiting the homes of children who are unfed and without shoes to arrange for clothing and holidays they also go to school medical examinations — there are children with scabies and weals on their backs — and attend meetings with the staff.

Often the children come from backgrounds where one parent is an alcoholic and the other in prison, or else the mother has been left to cope with four or five children on about £13 a week.

The great advantage of the workers is that mothers are prepared to talk to them and discuss their problems because they feel that they don't represent the welfare or authority.

The volunteers cover a wide age group, many are mothers who want to do something worthwhile to fill in the time while their kiddies are at school. I don't think they could have set themselves a better task — even with 2,300 workers there are still not enough.

Simple gadget

WE'VE ALL HEARD about the American who placed an ad. in several New York papers stating: "Send me 10 dimes and I'll tell you how to make money quick," and the obvious reply card "Do as I did." But I wonder how many would have thought that a simple gadget like a "Trylash Tester" could rake in £1 million of exports.

The idea behind Eyclure's new brain child is quite simple, because of the fantastic range of eyelashes available, choosing the right kind becomes more and more difficult. So they developed a handy gadget to hold the eyelashes in place to judge their effect.

It's amazing what a little enterprise and ingenuity can do.

Forgotten points

THE IRONIC PART of our present welfare system is that although, in a way, it probably concerns a woman most, as she is responsible for the care and health of her family, she personally is the least adequately catered for.

There is little or no social security for separated and deserted wives and unmarried

mothers, yet there are now about 70,000 illegitimate children a year and 100,000 women with young children on supplementary allowances, mostly separated or divorced wives.

Also two-thirds of the seven million people on retirement pension are women; there are 600,000 widow pensioners under 60, and so it goes on. Women retire earlier and live longer than men, and yet their social security depends upon a faithful husband or the Supplementary Benefits Commission.

This is a scandalous gap in our social security scheme which must be remedied. Every woman should have social security in her own right and be free of the qualifying conditions and hazards of being dependent upon her husband's contributions.

Something new

IT'S OIL-REPELLENT, colour-fast and proof against extremes of temperature, pests, insects, mildew or fungi, and water can be brushed off it. It looks more like extraordinary, lightweight, faintly-glittering, crisp and pre-digested spinach—which, in fact, is not completely unattractive—but is described as "ordinary, lush green grass," as far as appearance goes.

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For those with more exotic tastes, wait a while — Cyril Lord are about to make red or purple grass. Which reminds me — what did I do with my plastic roses?

A sequel to Jane Shepherd's article in the July "Christian News," on twins.

It really does matter to them who sits at the 'plug end' of the bath!

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED SHOPPING IN A SUPERMARKET WITH THREE-YEAR-OLD TWINS? IF SO, EACH OF THE CHOSEN ARTICLES IN YOUR BASKET WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO MORE IDENTICAL ARTICLES, THIS HAPPENS WITH EVERY ARTICLE YOU PUT IN YOUR BASKET.

At three years they can just about reach, touch, move, and break EVERYTHING. Anyone entering our lounge would either have thought themselves in a prison cell or that we could not afford an ornament, clock, glass or books. Everything had to be MOVED . . . or else!

This endearing (!) state of affairs went on until they were four and a quarter years of age and were mercifully permitted to nursery school, and ALL DAY from 9 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. On the first day instead of weeping like any normal, wonderful mother, I waved "bye-bye" breathed deeply as I walked down the drive and tried to make up my mind whether to go and lunch in town, visit my mother, have a hair do, or just wander round the shops. In the end I turned the house out from top to bottom—all without my two constant helps.

Nice snow for mummy

How I managed to achieve this single-handed I really do not know. No one to hide the polish, throw the dusters out of the bedroom windows, spray the mirrors, and I certainly missed the emptying of the detergent packet all over the kitchen floor to make "nice snow for mummy!" Philip and Timothy certainly took to school even if school did not actually take to them.

Twins, whether identical or not, simply MUST do EVERYTHING together . . . feed, swing, ride bicycles, cry and go to the toilet, to name but a few. Should I timidly suggest "turns" then a strict order must be kept — Philip's turn to sit the plug end of the bath "cause it's my turn to have my hair washed first, yes it is mummy" all in one breath.

All this sort of thing went on for what seemed years, and such exhausting years, actually it was 18 months, and then, when they are six, said everyone knowingly, then you'll see the difference . . . well I did. At six years I was allowed to have a hobby,

I repeat, HAVE A HOBBY, I was actually permitted to be allowed to do something I wanted to do. This took a lot of getting used to, but finally it did sink in, and guess what, I decided to "write" — children's stories — you see, you are marked for life, so to speak.

Is our goldfish an angel?

Other startling things happened at six years; instead of taking four teddies each to bed, one moth-eared, no-nosed object was discarded for "poor children who live in Africa mummy." I am

sure the African children would have been delighted!

Daddy has suddenly become much bigger than anybody else's daddy, and there is a mummy who fetches "so and so" who is actually fatter than our mummy — impossible. "Nan is a very old lady," and "is our goldfish an angel like grandpa?"

Heaven has become very mysterious and important and every night I hear "please God make us good boys and give us nice dinners." Twins are certainly different, exasperating, exhausting, irritating and, of course, loveable, but of course as soon as they are seven

SANDRA R. HAYNES.

JUST IMAGINE

It's nearly impossible for us in the West even to imagine the appalling suffering of children in less-developed countries.

IMAGINE THE PLIGHT OF TINY CHILDREN TRYING TO SURVIVE BY EATING EARTH AND GRUBS IN FAMINE-HIT BIHAR.

IMAGINE THE AGONY AND TERROR OF INNOCENT LITTLE VICTIMS OF WAR IN VIETNAM.

IMAGINE THE DAILY TRAGEDY OF HUNGER, DISEASE AND DEATH THAT IS THE LOT OF COUNTLESS CHILDREN IN THE HUNGRY HALF OF THE WORLD.

IMAGINE THE GRIEF OF WORKERS IN THESE COUNTRIES WHEN THEY MUST DENY AID TO SUFFERING CHILDREN THROUGH LACK OF FUNDS.

The Destitute Children's Fund helps hospitals, orphanages and feeding centres in many areas of desperate need.

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A legacy brings life

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



FOOTBALL has been Matt Busby's life; football and Manchester, the city where he's been around for over 30 years. So it's nice to know the city has made him a Freeman, and that this is an honour he can add to the O.B.E. already awarded by a grateful country for his services to sport.

A quietly spoken Roman Catholic Scot, Matt Busby made over two hundred appearances for Manchester City before he moved to Liverpool in 1936. He played for Scotland once, but his greatest fame

MATT BUSBY

has been won with Manchester United, where he took over the manager's chair immediately after the war. Under his firm guidance the club has been at, and around, the top of British soccer ever since. It has won the F.A. Cup twice and the League Championship four times.

This in itself is a fine record. But the story is little short of fantastic when you think back to the tragedy of 1958.

On a shattering day in February of that year the team was returning from one of its many trips to the Continent. As their plane was taking off from Munich it crashed. Eight of the players were killed — amongst them Duncan Edwards, thought by many to be the brightest star in British soccer. The hopes of a club that had become a household word since winning the League Championship by eight clear points, were dashed in ruins. The party was over — United was finished. Or so people thought.

They reckoned without Matt Busby. After the crash he not only won the fight for his life in a Munich hospital, but he won the fight to put United back on the football map. With great skill and vision he rebuilt the team, using his unique talent for spotting and bringing out young players of promise through his

junior coaching scheme and always being on the look-out for new ideas — Busby's Babes were playing 4-2-4 before most clubs had thought about it.

"The Boss" as he is affectionately known in the club, has a sure touch for inspiring his players, who know that he is second to none when it comes to "reading the game." His door is always open to any member of the team to discuss their problems, professional or private.

A practice match among juniors of the playing staff springs to new life when he is on the side line. He can quietly help a highly sophisticated international star to see that he is not giving his best without having a request for transfer on his hands. He can be aloof but friendly, and that's the secret of his success with the players.

Matt Busby is not only a football legend; there are many of those. He is an outstanding man.

Gold hunt is on in far north

A TEAM of Canadian prospectors have started a full-scale search for gold around the village of Kildonan in Sutherland.

It's all top secret. No-one will say how close they are to finding a Klondyke.

The hunt has been organised by the Scottish Canadian Highland Development Co. Ltd.

They have prospectors and part-time students living in caravans.

A year ago they bought prospecting rights for the area from the Countess of Sutherland.

Now hundreds of pounds worth of equipment has been moved into the area.

Prospectors look for tiny pieces of green rock when they're panning in the River Brora. This is what Kildonan gold looks like before it's treated and polished.

Many semi-precious stones, such as garnets, mica and magnetite, have already been found.

The prospectors say that where these stones are found you usually strike gold.

A CAREER WITH THE POLICE

Renowned for efficiency and fairness

THE BRITISH POLICE SERVICE is renowned throughout the world for its efficiency, fairness and helpfulness.

Police Officers have the satisfaction that comes from dealing with people, protecting them, helping them and earning their respect which comes when they are turned to in an emergency.

Because of the ever-growing responsibilities of the service, men of good character, education and physique are needed for this important work.

The latest scientific techniques are being harnessed to combat the increase in crime and to perfect the nation-wide network of police organisation and communication.

The following are some aspects of police work:

TRAFFIC

Police traffic patrols range from checking "speeders" with radar to chasing "smash and grab" raiders; no emergency is outside their field of operations but mobility is essential to present-day policing.

ROAD SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Police officers apply themselves tirelessly to schools, old age pensioners' associations and elsewhere, to instil into youngsters and old persons alike the dangers associated with the use of roads.

CRIME PREVENTION

Many crimes reported to the Police would not have been committed but for the lack of elementary precautions on the part of the owner. By observing



a few elementary precautions much crime can be eliminated. Specialised officers are employed to advise all sections of the community.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT

The work of a detective, who works in plain clothes, is exacting and fascinating. Not all of it is as exciting as in crime fiction. Much is tedious and painstaking, but it is most rewarding. Detectives must be observant and possess a good memory and the sort of perseverance which compels them to continue on a case until it is solved.

DOG SECTION

Police Dogs are either bred by the Police or obtained from members of the public. They are chosen for ability rather than appearance. Training commences when the animals are 12 months old and continues throughout their working life of seven to eight years.

The Police dog handlers kennel their dogs at home and either patrol on foot or in vehicles.

MOUNTED DEPARTMENT

Wherever there is a large crowd, a mounted constable will

be seen in evidence. In certain circumstances a trained police horse, without endangering anybody, is the only effective means of crowd control. At the end of its service the horse is usually retired to a farm.

POLICEWOMEN DEPARTMENT

Policewomen have exactly the same powers and responsibilities as Policemen. They are regarded as Police Officers and have special responsibilities in all Police work connected with children, young people and women.

QUIZ

- Which team has won the European Football Cup four times in succession?
- Name the first golfer to "break 80" on the old course at St. Andrews.
- Which teams normally play on the following grounds: (a) Highbury; (b) Burden Park; (c) Turf Moor; (d) Dens Park?
- In March, 1956, a British aircraft set up a world speed record more than 300 miles faster than the previous record. Give the type of aircraft and speed.
- Has anyone ever rowed across the Atlantic?

ANSWERS

- 1 Real Madrid.
- 2 Alan Robertson.
- 3 (a) Arsenal; (b) Bolton Wanderers; (c) Burnley (d) Dundee.
- 4 The Fairey Delta II; 1,132 m.p.h.
- 5 Yes. (Harro and Samuelson, 1897).



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Nosing into this and that

When you come to think of it, noses are very funny things! And what a lot of different shapes and sizes there are. Long noses, upturned noses, hooked noses, noses like beaks.

Nosey Parker!

Of course you know that a Nosey Parker is a busybody who is always prying and spying into other people's affairs. But do you know how the name first started?

Well, no one seems to be very sure. Some people think it refers to a man named Matthew Parker, who was Archbishop of Canterbury at one time. He had a very long nose and was noted for meddling in other people's affairs.

Another story is that in olden days "nose" was a slang word for an informer or a person who "told" on others. Another word "pauk" meant "inquisitive" or "curious." These two words "nosey pauk" may in time have become "Nosey Parker."

Test your family again

When you are all having a meal together and everyone is in a good mood, ask the family how the expression "Nosey Parker" first started. If they don't know, you'll be able to tell them the two possible ways in which it started.

Mr. Good Samaritan

Mr. Good Samaritan (Mr. G—S for short) wasn't a bit of a nosey parker.

One day a Jew, who was travelling on the Jericho road, was most viciously attacked by bandits. They beat him up and robbed him, and then left him naked and half dead on the side of the road.

Eventually a priest came along the road, and then a temple official. Each in turn spotted the knocked-out traveller, and each crossed the road and left him there.

Then Mr. G—S came riding along. Now the Jews and the Samaritans had been arch-enemies for hundreds of years, but that didn't hinder Mr. G—S. There were no questions asked, no fuss, no delay. He had some oil and wine with him, and he used these to clean and ease the man's wounds, used some of his own clothing to cover the man, and then hauled the unconscious traveller on to his own donkey and took him to the nearest inn. What's more, he paid the sick man's bill as well as his own.

Something more to do

Write a play with the two chief characters "Mrs. Nosey Parker" and "Mrs. Good Samaritan." If you need it, here's an idea to give you a start.

The ambulance came tearing along Dixey Road its siren screaming and its blue light flashing. It drew up outside number ten, when Mrs. Bones and her six children lived.

When you've finished the play, act it out with your friends.

Do you know?

Who told the story of Mr. Good Samaritan and where can you read it? (Answer below).

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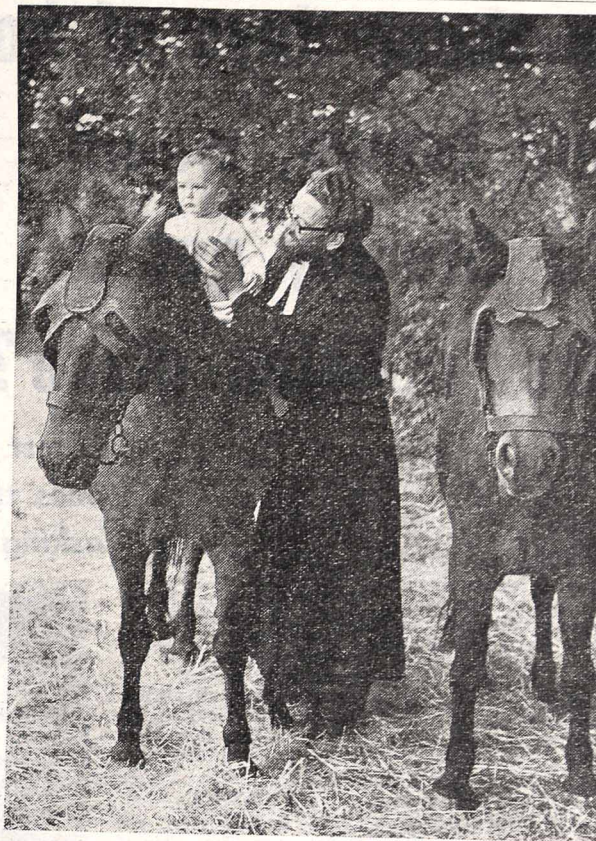
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Rest after a life of toil

TWO 18-YEAR-OLD pit ponies have left the hard toil of colliery life to start retirement in the peaceful surroundings of a country rectory. Abbey and Bill, who between them have spent more than 30 years below ground, became the first inmates at a new rest home for retired pit ponies in the village of Duckmanton, near Chesterfield.

Founders of the home, the Rev. Stanley Hare, Rector of Sutton-cum-Duckmanton, and Mr. Charles Naylor, a Chief Clerk employed by the Coal Board, collected Abbey and Bill from Shirebrook Colliery.

In the picture, Mr. Hare helps a young friend to a pony ride.



Television—

IT'S TIME THEY STOPPED 'COMMERCIALS' ON B.B.C.

by Harold Jeffries

HAVE YOU ever stopped to think how much you are influenced by television advertising?

You may think that you're immune — that none of the jingly, gimmicky nonsense that comes on in the natural breaks has any effect upon you — but you'd be wrong. Hard-headed businessmen don't spend thousands of pounds on something which doesn't produce results — and it's now known that TV commercials sell more products quicker than any other form of advertising. One mention and literally millions of people are influenced.

Now it's an old saying that time is money, but it has never been so true as it is today in the world of commercial television. Because it is effective, television advertising is expensive and because it's expensive, those who pay for it don't like to see people enjoying the privilege for nothing. Consequently, you'll never hear a product mentioned or see anything getting a free plug on ITV — there'd be too many angry people to deal with afterwards.

So far so good and everything I've said seems to be perfectly obvious. But now let's switch our attention to the BBC.

If you were to ask the first person you meet after reading this column what was the main difference

between ITV and BBC, you would most probably be told that the one advertised and the other didn't. One wishes this were true — but it isn't.

You could forgive the BBC for over-stepping the mark on certain things. You could hardly have a circus televised without giving it its name, or have a series like "Come Dancing" without giving a pretty good plug to a chain of dance halls.

You might even overlook the blatant advertising of the "Radio Times" at many televised sporting events — even when the camera can't show you the score without also picking up the hoarding with the paper's name plastered all over it. What is inexcusable is the increasing ease with which individuals — particularly comics — are able to mention some particular product and apparently get away with it.

One could quote many examples, but the most glaring one I can think of took place on the BBC 2 programme celebrating the thousandth edition of "Late Night Line Up." Here Peter Cook quite deliberately made a point of drawing everyone's attention to the brand of cigarettes which were being smoked at the party. He knew very well that he was breaking the rules — he made that only too obvious — but he didn't seem to care.

I don't know whether he got away with it. At the most he probably got a mild telling off. But a certain cigarette firm got a great deal of free publicity and that is inexcusable. If television advertising is extremely expensive and extremely effective, then those who pay should be rigidly protected from un-

fair competition. The BBC had a responsibility not to advertise before the advent of commercial television. They have an even bigger one today. They should take a tougher line with those who break the rules.

It's not funny — it's unfair, and we ought to object to it on principle.

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In these days of boot and brawn, would Sir Stanley get a first division place?

WHENEVER A GAME OF FOOTBALL LEAVES ME FEELING FLAT AS SO MUCH OF THE PRESENT DAY FARE DOES, I SIGH FOR AMBROSE MULRANEY.

Playing for Birmingham City in the immediate post-war period, Mulraney not only established himself as a very effective outside-right with all the necessary skills but as an entertainer who delighted spectators with his clowning.

To Mulraney the football field was more than a playing area; it was a stage, and like all great showmen he thrived on a big audience.

He reserved his masterpiece for a local derby against Aston Villa, immediately opposed by the redoubtable George Cummings, the man they said played Stanley Matthews better than anyone else. He shocked this great full back and stunned the crowd by standing with both feet on the ball and waving his arms like a man conducting an orchestra.

SPECIALIST

This particular era was a hey-day for wingers. Most teams had a touchline specialist man whose strong running ball control and centering ability were able to influence the game to a marked degree.

Before the advent of 4-3-3 players like Tom Finney, and Bobby Langton, Billy Elliott, Jimmy Mullen, Johnny Hancocks, Billy Liddle and Jimmy Delaney were regarded, and rightly, as specialists in a position that is now rapidly becoming defunct. The theorists say that

in the context of a 4-3-3 system the specialist wingman is a luxury the game can't afford. I don't yearn after the old "W" plan or anything like it; the game, like all others, must evolve or stagnate. But I wonder whether one means of breaking the defensive barrier that is 4-3-3 is a return to the specialist wingman.

English football always the most physical in the world, is in my view taking a turn for the worse.

VIOLENCE

The muscle men are taking over. The order of the boot is with us once again. Much of the violence in football is a direct by-product of the massed defensive system, which let us face facts, is here to stay.

A forward in possession in the penalty area knows he has but seconds in which to operate before he is stopped, not by one man but if the system is working by two. This is the flashpoint. If the defender or attacker fails the outcome, borne in exasperation, is retaliation. This situation is being met in a predictably English fashion. Brawn is matched with brawn, and the outcome is an unsightly and often vicious spectacle.

The defensive barrier must be passed, but is this the way? Is there now a case for using the ball player up front, and, dare one suggest it, on the wings?

The area adjacent to the touchline is these days used by the overlapping full-back who, taking full advantage of the situation makes a spirited run-in

Ernest Adkins
does the asking



and during the time and space available to him, and then improvises to the best of his ability.

TORE HOLES

Last season a young man called Don Rogers, playing third division soccer with Swindon, tore holes through the well drilled defence of first division West Ham with expert old fashioned runs down the left wing. As Rogers demonstrated, there is as yet no answer to the ball played back from the goal line and therefore away from the wall of defenders.

Perhaps the game is evolving along the right lines but I have an uneasy feeling that there is something wrong when players like Rogers languish in the basement of football, and when it is by no means certain that if Stanley Matthews were playing today he would get a place in a first division league side, much less the England team.

Topic of the Month

The United Nations must succeed

UNITED NATIONS DAY, October 24, is this year the 22nd anniversary of the coming into force of the U.N. Charter.

The Organisation set up by the Charter was born just in time. For even while a start was made on formulating it in the San Francisco Opera House during the dying days of the Second World War in Europe, two ominous signs that the post-war world would not be all sweetness and light were visible on the distant horizon.

The first was the growing rift between the West and the U.S.S.R. The second was the mushroom cloud over the New Mexico atomic testing grounds.

The rift between East and West has overshadowed the whole life of the U.N. Its procedures and agencies have moved in step with the rigid attitudes of the Cold War. Because of it the largest nation on earth, China, has representatives at the U.N. of only one-seventieth of her total population — the Nationalist group exiled on the island of Formosa.

BANKRUPT?

But the Cold War is something the U.N. has learned to live with, despite the fact that it is the chief reason for the Organisation being nearly bankrupt.

The major development has been the vast increase in member nations. In 1945 the U.N. Charter was very much the baby of the Big Five Allied Powers. They invited 46 other nations along to San Francisco, but there was no doubt who was top dog and they enshrined their superior position in the Veto which they could each use in the Security Council.

Today membership has more than doubled. Each member of the General Assembly has the same single vote irrespective of size, and the position of the Great Powers within the Organisation is by no means as prominent as they originally envisaged.

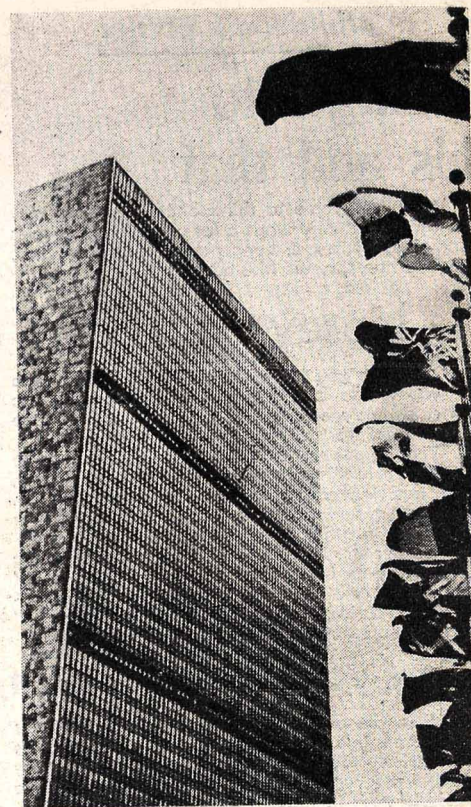
After 22 years what must be the verdict on the U.N.? Its two outstanding aims were to keep the peace and to promote human welfare.

AGENCIES

Promoting human welfare has been successful within the financial and political limits of the Organisation, with its numerous agencies working selflessly throughout the world.

And anyway the real verdict must be: "If you don't like it, what is the alternative?"

The U.N. HAS to be made to work — it is the one hope of mankind.



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TOPIQUOTES

To follow the path of least resistance is what makes rivers—and men—crooked.

— Rev. Ronald Selby-Wright, BBC talk.

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If I didn't think I was going to get to Heaven, I wouldn't be here three days.
— Cistercian Monk at Nunraw.

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By all the laws of Freud and the psycho-prophets, the monks are depriving themselves of the sensual satisfactions which alone make a whole life possible; they ought to be up the wall and screaming. Actually, I

found in Nunraw a 'quite exceptional peace; it is the children of affluence, not deprived monks, who howl and fret in psychiatric wards.

— Malcolm Muggeridge.

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I'd like to see the Indians liberated from hunger and poverty, because India is the greatest source of intelligence in the world.

I'd like people to become colour blind to the colour of a person's skin so that we can be rude to some negroes who deserve being rude to.

— Patrick O'Donovan, of the "Observer," in "Meeting

Point," on the world he would like to see.

★ ★ ★
At this point in history it is basically wrong — even criminal that people should be starving at the same time as we are trying to fly supersonically.

— Michael Parkinson, of "24 Hours," on the same programme.

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It seems to me absurd that we should be trying to get to the moon before reclaiming the Sahara.

— Peter Black, "Daily Mail," on the same programme.