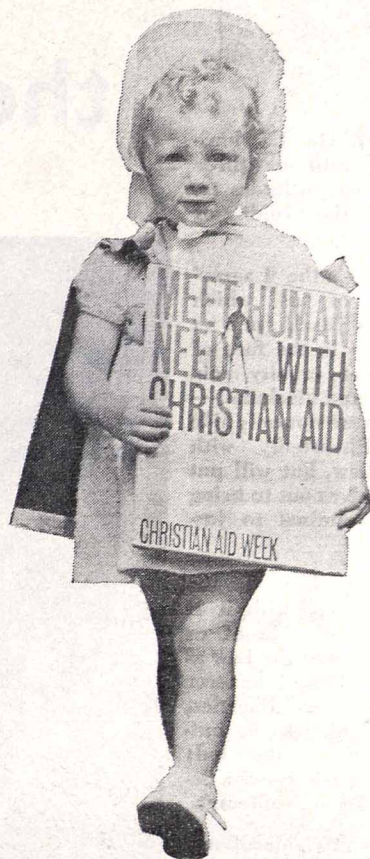


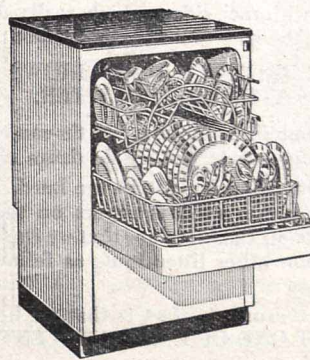
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Soap Box Litter and the Law

MOST OF US have built into us three different attitudes towards the keeping of the Law.

There's the 'I agree' part of us which shows itself most clearly in the face of murder, cruelty, robbery and blackmail—when we not only side wholeheartedly with the Law, but will put ourselves out to bring the criminal to justice.

Then there is the 'Get away with it if you can' side of us which sees the Law as a bumbling interferer with our liberties, something to be outwitted and defeated; an inconvenience deserving of contempt.

It's this side of our nature that leads us to ignore the 30 m.p.h. speed limit, put walls up without planning permission, ask a total stranger who is supposed to have known us for a minimum of two years to sign our passport form, and beam with approval at the friend who has got away with parking for four hours in a no-parking area.

The third side is the worst. It's the lazy, sloppy, uncommitted 'Nothing to do with me' side—which really disapproves of something but hasn't the guts to do anything about it.

THE WHOLE BRITISH NATION SHOWS THIS SIDE OF ITS NATURE IN ITS ATTITUDE TO LITTER.

We can't like our filthy streets, our tin-can covered beauty spots, our rubbish-dump canals, but we do damn all about them.

Perhaps the litter-bug has bitten too hard. Perhaps we're all so used to chucking our sweet-wrappers on the pavement and our cigarette packets on the bus floor that we can't get out of the habit, and we look upon other litter louts as fellow-sufferers deserving sympathy.

Whatever the reason, the fact is that we keep Britain far from tidy—AND NOT ONE OF US IS INNOCENT.

It's not enough to stop chucking litter about ourselves—we've got to stop other people.

The Law is against litter, but it hasn't a hope of being effective until we change our attitude from one of 'It's nothing to do with me' to one of 'I agree'.

In last month's "Soapbox" we reported Lord Willis as saying that the Archbishop of Canterbury earned £17,000 a year. We should like to make it clear that this was a misprint and should read £7,000, which was the sum Lord Willis actually mentioned in the debate.



LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I was very interested to read Mrs. T. Guy Rogers' letter in *Christian News* (January).

I, too, am a widow and only recently moved into a new district. I had no friends in this area and I was very ill. My daughter rang the Vicar and also the leader of the Women's Fellowship. The Vicar came to see me at once and invited me to join the Women's Fellowship at their meeting that day, and my daughter rang to ask the leader to call for me.

I was ready and waiting when she called. Her words to me were not very welcoming: she said "Would you follow me along, as I have a lot to do?" I went back indoors and thought about it all, and decided that I must not let the Vicar down after he had been so kind. So I went to the meeting, where about a dozen ladies were standing around in groups talking.

I said, "Good afternoon" but no one replied, so I stood alone for a few seconds (which seemed like hours) until the Vicar came in. He smiled and came straight to me, then brought his wife to be introduced to me. She then told me that they all went into the church for a little service before the meeting began. As the ladies were by now moving into the church, I followed and there the Vicar introduced me to the new Curate. I sat alone until the Vicar brought a lady to me and asked her to look after me.

She has indeed looked after me, and makes room for me whenever we meet. She, too, lives alone, so she understands a little of what loneliness can do to one.

Out of 90 members in the fellowship, of which 50-60 meet each time, I now find six or seven who smile and return my "Good afternoon". I wonder what fellowship means to the majority of those who attend these meetings?

Thanks to the Vicar, curate and the doctor at the hospital I am, after eight months, trying to make a new life and seeking to help others worse off than myself. I could not have carried on this far without the kindness of the Vicar. I would stress the need for more help from the leaders of church organisations. I think it is the women who should set out to help by a smile or friendly word to the widow and the fatherless, especially the aged and sick ones.

Yours faithfully,
Another Widow.

Name and address withheld.

*This letter writer receives £1 Is. for the *Christian News* "Letter of the Month."*

A LITTLE CHILD ..

Dear Sir,

"And a little child shall lead them".

When hearing stories of children, my mind goes back to when my son was quite young,



too young certainly for me to expect wisdom from him, about seven or eight years old. I was, one day, remonstrating with him on his choice of friends, and he looked at me and said, "Mummy, if I look for someone without faults, I shan't have any friends."

This gave me so much food for thought that I remember it still. "From the mouths of babes and sucklings."

I wonder if other readers have had similar experiences, for children can teach us so much, I think.

Yours truly,
Iris Hughes.

28 April 1967,
Birmingham 13.

New town ministers' association

Dear Sir,

It may be of interest to your readers to learn that New Town Ministers' Association has recently been established.

This Association has come into being to meet the need for better communication between all those who are concerned in the mission of God in the new towns. The first generation of new towns has now 'come of age' and it is essential that the experience of the Churches' workers, both ordained and lay, should be gathered, assessed and communicated to those who are responsible for the planning of mission in the new towns and to those who are called to be the Church within them.

We are concerned, therefore, to establish better channels of communication between those who are researching into the problems of mission strategy, those within the various denominational structures who have the responsibility of providing money and manpower and initiating church building programmes and those who actually work within the new towns.

The Association came into being at a conference which took place at the Queen's College, Birmingham, in January. An Executive Committee has been set up and the first Newsletter is about to be produced.

Plans for a general conference of the Association are now being made.

Membership is open to people

of all Christian denominations, who are engaged in full time ministry in new towns and to those who are concerned for Christian mission in new areas. Those who are interested in these issues and who would like to receive a copy of the newsletter are asked to write to:

**The Hon. Secretary,
New Town Ministers' Association,
The Pastoral Centre,
High Street,
Dawley, Shropshire.**

Yours faithfully,
Peter Bridges (Chairman).
Dick Jones (Hon. Secretary).

For widows and their families

Dear Sir,

A copy of your recent issue has been sent to me, with its interesting letter on the subject of "Parsons and the Bereaved", which has been brought to my notice. It gives me the opportunity to tell you something of the work we have been doing all over the country during the last nine years for widows and their families.

Our service has combined counselling, with experienced committee support, and social clubs/parents' circles for the widows themselves. We now have centres of operation in fifteen different towns, whilst a National Membership covers the country, and into this we enrol any widow who has no local Cruse Club to which we can invite her to go. Through this National Membership we are able to give support to widows through our publications and amenity and social service aids so that she and her family are helped until a local committee can be formed.

You probably will know that there are over three million widows in this country and half a million of these are bringing up children. The task we have before us is to ensure that every county in the British Isles will have its Cruse Club Counsellor with supporting committees, and social clubs, etc. We believe that this measure of practical aid will do something effective to meet the widely felt need.

Margaret Torrie.

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BACK BRITAIN — Buy British

A many - coloured happiness

WHEN MY husband and I opened an apartment house in London seven years ago, we had definite ideas about the kind of tenants we wanted. We didn't realise that there were people who not merely wanted us, but needed us urgently.

Out went the usual advertisements for people of the business or professional classes to occupy our flatlets. As there was an acute shortage of accommodation in the district we had many applicants.

One of the most pathetic was a Nigerian student health inspector. He stood there, shivering in the icy March wind. "Please, won't you give me a chance? I have to get out this week because I've been forced to live in a slum clearance area, and now the house is coming down."

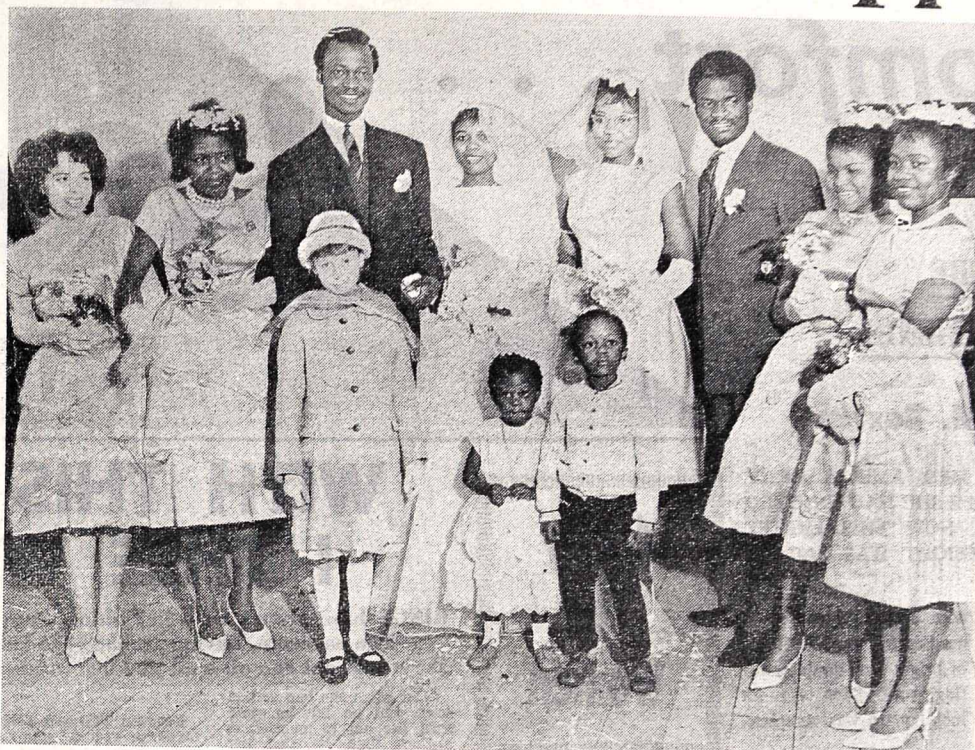
APPALLED

We asked him in, and were appalled at the rent he had been paying. It seemed that coloured people are often asked high rent for poor lodgings, and take it in desperation because nobody will have them.

He moved in and was shy, polite and aloof, making his room a lonely little corner of Nigeria, with his gay cushions and rugs. Neighbours seeing him, gave us well-meant advice. "All your white tenants will go if you take coloureds."

"Don't you find him noisy, and doesn't his cooking annoy other people?" And most of all, the statement, "He might be all right, but they're not like us."

What a dull world it would be if everyone was exactly alike! The church we attended was well patronised by coloured people, and if they were good enough for God's house, they should be good enough for ours. So, Luke Ogorwe, the first "different" one of our multi-racial house lived peace-



A wedding from the Spinks' house. Bride and groom are Nigerian; the best man is from Ghana. Bridesmaids are French, Indian, Nigerian, and English.

By
Marie Spinks

fully enough with us. At first, our white tenants were rather over-correct and polite, but none left. Good accommodation at a fair rent was too rare to give up for prejudice.

Soon, we had an Anglo-Indian couple. The wife, who was light skinned enough to pass as European, came first. When we insisted that we meet her husband and show him the flat before we took a deposit, she broke down. "It won't be any use, you'll never have him. He's very dark, you see."

Poor woman! She thought once in, they would stay, as it's now illegal to evict tenants. Thinking to allay her fears, we introduced her to

Luke, to see her freeze up, hardly speaking, until he had gone. Then she said, "That boy, he's African, isn't he? Is he all right, clean and all that? I'm sure you'll know what I mean."

This lady, having had many doors slammed in her face because of her colour, was now pretending to despise another because he was darker. We told her that Luke was not only an excellent tenant, but a very pleasant person. As far as tenants were concerned, we had decided to become voluntarily colour-blind, judging each person on his qualities only.

She returned with her husband, a timid little man with his collar up and his hat pulled well down. Before long, this rather unhappy pair, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, admitted they could find nothing wrong with Luke.

FRIENDLY

At the end of the year we had six different races sharing our house. We treated all in a friendly manner, and expected them to extend the friendliness to each other. We did have two coloured and one white tenant to whom we had to give notice. This was due to bad behaviour, noise late at night and badly kept rooms. All were young, and too immature to live alone in a bedsitter. Cooking smells were certainly lively, but closed doors, opened windows and aerosol sprays did a lot to lessen the mingled odours of cabbage, kippers and curry.

A lovely wedding was one of the happiest events

Luke and Agnesa were both Christians, and planned a white wedding in a Methodist church. The much-prepared-for day came, and as we were sitting in our pews, we were amazed to see Luke leading Agnesa, floating in clouds of white organdie, on his arm. Six bridesmaids and twenty relations followed. The parson received them, and announced, "Luke and Agnesa are already married by civil ceremony, this morning, and they now want God's blessing on their union."

NO LONGER

So, their vows were taken once more. Afterwards, the couple came back to our house, and Agnesa said she came from a part of Nigeria that had been greatly influenced by the French, and everyone had their marriages legalised by civil ceremony, the Christians going on to church afterwards. So Luke, a much-married man, firstly by parental consent, secondly, by the registrar, and thirdly by the church, was lonely no longer.

Most of our neighbours are losing their fears of coloured people. Our house is a happy one, and people see that others, although different, are not necessarily dangerous, but fellow-men, and God's children too.

for all of us. Luke met a Nigerian nurse, fell in love with her and wrote to his parents in Lagos about his good fortune. A letter came, welcoming the

girl, Agnesa, into the family. "In my country," he explained, "You don't feel really married unless your parents agree." He explained that this consent was looked upon as binding, and among many non-Christians, was sufficient to make a marriage recognised.



"Saving for a luxury cruise?" they ribbed. It's not *what* you're saving for it's who you're saving *with*, I explained. "Any port in a storm" they advised. Some sailors never learn.

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HEARTS OF THE

GERIATRIC PATIENTS

By Elspeth M. Baxter

INACTIVITY MADE MRS. AMELIA GRAY DEPRESSED. ALL HER LIFE SHE HAD ENJOYED HELPING OTHERS. BUT NOW THIS EIGHTY YEAR OLD LADY'S EYESIGHT WAS FAILING AND SHE FELT USELESS.

One day Margaret came to visit her. This young friend was a student nurse at the local hospital. Chatting by the fire Margaret recalled how twelve of her fellow nurses had crocheted blankets as a surprise for the female geriatric patients.

"Surely the National Health Service provides everything hospital patients require," remarked Mrs. Gray.

"The essentials only. Not the extra comforts," Margaret explained emphasising that voluntary help is still needed. There are numerous ways of providing "home comforts." Warm woollies can be donated, entertainments and concert parties provided, domino matches for the men with other teams, are welcomed.

TO SING

The ladies in Margaret's ward look forward eagerly to the winter Sunday evenings when the church Youth Fellowship comes to sing.

Suddenly Mrs. Amelia Gray's eyes sparkled. "What size are the squares?" she asked. "I have odd bits of wool that might knit into a blanket.

Margaret explained that with the double knitting wool and No. 8 needles cast on 33 stitches, or No. 10 needs 37. But with 4 ply wool and No. 9.39 stitches are needed or No. 11 equals 44.

After tea Mrs. Gray took out her knitting bag

with a pair of number 8 needles cast on 33 stitches of bright blue double knitting wool. Soon the six inch square was complete.

SEWING

Two months later, Margaret spent her day off sewing up the 40 squares which were carefully laid on the table. No easy task to match the colours! Next she crocheted a border round the blanket. The border adds weight and helps to keep it in shape when it is washed. Some knitters prefer to crochet the squares together.

The finished blanket looked delightful. Sister Hughes was thrilled. It was Granny Barclay's 96th birthday in Ward 12 so she was presented with the lovely new blanket.

Young Margaret took a photograph of Mrs. Barclay snuggling down under her gay blanket. It stands on the Gray's mantelpiece. Knitting squares gives Mrs. Gray great satisfaction, keeps her happy and uses up her own wool and all her neighbours' oddments too!

NO RELATIVES

Some patients are poor, ill and without relatives of their own who can help them. So, consequently they spend their latter years in hospital.

Up and down our country there are kind considerate people remembering the Mrs. Barclays of our hospitals. The hospital nursing staff thoroughly appreciate the time and energy so freely given to provide these "extra comforts." Words cannot express the patients' gratitude for these gifts and pleasures.

Generally silent tears of thanks roll down their faces. Above all these patients do appreciate being remembered.

Mainly for Women



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- 1 lb carrots—sliced
- 1 small cooking apple—peeled, cored and sliced
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- 1 tablespoon seasoned flour
- 1/2 pint stock or water
- 2 tablespoons Heinz Tomato Ketchup
- 2 oz prunes—soaked for 2 hours and stoned
- 1 oz almonds—blanched and cut into slithers

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1. Fry the onions, carrots and apple in hot dripping until lightly browned; remove from the pan.
2. Toss veal in the flour and fry gently for 5 minutes.
3. Return vegetables to the saucepan, add stock or water and Heinz Tomato Ketchup bring to the boil then simmer very gently for 1 1/2 hours.
4. Add the prunes after one hour.
5. Before serving, stir in the almonds.

Serves 4 people.

WITH THIS RING I THEE WED . .

RINGS have always been in fashion, even in prehistoric days.

The caveman, having grabbed the lady of his choice, made sure she would not run off and tied her wrists and ankles with grass ropes.

Later when she had settled down and he felt he could trust her not to go back to mother, then he tied her finger with the same material.

Time passed and the grass ring gave way to more durable materials—leather, amber, flint, ivory and finally metal was used. The Romans in the second century B.C. made iron betrothal rings, some of these being adorned with stones.

For centuries wedding rings were worn on the right hand and on any finger, but historians believe that the engagement ring was in use long before wedding rings.

OF VALUE

Among Jews and early Christians the brides received rings at the time of the betrothal as "arrhae" or earnest money, meaning something of value given to bind a bargain. If a ring was used at all in the actual wedding ceremony it was this same ring.

Signet rings played an important part in ancient life. Not only were they equivalent to the owner's signature but they often took the part of the lock and key of the modern world.

The famous "Ring of the Fisherman" is the gold seal ring of the Pope. It bears the device of St. Peter in a boat, fishing, with the name of the reigning Pope around it, and upon his death the ring is either broken in half or buried with him and a new one made for his successor.

For pontifical ceremonies the Pope has a special pontifical ring set with a large precious stone and worn on the fourth finger of the right hand.

SYMBOL

From the early days of the Christian church bishops have worn special rings, whether as a symbol of their authority or as a symbol of the union of Christ with his church no one quite knows.

A rather grisly fashion much favoured by our ancestors was the wearing of a mourning ring. One design showed a skeleton lying on the background of the dear departed's hair, and another popular ring was the coffin shape with Old Father Time wielding his untimely scythe.

In Ireland the Claddagh ring is still worn by the fishermen's wives and passed on to the daughter who is the first to marry. The traditional design being two hands clasping a crowned heart.

Between 1850 and 1900 the favourite wedding ring was a plain wide gold band. This gave way to a narrower ring but once again the modern bride chooses the wide ring. Fashions in rings go in circles apparently, as when the Duchess of Windsor's ring was cited as ultra modern at the time, it was really the same design as used by the ancient Greeks.

Strangely enough the Eskimos are about the only people for whom rings seem to have no attraction as Admiral Robert Peary found when on one of his Arctic trips. He had carried a good stock of rings for bartering purposes but couldn't get rid of them. Maybe the severe climate

precludes the wearing of a ring which could impede circulation.

VERSES

During the sixteenth century prisoners in the Tower used their diamond rings to write verses on their prison windows, these rings set with a pyramidal diamond became known as "Tower Rings."

It is believed that the Phoenicians were the first to invent the ring but the Pharaohs of Egypt sketched the circle as a symbol of eternity and looked upon the ring as a sign that human life has no beginning and no ending.

Ivy Ross.

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AFTER COFFEE — WHAT ?

THREE MONTHS ago I wrote in this column about the plans for ecumenical coffee groups in Lent. And in these last few weeks it has been tremendously exciting to learn how the idea caught on.

Coffee consumption in Caversham must have risen sharply of late. It has been impossible to discover how many groups have been meeting, but it is probably no exaggeration to say that some five hundred people have taken part. In addition to the Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists and Roman Catholics who have churches in Caversham there have also been in some groups Congregationalists, Presbyterians and members of the Society of Friends.

It is quite apparent that the very existence of these groups has done a lot of good. Long standing prejudices have been broken down, and Christians of different traditions who are near neighbours have, after years, come to understand something of the beliefs and practices of each other. Sometimes, as a result of questions asked, people have been stirred to find out what it is that their own church teaches about some aspect of the faith.

What next? I do not know. But Mr. L. J. Wyeth, of 135 Hemdean Road who is secretary of the Caversham churches Co-ordinating Committee would welcome reports and suggestions from those who have been taking part. In some cases a group may like to send in an agreed report: in other cases individuals may like to write to bring forward any suggestions for further ecumenical work in Caversham.

The enthusiasm for these groups has been tremendous, and Mr. Wyeth will be very glad to have your report not later than May 14th so that when the Caversham Churches Co-ordinating Committee meet at the end of May it may have some idea of the suggestions that have come out of these groups, and may make plans accordingly.

THE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION. Elsewhere in this issue you can read about the annual meeting of the Caversham and District Residents Association. In its first year this association has proved itself a valuable watchdog of the interests of local residents, and deserves much wider support from us.

With so much development likely to take place in the next few years amenities can all too easily be threatened. The annual subscription is only a very modest 5/- and Bridge readers who would like to join should send this to Mrs. S. Clifton at 52 St. Anne's Road.

John Grimwade

Eleven people from five different denominations—a photograph taken at one of the many Lenten coffee groups that have been taking place all over Caversham.



Fred Walker

MORE THOUGHTS OF A ROVING REPORTER

Parts of Caversham, especially the residential areas, are beginning to look very delightful just now with all the spring flowers in bloom. Wouldn't it be nice if we could all make a special effort not to spoil it by littering the paths with cigarette packets, coffee papers and so on.

Jennifer Besley has returned from Newfoundland and is now nursing at the Royal Berks Hospital. I hear she talked recently to members of St. Peter's congregation about her work with Dr. Grenfell's Mission.

What a pity we don't hear more news from our local schools. I understand, for instance, that two children from one class in the Caversham Primary School have recently gained scholarships to Christ's Hospital School. There may be others in Caversham, but surely two in one class is a record.

Just across the bridge another school has recently put on a first class show—an international evening, to which parents and children were invited an local groups, representing the ethnic groups within the school, entertained in their own national ways. A steel band proved to be enormous fun and food of various countries was provided. What better way to do away with racial barriers.

Soon after this copy reaches you, you will be asked to play your part in electing local councillors. At the time of going to press we have been able to ascertain that Councillors Robinson and Chopping of the Conservative Party will be seeking re-election. Frank Wise will be standing for the Labour Party and we understand he is particularly interested in traffic problems, notably speeding in the Highmoor Road area. There may be other Labour Party candidates seeking election, but at this early date it has not been possible to obtain further details. John Freeman of 1, Balmore Drive, has been adopted as Liberal candidate for Thames Ward, and Sheila Clifton is

considering standing in Caversham Ward again if her family commitments permit. Mrs. Clifton is particularly concerned about the effect in Reading of educational cuts.

So there you are — and if these people can put themselves out to work for you, don't you think the least you can do is to put yourself out and register your vote. A councillor's job is no easy one; it entails a lot of hard work and is particularly thankless when the voters can't be bothered to show some enthusiasm one day of the year.

Our best wishes to another of our local tradesmen who has recently retired. Mr. Hunter of

Prospect Street and his wife have moved to another part of Reading. Again we should like to thank him for the very friendly service he has always given us.

A group of young organ students, pupils of Mr. Frederick Griffin, Organist of St. Laurence's, Reading, has been giving a series of lunch-time recitals in St. Laurence's church. These have been much appreciated by the general public. One of the recitals was given by 15 year old David Sidwell of 3 Richmond Rd., Caversham. David often plays at St. Andrew's. He hopes to be a marine engineer. "Music would be too risky as a career."

While on the subject of organists—Caversham will be lucky to have a visit from the brilliant young Chinese organist, Yapp Ket Siong early in June. As a result of an introduction from the Rev. John Crowe, whom he met when John Crowe was on V.S.O. in Sarawak in 1959, Yapp Ket Siong gave a recital in St. Laurence at the end of March. He has been studying at the Royal Academy since October, 1965, and got his F.R.C.O. after only two years. He will be giving another recital at St. Laurence on the evening of Saturday, June 8th, and a further recital at St. Peter's Caversham after Evensong on Sunday June 9th.



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Friday abstinence

This has now been abolished for some weeks. I therefore thought I would just think about it a bit and see what I felt. I have come to the conclusion that I am sorry.

For many years I have never considered fish on Friday any kind of penance. Fish is usually that I often found Friday's fish a welcome punctuation mark in the week's menu.

I realise of course that to comply with the former Friday abstinence ruling, it was not necessary to eat fish but merely to abstain from meat. Again, there are delicious dishes made from eggs or cheese or vegetables. Or even uncooked cheese with lovely fresh bread. Surely no hardship or penance was involved here?

I personally never subscribed to the rigid rule of Friday abstinence. For instance, I consider it would be unpardonable as a guest on a Friday to make one's hostess uncomfortable by refusing to eat some meat she had cooked in your honour. Equally well if there was some small scrap left over from the

previous day which would otherwise be wasted, then, with all the food shortage in the world, I consider it should be eaten.

But this is by the way. For me, the abolition of Friday abstinence is not the cessation of a penance, but rather the removal of a milestone in the week reminding one that it was Friday and that, because of this, perhaps one should bestir oneself and perform some small act of penance.

The right of protest

In spite of the deplorable battle in Grosvenor Square, in which so far as I could see from my T.V. screen the Police appeared to have behaved with an almost heroic restraint, I am glad the Home Secretary has stated that the right of the ordinary citizen to protest must be upheld. After all, there is rather too much erosion of individual liberty as it is these days. Obviously the organiser of the anti-Vietnam War demonstration which ended in this battle must feel sad that this got out of hand as many sympathisers will have been lost.

For the first and probably last time in my life, I was involved in a protest the very day after the Grosvenor Square shambles. Apparently there are

some rather quaint rules governing delivery of letters to the Prime Minister and demonstrations to Downing Street. On a weekday, the Police evidently allow five people to go in a taxi or car up to No. 10, and, up to fifteen people may process with banners, sandwich boards, etc. to the corner of Downing Street and stand there displaying their placards while the said letter is being delivered.

(Incidentally, the protest in which I was involved was an eve of Budget one against the failure of Parliament to control the spending of successive Governments and asking for a Select Committee to go into matters before the money is spent).

My sandwich board read, "20/- in 1945 is worth 9/7 today." To my great regret, I had been laced into it too quickly and did not realise that, once in, I could not get my hands together to take a photograph of my fellow marchers. Escorted by two charming women Police officers, we walked along in the gutter, spaced out so that back and front of the boards could be read. At every road junction traffic was imperiously waved to a halt, and the only time I felt in peril was in the gutter rounding the corner from Parliament Square into Whitehall; the fast moving traffic skimmed a little too close for comfort.

All pretty painless and quite an experience, but I don't see myself putting an advert, in the paper saying, "Experienced, demonstrate anywhere, anytime, for any Cause . . ."

Caversham Park Players

forge ahead . . .

After conventional and straightforward comedy "The Bride and the Bachelor" and the little more demanding "Separate Tables", the Caversham Park Theatre must have surprised everybody with Ben Levy's "The Rape of the Belt" (St. Laurence Hall, March 21, 22, 23). I admit that although we were told that Caversham Park Players had big ambitions and high hopes, I was rather sceptical. I still am, but to a smaller degree after seeing their performance of "The Rape of the Belt". Provided the effort is sustained, Reading may well be on the way to getting one of the best amateur theatre groups yet. Knowing the zeal—and persistence—with which Caversham Park Villagers are making a name for themselves, I hope they get plenty of support. In fact, by its affiliation to the British Drama League and Oxford County Drama Association, the new group should be able to get plenty of expert advice and some concrete help as well. The company has now about 40 members and "even a little in the kitty".

"The Rape of the Belt" is a farce based on the legend of Heracles and his ninth labour—that of getting possession of the girdle of Hippolyte, Queen of Amazons. The meeting between the ancient Greek civilisation, personified by Heracles and his friend Theseus, and the world of Amazons, personified by royal sisters Hippolyte and Antiope, produces extremely funny comparisons between the two ways of life. Whereas the ancient Greek civilisation knew only two sorts of women—the high class one, pampered and spoiled, and the peasant class one, downtrodden and ignorant—the Amazons knew only one sort of male—the one who was kept on the farm for breeding

purposes, every other male being drowned at his birth. The appearance of two "independent" and aggressive males from faraway lands in the midst of attractive simple-minded Amazons produces hilarious situations, conducted from behind the scenes by friendly—antagonistic Greek gods Hera and Zeus, who "adopted" Heracles as 2 son. In the end, Heracles gets his girdle, while Queen Hippolyte opts for a life of luxury in Athens—but is left behind in the mêlée.

Barbara Bentley as Antiope, Patricia Davis as Hippolyte, Richard Howard (unfortunately not a man of muscles) as Heracles, and Allan Morton as Theseus carried the play with outstanding ability. After seeing Barbara Bentley as manageress in "Separate Tables", I liked her better in "The Rape of the Belt". She was hardly "seen" to be acting, so well she "lived" the part.

The production was rich and colourful and if any criticism is to be made I would address it to the Amazon "shock-troopers" who looked wholly uninspired and awkward—with exception of "veteran" Connie Edwards and "sergeant" Diane Summerfield. Jill Burland played Hera and Cecil Hole, the producer of the first two Caversham Park Theatre productions and a very impressive figure, played Zeus. Production was by company's leading actor Peter Cockman.

The next production will be in December, but in the meantime the company will be busy rehearsing Peter Preston's "The Tricolor Suite" to be staged during Oxfordshire County and Maidenhead Drama Festivals—with our best wishes. P.G.

WE RECORD

BAPTISED

St. John's
March.
3 Charlotte Marcia.
24 Olive Bennett.
Diane Herbert.
Bethan Hoad.
St. Andrew's.
March.
17 Bryonie Nye.
Stephen Wise.
Carol Wallace.
Wendy Bird.

MARRIED

St. Peter's
March.
23 James Scriven and Irene Dean.
William Kirk and Carolyn Appleton.
30 Peter Coggan and Margaret Beecham.
Alan Gale and Linda Belcher.

St. John's.
March.
23 Robert Denny and Susan Fox.

St. Barnabas'.
March.
9 Brian Bilson and Vivienne Galloway.

St. Margaret's.
March.
23 John Saunders and Ann Symons.

Caversham Baptist Free Church.
March.
16 Jennifer Millett and Eric Ford.

Buried.
St. John's.
February.
29 Joseph Castell.
March.
20 Horatio Whiteway.

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WORLD CITIZENS

I REALLY called on the Allsebrooks to get from them their opinions on Caversham — it was a hopeless cause from the start. Soon after I arrived Colin Allsebrook, with a characteristic gesture, switched off the lights and, throwing back the curtains which framed the enormous picture window on the south side of their sitting room, showed me Reading, twinkling and sparkling in the blackness. It was a Reading that never really existed, a wonderfully gay romantic city of lights and excitement.

But he wasn't merely showing me the town across the river; he was showing me the whole world. For the next two hours our conversation ranged across the whole planet, from New Hampshire in the Fall to the war-torn streets of Saigon, from the fountains of Denmark to pre-war Europe, from a peaceful bay in Crete to the volcanic atmosphere of Cyprus. We delved into the position of women in the modern world, the inability of mankind to live at peace with itself, the difficulties of a youngster seeking a university place, projects in developing countries, the world of journalism, the world of engineering. And as we flew from one subject to another, from one part of the world to another, swooping at one moment down back-alleys of conversation, returning the next to the mainstream of thought, I began to realise just what made these people tick. It was simply that their interests were unbounded; their thirst for knowledge limitless.

Interests

The fact that Colin and Mary Allsebrook live in Caversham

is quite incidental. It just happens to be convenient; Colin's family business—he is a water engineer—is in Reading and he needs to be on hand for emergencies. And though they play their part in Caversham life, belonging to the local chapel, visiting friends and neighbours in the vicinity and joining local organisations — yet their interests go far beyond the narrow confines of the Thames Valley.

Export

It is no wonder that so much of Colin's life has been devoted to working for the United Nations Association or, before the war, the League of Nations Association, OXFAM and other international organisations. Nor is it surprising that work-wise one of his main ambitions is to improve his export trade.

It would be difficult to say who had the greater influence on the other—Mary Allsebrook who before the war was a journalist for the Washington Post, making a study of the Central European scene — or

Colin who, though a local lad (he originally hails from Shinfield) has travelled all over the world. Certainly they complement each other. It would be difficult to meet anyone who had such an interesting start in life as Mary; her mother at the age of thirty and at a time when most women were content to live a purely domesticated life, set off to explore the hidden treasures of ancient Crete and directed a hundred workmen in the excavation of a Minoan town. It was against such a background that Mary Allsebrook grew up in New England. Today she is still busy doing research into world affairs and helping to produce a pamphlet which, it is hoped, will assist the work of the United Nations. World government, with its enormously complicated machinery moves even more slowly than national government; but move it does, and who knows what influence the Allsebrooks may have on world affairs with their very practical suggestions, as they are driven on with a determination not to accept things as they are.

Children

And so it is with both of their children. Their son Duncan is at present at Bristol University studying geography. Anne who is at present at home and studying for her 'A' levels at Kendrick, hopes to play her part eventually in helping to solve the problems of developing countries. Like her parents, she is intensely concerned with world affairs, though her channels of work are different. It would be difficult to describe Anne who combines the charm of the mini-skirt and the long ear-rings with highly intelligent conversation. Her travels abroad have given her an understanding of the problems which have always concerned her parents; her special thoughts are for Cyprus which

she has visited and into whose problems she has an enormous insight. This is certainly true of Mr. and Mrs. Allsebrook.

Sheer joy

Sometimes one is fortunate enough to meet people with whom conversation is sheer joy, with whom time is all too short and a meeting leaves so many unexplored channels, so

I came away clutching pamphlets on archaeology and the United Nations, with a list of books I simply must read and with a wealth of new ideas and a feeling of hope which comes seldom in these rather depressing days.

W.O.



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An Eighteenth — Century Benefactor



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TWO HUNDRED years ago on 27th May, 1768, the burial of the Rt. Hon. Elizabeth the Lady Cadogan is recorded in our parish registers. Elsewhere in the registers is a note that "A silver flaggon, two silver plates and a box to collect the alms given to this parish by the Right Honourable Elizabeth the Lady Cadogan at Whitsuntide 1764."

Although the alms box has long since disappeared, we are still reminded of this gift when the fine eighteenth-century silver-gilt flaggon and two silver-gilt patens are used for the Communion service at the parish church of St. Peter. The 10½ inch high double-bellied flaggon with moulded lid and scroll handle is unique amongst Berkshire church plate. It and the patens are each inscribed "The gift of Elizabeth, Lady Cadogan to the parish of Caversham in Oxfordshire. Anno: Dom 1764."

That this was not her only care for the parish of Caversham is evident, when in reply to a question about education asked by the Bishop of Oxford at his visitation in 1738 the minister Francis Gastrell wrote: "The Lady Cadogan puts twelve poor children to school at two pence apiece per week, they are taught to read the Bible and to say the Church Catechism."

Lady Cadogan was the younger daughter of Sir Hans Sloane, President of the Royal College of Physicians and President of the Royal Society. He was a famous collector of natural history specimens, books and manuscripts. His collection bequeathed to the nation helped to found the British Museum. Charles Cadogan, M.P. for Reading from 1716 to 1722, became the second Baron Cadogan on the death of his brother in 1726 and inherited Caversham Park (where the present mansion occupied by the B.B.C. stands today) which was the family home for sixty-five years in the eighteenth century. By her marriage to Charles Cadogan in 1717, Elizabeth Sloane brought to his family her father's manor of Chelsea to which she became so heir. So that if you visit Hans Place, Sloane Street, Cadogan Square or other streets in that part of London you can remember their association with Caversham.

Caversham charities

Many Caversham residents are unaware of the grants which can be made to people in need through the Caversham Consolidated Charities. Administered by a group of trustees these consist of the various parochial charities which in 1959 were grouped together. Originally these separate charities were for grants of coal, bread and clothing to be made to the poor, and also for the training of apprentices. Now the ways

in which the income of this charity can be spent have been somewhat widened. The Rector of Caversham is always an ex-officio trustee, while others are appointed by the Borough Council and the parish councils of Kidmore End, and Eye and Dunsden. The trustees are always ready to consider applications and further information can be obtained from Mr. S. Slack, Clerk to the Trustees, 119 Kidmore Road.

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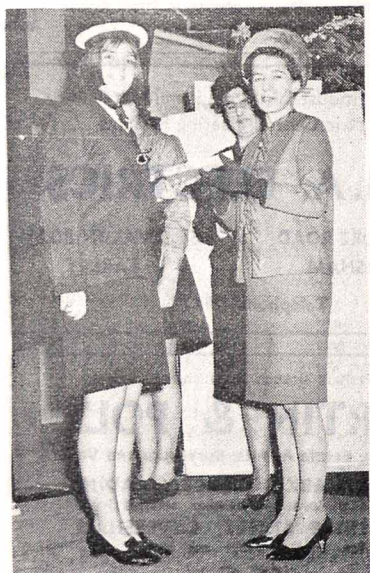
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other is a very real thing. In Berkshire at the end of July we shall be holding an International Camp to which we are inviting over 100 Guides from eleven different countries.

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Our new programme completes the introduction of the main changes recommended in the Working Party Report published in September 1966, after two years of study and thought on the Movement as a whole. Every member of the Movement will have her own Handbook which will not only give ideas but be a record of her own personal achievement. Almost 200 tons of paper have been used in the production of these attractive Handbooks.

Caversham Girl Guides

Guides in Caversham spread the torches of Guiding round the District to celebrate the publication of the new Guide Programme on Monday the 18th March.

A team of Guides ran a relay race to every meeting place, where they left a symbolic torch. As they were doing this other Guides and Brownie Guides were presented with their new Handbooks by Miss Bromley, Matron of the Reading Group of Hospitals. Parents and friends heard about the new programme and later slides of Guiding activities were shown.



Guides and Brownie Guides in their new uniforms.

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GUIDE CHANGES

From the beginning of Moss is relinquishing.

May the 2nd Caversham Brownie Pack which has been meeting in St. Andrew's Hall on Thursdays will meet at Mapledurham Memorial Hall, Upper Woodcote Road on Fridays at 5-30 p.m. The Brownie Guider in charge will be Mrs. B. Day, 65, Chazey Road (Tel: 73269). Mrs. Canning, who has previously been in charge of this pack takes over the 4th Caversham (St. Andrew's) Pack which the Guide Commissioner for Caversham, Mrs. J.

There are some vacancies in two Guide Company for girls of ten years or over who wish to be guides. The 12th Caversham Company meets on Fridays at 7 p.m. in Mapledurham Memorial Hall (Guider in charge—Mrs. S. Davies, 281, Hemdean Road, Tel: 74162). The 5th Caversham Company (St. Peter's) meets on Fridays at 6-15 p.m. in Hemdean House School (Guider in charge—Miss G. Besley, 38, Priest Hill, Tel: 72374). This is a Church group and priority is given to girls attending one of the churches in the parish.

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E. V. Beale.

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AMONGST THE more pessimistic of experts on the problems of feeding the world's millions is the American biologist, Professor Ehrlich. In a recent article in the "New Scientist" he prophesied that between 1970 and 1985 the world will undergo vast famine—hundreds of millions of people will starve to death. Nothing can prevent this happening. He believes that even if we diverted all the money now being spent on armaments and space programmes to agricultural schemes and birth control on a huge scale—we'd still be too late. On an average, during 1966, every person on this earth had 2% less to eat. And the gap between the amount of food the world can grow and the number of people who want to eat it is growing wider at a terrifying rate. Professor Ehrlich offers some drastic remedies. He suggests that we stop all aid to countries, such as India, where the situation is hopeless; and that we refuse to help any country which is not itself making an all-out effort to limit its population.

Today's gospel

What has all this got to do with today's gospel? After all—isn't the parable of the sower meant to be taken in a spiritual sense? The interpretation, which many scholars say was added years later by the Early Church, would seem to make that absolutely clear. However, commentators are divided as to the real meaning of the parable. Those who think that Jesus gave the interpretation as well as the actual story see the parable as a comment on "Take heed how you hear." The parable shows how the same Word of God gets a different reception from different people. The hearer is challenged to ask himself—"What kind of soil am I?"

Main point

Those who think the interpretation was added by the early Church stress that by and large, each of the parables of Jesus had one central point. The main point of the parable of the sower is that despite failures and difficulties on a large scale—God's Kingdom will grow. "And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold." So the message is this—"Don't be faint-hearted! Despite the sin and selfishness of men, despite the huge problems that face the world—God's Kingdom, His purposes of ultimate good for all the peoples of the world—this is guaranteed."

by John Crowe

(A sermon preached in St. Andrew's on Sunday, February 18th, 1968. See the Gospel for Sexagesima Sunday, Luke 8.4-15).

"And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundred fold."

The little that does grow, what can be achieved on the small amount of good ground, this will perform his purpose.

I believe that this particular interpretation gives us insight into the situation of world hunger today. I don't think it is necessary or desirable to spiritualise everything said by our Lord. What does the second half of today's gospel, the allegorical, spiritual interpretation, have to say about the word of God to walking skeletons, scrabbling for fallen crumbs? Mahatma Gandhi said "The only form in which God dare appear to a starving man is in the form of bread." No, I see today's gospel, the parable of the sower, as a source of encouragement to mankind in the critical situation in which we find ourselves. Despite the fact that only a tenth of the world's surface can be cultivated, despite the ignorance of many of the people who farm it, despite the complacency and greed of the wealthier nations, the fact

remains that if we put our minds to it—the world's population can be fed—what is sown on the good ground can spring up and bare fruit an hundredfold.

Hope for the future

People who think like Professor Ehrlich are in a minority. People from all denominations in Caversham recently saw the film "Food or Famine". It showed how through the United Nations, vast programmes of agricultural progress are under way. Deserts are being reclaimed. Seeds are being improved so that each acre can give more. Sprays are preventing blight and the ravages of insects. We are coming to realise the importance of farming the oceans, of breeding and multiplying the fish which we eventually catch. Through education, peasant farmers are changing from ancient habits of subsistence farming to growing enough to sell for profit. The film showed that if only this sort of pro-

gramme could be vastly increased—then everyone could have enough to eat.

What Christians can do

But to gain confidence from a film like that, and to be encouraged by the parable of the sower so that one need not be depressed by scientists like Professor Ehrlich—this does not allow us to sit back. On the contrary, as the Body of Christ, called to do His work in God's world, we are bound to be at the forefront in the fight to develop the resources of the world. Pope Paul in the Encyclical issued on Easter Day, 1967, (and which is reproduced at the back of the British Council of Churches' Report — "World Poverty and British Responsibility") said this—"If the new name for peace is development, who would not wish to labour for it with all his powers?" It is our duty and privilege to be informed about the problems of underdeveloped countries, what is being done, and what needs to be done. It is for the Churches to impress upon the community as a whole the urgency of the situation. It is up to us to give a lead in supporting Christian Aid, Oxfam and all who take part in this great work of development.

Read

I can recommend no better way of being informed than to suggest that you should read the 3/6d report, "World Poverty and British Respon-

sibility." Both inside and outside the Church it has been hailed as just what needs to be said. Drawn up by a working party of economists, international experts and clergy of all denominations, it deals with this complex problem in a way which can be grasped by ordinary people.

Which country?

Just one example—have you ever thought of the tensions which must be experienced by those Ministers of Overseas Development who have to decide how to choose which countries should have the limited amount of money they have to give? Should the available funds be distributed per head of population? Should they be concentrated on the countries nearest a position of being able to help themselves? Or should they be directed towards the poorest and most backward countries? We may be tempted to say—"These are problems too vast for us to understand"—but we should be thinking and praying about them so that the good ground, that which can bare fruit an hundredfold can be increased.

Jesus came that men might have life, and that they might have it in abundance. We, the extension of His Body, are to see that this happens in the world today, and in the world of tomorrow.

MARY, MARY, . . .

Even in this day and age, equality of the sexes is taken for granted, it is unusual for a woman to penetrate the all-male fraternity of gardeners. And I have watched with interest the activities of Mrs. Kathleen Corbin as she pushed her wheelbarrow to and fro between the gardens of the Chiltern Nursery Training College, Nurses Home, etc.

KEEN

So keen is she on her work that she and her husband recently moved into a caravan



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at Emmer Green in order to be on hand. And already she has transformed her own little corner of Harvey's Nursery into a thing of beauty. A great planner, she spent many evenings with pencil and paper working out how to get that very best out of a small garden, to ensure that every dying bloom was immediately replaced by something fresh and to make certain that everything is displayed to full advantage.

FLORIST

Mrs. Corbin, whose two children are now in Australia, was originally a florist. It was

only in 1955 that she took a course under a horticulturalist at Reading and transferred to gardening. She says she gets the interest from her father, who was gardener to Lord Ludlow and who first interested her in growing things.

JOY

Already the Chiltern grounds have undergone some very pleasant transformations, and it is a joy to walk past, particularly in the spring. We look forward to seeing more of Mrs. Corbin's handiwork in the future.

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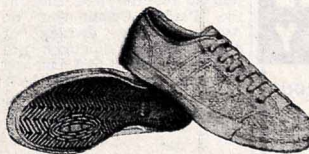
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THE ANNUAL district and parochial meetings were all the lively occasions that parishioners now expect them to be. Dr. E. V. Beale and Mr. C. V. Burnside were re-elected Churchwardens. In presenting the annual accounts Mr. Burnside warned the meeting that in spite of a record income there was little ground for complacency. The diocesan quota payment was now £3,750, and the fact that many major items of capital expenditure had to be faced in all districts in the next few years would mean that there would be nothing to spare for non-urgent items. The Caversham Missionary Union payments reached a record sum of over £1,700 of which £1,274 went to the U.S.P.G.

Mr. B. Butler and Mr. J. Scriven retired as district wardens and are replaced by Mr. W. A. Vincent at St. Andrew's and Mr. S. A. Flack at St. Peter's. Both these new wardens are already very well known throughout the parish. The elections for seats on the Church Council resulted in some existing members losing their place in three districts. At St. Peter's Col. E. G. A. Kynaston regained the seat he lost last year, and Mr. H. Burton and Mr. C. Lorenc are new members. At St. John's Mr. C. G. Fowler returns and there are two other new members—Mr. K. Deane and Miss K. Harris. St. Andrew's, in addition to electing Mr. G. Canning (when did a father and son last serve together on the P.C.C.?) gave a boost to the ladies by electing Mesdames J. Debenham, G. Fowles and P. Nicholls. St. Barnabas has no new members.

Consideration was given at all district meetings to the new Communion service. It was obvious that it met with general approval though certain suggestions

were made on small points of details where it was felt there was room for improvement. About one hundred people attended the parochial meeting while the four district meetings produced a total attendance of about two hundred and forty electors.

NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS. The first meeting of the newly elected Church Council took place in Toc H after a corporate Communion. Thirty four members were present. Committee appointments were made for the coming year and Mr. G. Hansford, Mr. H. Hitchman and Mrs. K. Besley were co-opted to the Council, the latter for the first time. The Rector explained that with the departure of their vicar the Church Council of Mapldurham had met with the Archdeacon of Oxford and requested that there should be some definite relationship in future with the parish of Caversham: the matter has been referred to the Diocesan Pastoral and Re-organisation Committee and the Council gave unanimous support to the Rector's statement and expressed the hope that negotiations could be brought to a successful conclusion to the advantage of both parishes. The Council decided to give time at the May meeting to considering the new service of Public Baptism.

PARISH CONFIRMATION. The new order of service will be used for the first time in Caversham when the Bishop of Reading comes to St. Peter's to confirm a number of candidates, both young and old, on Tuesday, May 21st at 8 p.m.

U.S.P.G. RALLY. Thirty three seats and a coach have been booked for the annual rally at the Albert Hall on Thursday, May 30th, at 7-30 p.m.—details will be given later in the weekly church notices.



Mr. Bernard Butler

Photo: Fred Walker

St. Andrew's

DISTRICT WARDEN

After 21 years service, Mr. Bernard Butler resigned as District Warden in March. Our thanks to Mr. Butler were expressed at a gathering in the Church Hall on Mothering Sunday. The Rector thanked him for all he had done both for St. Andrew's and the Parish and Mr. Beetham presented him with a cheque from the congregation. Both Mr. and Mrs. Butler have given us a shining example of service and devotion to Our Lord and we are most grateful to them for it.

Mr. Butler is succeeded as District Warden by Mr. W. Vincent to whom we offer our congratulations and good wishes.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

The collection for Vietnam Relief taken at all services on Mothering Sunday raised £25 16s. 7d. Of this exactly £10 was contributed by the large congregation at the Afternoon Service.

ASCENSION DAY

The singing at the Family Eucharist on Ascension Day will be led by members of St. Andrew's Teen Action. They will be singing Patrick Appleford's "Mass of the Five Melodies" which they are learning under the direction of the Priest in Charge. This service will also be the occasion of the first communion of the newly confirmed.

St. John's

VISITING PREACHER

The Rev'd P. Sanders will preach at the 9-15 a.m. Sung Eucharist on May 5th—his subject the work of the Church of England's Children's Society.

"WHAT SHOULD I DO?"

Most of us find ourselves in a position from time to time, when it is very difficult to know what to do for the best, as a Christian. The Sunday evening service on May 19 is to be given over to discussing some of these practical problems.

"WHAT CAN HAVE HAPPENED?"

Did Christ really go up in a cloud on Ascension Day? did St. Luke mean us to take his account literally? what evidence have we got for the Ascension? Many find belief about the Ascension difficult to accept, or to understand its importance. The Rev'd John Stevinson will speak on the subject on May 26, at 6-30 p.m.

St. Peter's

FAREWELL

It was only in 1963 that the Scriven family came to Caversham but they quickly became established in the life of St. Peter's, and taking part in the Embley Park holiday from the first year in 1965 soon made many friends throughout the parish. Dorothy Scriven's death in 1966 saddened many people, but John's willingness to become district warden in 1967 was welcomed by his many friends. Then came the sudden death of John Dean. Now on March 23rd with a nuptial Eucharist John Scriven and Irene Dean were married in the presence of a large number of their friends. They have now moved to 12, Higher Woolbrook Park, Sidmouth. They will be much missed on Sundays at the Parish Communion and in Toc H over coffee, and St. Peter's loses in Irene Scriven one of its most skilled flower arrangers. But Sue Scriven is still to be seen distributing stamps to children at the Parish Communion and we will hope to see John and Irene here on many visits in coming years.

ASCENSION DAY

Those confirmed on Tuesday, May 21st will receive the Sacrament for the first time at the Parish Communion on Ascension Day evening at 8 p.m. Holy Communion will also be celebrated at 7 a.m. and 9-30 a.m. and there will be a service for schoolchildren at 10-15 a.m.

ST. PETER'S WIVES

The group will meet at Church House on May 21st at 8 p.m. when Mr. and Mrs. Hardy will be showing slides and talking about their visit to Canada and the USA.

St. Barnabas'

AN EXPRESSION OF WARMTH

Anyone who knows how large a building the Church of England Children's Society home at St. Benet's is, will be impressed to know that a willing band of people from St. Barnabas completely lined its roof with insulating material one Saturday morning in March. What a scene of industry there was as roll after roll of 'cosy wrap' was laid between the joists, around various electrical fittings, and into some of the most inaccessible places imaginable. We hope that these improvements will make the house a more comfortable place to live in next winter.

A SETBACK FOR SUFFRAGETTES?

Who would have thought that on the eve of the jubilee of the granting of votes for women, when so many voices are still raised in protest against the inequalities of the fairer sex a joint meeting of the Men's Forum and the Coffee Pot would pass a motion that 'This house considers the emancipation of women has gone far enough'. But that is what happened thanks to the several ladies who voted for the motion, which was proposed by Commander Jones and the Rev. M. Cooper and opposed by Mrs. A. Brain and Mrs. A. Smith. But it was by one only vote, so perhaps it was not such a serious set-back for the movement.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

What a delight it was to have so many children in Church on Mothering Sunday. The walls resounded with their joyful shouts of 'thank you', and we trust that now they are occupied in the task of growing flowers for Mum and Dad from the seeds they were given. The collection, which will be sent to the work of Christian Aid, amounted to £3 13s. 5d.

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St. Anne's School

FOOTBALL

Once more the school football team has covered itself in glory. Although Anne's lost the Cup to Wilson's, it was only after two replays, the previous two matches being drawn.

They won the Shield in the Primary B. 1 League and did not in fact lose a game.

St. Anne's also won the "Six a Side" Competition, for which each member of the team receives a certificate.

SWIMMING

28 Swimming Certificates have so far been awarded, though more are on the way. These were competed for in the new Pool.

AREA SPORTS

For the first time, these will be held at St. Anne's probably on the 10th June.

MODERN EDUCATION, DANCE

This is a new venture which is proving popular with the girls. It is being taught after school on Tuesdays by Mrs. Webb. The theme at the moment is 'Clockwork Machines'.

As I am rather hazy about this type of dancing, I hope to go along and watch one day next term, and perhaps we could arrange for a photograph. So more about this anon.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Have you ever heard of an animal very like a kangaroo but only 4 inches long? It could be a 'gerbil' which comes from the Mongolian Desert and is the latest addition to what I can only describe as 'Pets corner'. The Headmistress tells me that it has settled down well and is very tame.

Methodist

MISSION SHIELD FOR CAVERSHAM

The Juvenile Missionary Association at Caversham Heights Methodist Church has been awarded the "Sir George Knight" challenge shield for presenting the most favourable report in respect of missionary work in 1967 from a Sunday School in the Southampton District. The shield will be presented to the Reading Circuit at the Portsmouth Synod on May 4.

In making the award, account is taken of the size of the school and all missionary education and activity, as well as the total amount collected for missions at home and abroad.

There were 23 new collectors enrolled in the Caversham Heights JMA on Home Missions Sunday in February. They promised to "learn, pray and serve so that Christ's kingdom may go forward both in this country and overseas." For collecting during 1967, ten children were presented with certificates, six received DSO medals (for collecting over £5), and ten received bars to the medals awarded in previous years.

St. Paul's

It is not generally known outside the Free Churches that the Free Churches of England and Wales work together closely in the National Free Church Federal Council. The Council meets regularly and moreover holds a National Congress every year where denominations and local councils can express their views. This year the 72nd Annual Congress was held in Liverpool under the leadership of the Moderator, The Reverend Edward Rogers of the Methodist Church. Delegates to the Congress were welcomed by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool and later received in the grand Town Hall by the Lord Mayor (Alderman Mrs. Ethel Wormald) where an excellent Lancashire tea was provided.

RELATIONSHIP

One important matter should be mentioned: namely the relationship of the Free Church Federal Council and The British Council of Churches. Both bodies have already stated that they intend to do all that can be done together, and to do separately only those things that can not be done together.

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The National Free Church Council is, therefore, considering how it can collaborate more closely with the Council of Churches. To this end a revision of the constitution is being undertaken. The National Council, the Local (councils and the Women's Council will have to re-examine the structure and purpose of their being. Overlapping should be avoided and opposition is out of the question while recognising at the same time that there are areas of opinion on which Free Churchmen wish to reserve their right of liberty of action.

ISSUES

Constitutional matters were not the only issues that came before the Congress; resolutions concerning Vietnam, National Lottery, and the Sunday Entertainments Bill now before Parliament were considered. Friendships across denominational boundaries were renewed.

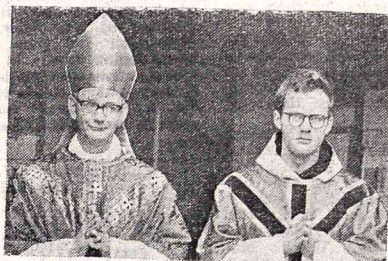
Ordination Ceremony at St. Anne's

On Saturday, 30th March, the newly consecrated Right Rev. Bishop Emery ordained the Rev. Bruno Robinson, O.F.M. as priest in St. Anne's, Caversham. This was a great event for the Parish as ordinations usually take place in the seminaries where the young priests train, and I believe no ordination had taken place here for a generation. The ordination ceremony is very beautiful and, although one of joyful welcome, leaves no-one in doubt of the solemnity of the occasion nor of the tremendous responsibilities the young priest is assuming.

Father Robinson was born here and baptised at St. Anne's. His family emigrated to Australia, but are now back in this country. Father Robinson joined the Franciscans in Australia but completed his studies at the Franciscan House of Studies here. He is shortly returning to serve in the Franciscan Province of Australia.

Bishop Emery was consecrated as second Auxiliary of Birmingham at St. Chad's Cathedral on March 4th, and this was his first ordination. He was assisted by Father Peter Reilly and Father O'Malley, Rural Dean of South Oxfordshire and Parish Priest of St. Anne's. Many clergy were present including Father Dawson from Sonning Common and Father Topless from Henley.

After Mass, the congregation went up to the altar rails to receive, individually, the blessing of the new priest.



Bishop Emery at the Ordination.

BISHOP EMERY'S MESSAGE TO CAVERSHAM BRIDGE READERS

As you will have read, Bishop Emery, the new Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, visited St. Anne's on the 30th March to perform his first ordination. He comes from a large family of four brothers and five sisters. He has one brother a priest—a canon in Birmingham. Bishop Bright was a cousin. He served as an officer in the R.A.S.C. during the War, attaining the rank of Major and altogether serving six years in the Army. He studied for the priesthood after the War and has for many years been Chairman of the Diocesan Schools Commission. He is at present Vice-Chairman of the Catholic Education Council.

He was kind enough to grant me a short interview before the ordination, at which I explained to him our efforts on the "Caversham Bridge" and asked if he would care to give a short message to our readers. The following is what Bishop Emery said:

"I am very pleased to know of this ecumenical venture. We are all praying and hoping for the unity of the Church in God's way and in His time. Anything we can do to bring about the unity of the Church, for which Christ himself prayed, it is our duty to do and I commend highly the work this paper is doing."

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

A telephone call from the Ministry of Transport to the Secretary of the Residents' Association a few hours before the Annual General Meeting was due to start, explained that the Association's objection to the Grove Hill widening scheme had been lost and this was why the public inquiry into the scheme had been cancelled although there was an objection still outstanding.

The meeting wanted the matter still to be pursued as far as possible as it was felt that our grounds for objection were even more valid now. At a time when the government is asking for drastic cuts in local authority spending and Reading has responded by cutting down on teacher appointments, it seems an unnecessary extravagance to spend large sums on a road that is now closed to through traffic and will carry less vehicles than it has for years.

This news followed the Chairman's (Mr. J. Mair) report in which the past years were re-

viewed, covering a wide range of matters of interest to Caversham residents. The problem of the smell from the peanut factory brought a number of indignant complaints from the floor. Residents in the centre of the village clearly suffer considerable discomfort and inconvenience from this smell yet amazingly enough it appears to be perfectly legal for the factory owners to continue to create this nuisance. An approach is now being made to the Ministry of Health.

The Officers and committee of the Association were re-elected, one vacancy being left for a representative of Caversham Park Village Association who were being asked to nominate a member.

Membership of the Association is widely representative but is still not as large as it should be. Mrs. S. Clifton, 52 St. Anne's Road, will be glad to enrol you for five shillings and that covers a whole household.

M.C.



Mr. Charles Ford of Chester Street was married to Miss Jennifer Millett of Westfield Road at Caversham Baptist Church on March 16th. Pauline Millett, the bride's sister and Sandra and Maureen Strong, nieces of the bridegroom were bridesmaids. The honeymoon was spent in the Lake District.

R.C. COFFEE MORNING

On 14th March, Mrs. Berry was hostess at a Coffee Party at her home in Kidmore Road. This was most enjoyable. There was a good attendance and discussion centred on work for the blind.

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9-15 a.m.	PARISH COMMUNION	Communion after Evening Service 1st Sunday after Morning Service 3rd Sunday.	
11-00 a.m.	Matins (Holy Communion 3rd Sunday)		
12-15 p.m.	Holy Communion 1st Sunday.		
6-30 p.m.	Evensong.	11-00 a.m.	Junior Church.
		2-45 p.m.	Sunday School.
St. John's		METHODIST	
Holy Communion		Caversham Heights	
8-00 a.m.	FAMILY EUCHARIST	11-00 a.m.	and 6-30 p.m. Worship
9-15 a.m.	Evening Service (not 1st Sunday)	10-15 a.m.	Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.		11-00 a.m.	Senior Dept.
St. Andrew's		11-00 a.m.	Sunday School.
Holy Communion			
8-00 a.m.	FAMILY EUCHARIST		
9-15 a.m.	Evening Service (not 3rd Sunday)		
6-30 p.m.			
St. Barnabas		Gosbrook Road	
Holy Communion		11-00 a.m.	and 6-30 p.m. Worship.
8-00 a.m.	Family Eucharist	11-00 a.m.	Sunday School.
9-15 a.m.	Evening Service		
6-30 p.m.			
St. Margaret's, Mapledurham		SALVATION ARMY	
Holy Communion		Prospect Street	
8-00 a.m.	PARISH COMMUNION	3-00 p.m.	Young People.
9-15 a.m.	Evening Service	6-30 p.m.	Adults
6-30 p.m.			
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Our Lady of Caversham			
8-30 and 10-30 a.m. Mass.			

CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH MAY SERVICES

5. 5.68	Stewardship Sunday	11 and 6-30 Rev. L. S. Lewis Evening Communion.
12. 5.68	11 and 6-30 Rev. L. S. Lewis	11 and 6-30 Rev. L. S. Lewis (Morning Communion).
19. 5.68	11 and 6-30 Rev. L. S. Lewis	11 and 6-30 Rev. L. S. Lewis (Morning Communion).
26. 5.68	Sunday School Anniversary	11 2-45 and 6-30 Rev. G. E. Benfield, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCHES MAY PREACHING APPOINTMENTS

CAVERSHAM		CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS	
5	Rev. E. Richards	11-00	Mr. J. Kipphut (1)
12	Mr. L. R. Ash	6-30	Mr. J. Kipphut (1)
19	Miss M. Broadhead	11-00	Rev. S. M. Wendt.
26	Rev. H. M. Sugg	6-30	Rev. E. B. Wright.
	Rev. E. B. Wright (2)	11-00	Rev. P. W. Luxton.
	Rev. E. B. Wright (2)	6-30	Mr. D. H. Wark.
	Mr. C. Rowe	11-00	Rev. A. J. Badcock (3).
	Mr. H. Artist	6-30	Rev. E. B. Wright (3, 4).

Notes: (1) Overseas Missions, (2) Sunday School Anniversary, (3) Church Anniversary, (4) Holy Communion.

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The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, March 4, 1968. Mrs. Sizer (president) presided. After the president had thanked her Committee for their services during the past year, the Secretary Mrs. Beasley then read the Annual report.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Booker presented the financial statement.

The election of the committee members was then announced, and Mrs. Sizer was re-elected as President. A play was given by our Drama Group "Mixing with the Right People" by Dan Sutherland.

Competition for 6 pieces home made fudge was won by Miss Wellman; runner up Mrs. Roberts.

In future our monthly meetings will be held at the new Emmer Green Club in St. Barnabas' Road.

BLAGRAVE W.I.

The Annual Meeting was presided over by Mrs. Sholl who thanked her committee and members for their services in the past year.

Mrs. Sholl welcomed Mrs. Parnall (V.C.O.) who gave a talk on points of interest on Resolutions and the organisation of the Albert Hall Conference.

Mrs. Wiskin (Treasurer) presented a very satisfactory report on the financial year.

The ballot for the committee resulted as follows: President Mrs. Sholl; Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Wiskin, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Elderfield, Mrs. Benham, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Baldwin.

The flower of the month competition 1st, Mrs. Sholl, 2nd, Mrs. Theobald.

READING CAVERSHAM TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the March meeting of the Guild Miss E. Baker, the chairman welcomed four new members.

A letter was read from Mrs. I. Dean, a founder member, who leaves the district to live in Devon after her marriage on March 23rd. She will be greatly missed as a very active and talented member of the Guild. The chairman was asked to send a letter and card of greetings and good wishes to Mrs. Dean and her future husband with a cheque enclosed, from the members, as a little token of regard and which might provide something for the new garden.

The Jumble Sale held on March 9th realised a net sum of £16-10-0. Five pounds was allocated towards providing a party for the residents of the Arthur Clark Home and another sum of £5-5-0 was donated by individual members for this purpose.

Several members attended the public meeting at the Royal Berks Hospital arranged by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for research.

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ROUND THE CLUBS

Business concluded, members were entertained by Miss Mildred Scott, with a recital of Songs from the Shows. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. A. Smith.

After tea, a very interesting talk was given by Miss Hermoine Baker, on behalf of the East and West Friendship Council.

She made a strong appeal for offers of hospitality to Non-European overseas students, particularly in the cases of student nurses. Having worked in Uganda as a Nurse Tutor she was able to explain their needs when parted from a closely knit family life and finding themselves alone in a strange country.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. B. Stratford.

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the March meeting of the Guild, a film illustrating the work of John Groom's Crippleage was shown by the Rev. J. Miller. In 1866 John Groom, a lay preacher, shocked by the conditions in which crippled folk lived, founded his first home in Clerkenwell for those he found selling flowers in the streets, often with no place to sleep at night. He mastered the art of artificial flower making, and taught those in

his care to do the same. Today more than 80 people are in the care of the John Groom Crippleage, and are usefully employed making artificial flowers, among them the Alexandra roses and the better type of poppies used in the Cenotaph wreaths each year.

John Groom's second object was to care for deprived children, and the film included pictures of happy youngsters playing in the beautiful nurseries and homes in which the children live at Westham, Sevenoaks and Chislehurst. There is also a convalescent home at Thorpe Bay and, although the main activity of the society has always been the training and employment of disabled young women, there is in fact a new £85,000 block being built to house disabled young men. The Rev. J. Miller spoke of the difficulties of maintaining this society, and said that this Christian mission relied a great deal on

the generosity of friends of the society. A number of exquisitely made flowers and potted "plants" were sold at the meetings, and over £10 was raised for the Crippleage.

INTERNATIONAL

The group met on March 13th when Mrs. I. Knox-Taylor spoke on South Africa. Mrs. Knox Taylor had lived in South Africa until her marriage, and she gave a completely unbiased view of the situation there at the moment and provided a most interesting and informative evening. The next meeting is on April 10th and is on the subject of Northern Ireland.

SOCIAL STUDIES

On March 5th Mrs. Ayre from the Women's Advisory Service on Solid Fuel gave a talk entitled "House for Sale", and gave members a lot of useful information and advice regarding solid fuel.

AN EXHIBITION of the entries in the Art Competition in the Methodist Church Hall, Ardler Road, on Thursday, May 9th, 3-30-7-45 p.m. Admission: Adults 6d. Children 3d. Refreshments available.

All entries can be handed in from April 24-30. Watch the handbills in all Caversham Churches and Sunday Schools for final details.

Adjudicator: Mr. Robert Packer, Art Master at Reading Blue Coat School.

Prizes will be distributed by Mr. A. L. Redgrove, Christian Aid organiser for Reading at 7 p.m.

ALL PROCEEDS IN AID OF CHRISTIAN AID.

THE CAVERSHAM BRIDGE SCHEME OF SOCIAL SERVICE

On the whole the last two months have been quiet, routine visits to the elderly and sick have been kept up and transport given to those in need of it and some new calls for visits have been answered, both at home and in hospital.

We have had two urgent calls for help. Please if there are those who are willing to sit with someone for a night in an acute emergency only I should be most grateful to have your name, address and telephone number. In the whole area I have only ONE volunteer who will do this and I have had to call on her twice since the scheme started, and I do not know what we would have done if she had not been able to help us. Both times she turned out with only half an hour's warning.

Please now the days are brighter remember to look out for those who can only go out if you offer to take them in your car and who would dearly love just such an outing.

K. P. BESLEY.

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YARDLEY WOOD ROAD, stretches a distance of several miles from Moseley to the Birmingham City Boundary with Solihull, and on to the High Street, Solihull Lodge. It carries three bus routes, and boasts the South Birmingham Bus Garage.

Everyone knows Yardley Wood Road, and Yardley Wood Garage. Few know Yardley Wood Parish itself.

Recently a commercial traveller asked the assistant in a local shop in Yardley Wood Road where he was: she replied, "I don't rightly know, some says Warstock, some says Kings Heath." Outside her shop at the kerb side the district sign "Yardley Wood" flaps dejected in the breeze.

Once part of the ancient Parish of Yardley, the

hamlet of Yardley Wood has contained a burial ground for that parish for a very long time. Solihull Lodge, whose boundary goes through the churchyard, is mentioned in Domesday Book, and Priory Road once did in fact lead to a medieval priory. Of this ancient history nothing now remains.

ESTATE

Birmingham City Council built its first Council house estate around the church in 1920, and since then private development has removed the countryside to Earlswood Lakes some three miles away. In postal terms the parish consists of parts of Moseley B'ham 13, Kings Heath B'ham 14, Hall Green B'ham 28, and Shirley, Solihull.

Modern Yardley Wood is a collection of houses without a natural centre, and without its own identity. Its people go out of the parish in a procession—return in the evening for tele and bed: while the majority of those who serve the parish in a profession—the doctors, teachers and social workers, work in the parish but make their homes elsewhere.

In this situation the little old fashioned parish church with its yew trees and century-old lych gate is regarded by many only as the background for a picturesque wedding or as the site of the family grave.

CARDS

Eleven years ago the church council decided to follow a definite policy of attempting to show the people of the parish that they "belonged" and that those who worshipped in the church were not peculiar people but their neigh-

bours. The council started with a privately printed Christmas Card, personally addressed and delivered to every householder.

This was welcomed by everyone but especially by some for whom it was the only Christmas card they received. This practice has continued every Christmas since.

The next step was to decide on a policy concerning infant baptism. Yardley Wood's decision was to welcome those who asked for this and to encourage them to feel that they and their families belonged to the Parish Church.

The Parish baptism with a full complement of wardens, sidesmen, choir and Servers and Sermon is a regular feature of parish life, so also is the weekly service on Wednesday afternoons for toddlers under school age and their mothers. Last Autumn the P.C.C. decided to extend the scope of the toddler's service by holding a monthly family service on Sunday afternoons for fathers as well.

DAY CENTRE

Other projects over the past years included the Day Centre, for Old People, Visiting panel and Social Workers Action Group (including Doctors, Head Teachers and Probation Officers) and regular visits from and to the seven departments of local schools all of whom now use the church building regularly for their special events.

From the very first edition in January, 1959, Yardley Wood News has been an invaluable means of telling Yardley Wood and what Yardley Wood is doing. Its policy from the beginning has been to report on the Parish as a whole where possible and to make no comment or moral judgment other than in the editorial column.

The circulation has dropped a little since the first enthusiastic days and is now slightly less than 2,500 copies per month. This, in a parish of 4,000 houses means that the paper is read in five houses out of eight.



Cliff Richard



Tom Coyne



Colin Cowdrey



Derek Nimmo



Andrew Cruikshank

In common - Coventry Mission

QUESTION: What have Colin Cowdrey, the Archbishop of York, Derek Nimmo, Cliff Richard, Tom Coyne and Andrew Cruikshank all got in common?

ANSWER: They and six other well-known personalities, will be taking part in Coventry's "Call to Mission", Sept. 17-27.

Each night one of them will be speaking in the Cathedral on the theme 'Learn To Live'—the title given to an evangelistic campaign led by the Bishop of Coventry to mark the 50th Anniversary of the re-founding of the Diocese.

Quite a stir

It should create quite a stir—and that is just what is hoped. For those who want to back Britain, 'the best way,' says the Bishop, 'is to build in Britain an army of people with a dynamic faith in God.'

Them's fighting words.

At the climax of the campaign it is expected that at least 15,000 people will be attending a celebration of the eucharist at the Royal Agricultural Society Showground at Stoneleigh on Sunday 29th September. A family service of thanksgiving for the whole diocese!

Why not pass on your body?

(Quote from the Rev. P. N. Hayward, Vicar of Garretts Green, Birmingham).

LIVING WITH someone else's heart inside you! . . . It is yet another step in bringing God's kingdom nearer. It is also a vivid illustration of what is meant by the Christian concept of helping one another—of helping unconsciously, even in death.

I wonder how many people know that you can, in this country, hand over your body for medical research after death. I myself, years ago, made arrangements for this to be done in my case.

It has always seemed a waste of God's gifts to me that perfectly sound bodily parts should be thrown out into the ground or the fire of the crematorium or the bottom of the sea. I happen to have an inborn hatred of any kind of waste, both on social and Christian grounds.

WARMTH

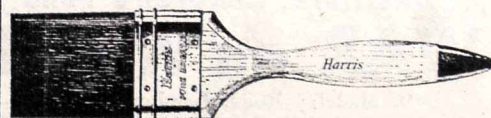
Coupled with this is the fact that I find my satisfaction and meaning in life only by letting my body be used for the benefit and convenience of other people. And I glow with warmth at the idea of the whole business continuing even after my personality has left my body. From the Christian point of view there is no limit to all the help we can give to one another through our bodily organs—in life or death.

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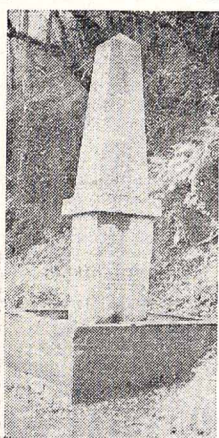
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The times they are not a changing

THE PROBLEM of drinking and driving is not a new one. This monument, known locally as the "Mail Monument" stands two miles outside Llandoverly in South Wales on the A40.

On December 19, 1835, Edward Jenkins was 'drunk in charge' of the Gloucester and Carmarthen Mail Coach. He drove the coach at a gallop on the wrong side of the road and in trying to avoid an approaching cart horses and coach went over a 120 ft. precipice.

The monument was erected, says the inscription, in 1841 "as a caution to mail coach drivers to avoid intoxication." It was restored in 1930 by the G.P.O.

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As part of the Royal Birmingham Society of Artist's Centenary celebrations the Birmingham Chapter presents an exhibition—

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among
the
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MEN CAN RELY ON THE HELP OF THE PADRE

C. J. Francis writes
about the work of the
Chaplains' Branch
of the R.A.F.

SINCE ITS FORMATION fifty years ago this year, the RAF has changed both in role and concept. Re-styled uniforms and the advent of supersonic aircraft are just two prominent examples of the progressive change which has slowly taken place both on the ground and in the air.

The Chaplains' Branch of the RAF, however, has remained basically the same since its inception, and today, its members still represent the Christian Faith in a Service setting.

How then does a person enter the Chaplain's Branch?

After being selected by the Chaplain-in-Chief, and having had an interview with the Ministry of Defence, the aspiring padre joins the Chaplains' Branch with a certain amount of academic and ministerial training behind him.

Entrants from civilian life have to pick up service customs and terminology very quickly. Ex-service entrants, however, with their past experience need only turn their collars round!

PERMANENT

Although his rank carries no executive power, the chaplain, on entry, is awarded the rank of Flight Lieutenant, and after one year the rank of Squadron Leader. Following 2½ years' acceptable service, he may then apply for a 16-year permanent commission.

On initial posting, owing to the small establishment of chaplains, the new man may find himself on his own. Where ever possible, however, at large Units he is under the guidance of a senior chaplain.

Of course, not all of a padre's life is spent in this country. For instance during the last War there were over 800 commissioned chaplains scattered all over the world. Today's figure is less than 100, and this situation necessitates the need for service overseas.

The focal point of his work is the Station Church. He is solely responsible for its organisation and administration. Often, in appearance, it represents a converted wartime mess hut. Present policy, however, is to build a permanent church wherever a Unit is situated in an isolated area.

Service-wise, padres are not a race apart as some people might imagine. The paying of mess bills, and married quarters rent; being governed by Queen's regulations, and reported on, are just some instances of how they identify themselves with their fellow servicemen.

He leads a full and interesting life, and by virtue of his profession he comes across all shades of religious opinion.

A PROPHET

One padre recently told me of how he enjoys discussing everyday problems with the enquiring minds of some young servicemen and women. Jokingly, he said that sometimes he needed to be a prophet rather than a padre in order to answer their questions regarding the future of mankind.

For obvious reasons, not everyone hears of all the personal and confidential work done by the padre. No matter how technical and automated the service becomes, human problems will still occur, and in this respect the padre can be relied upon to offer both practical and spiritual guidance.

Rioters now help 'Shelter'

PRISONERS involved in the recent Durham Prison Riot because they felt the work they were doing was "not worthwhile" are now to help SHELTER National Campaign for the Homeless.

After reading press stories about the riot, SHELTER's Director, Des Wilson, contacted the Governor and suggested that prisoners might wish to help in the sorting of stamps sent to SHELTER as a result of the B.B.C. Television Blue Peter Appeal.

The Governor has agreed to this and Durham prisoners now join prisoners at seventeen other prisons who are also helping in this way. They include Holloway, Pentonville, Wandsworth and Brixton prisons.

The problem of sorting out nearly five hundred million stamps has been a colossal one for SHELTER and in addition to the prisoners, patients at five London hospitals and hundreds of individuals are helping in the operation.

The world of industry

More than a matter of colour

A FOUNDRY owner was discussing with me recently the problem of immigrant labour. He said, 'The Employment Exchange sends me people who literally require an interpreter. I have to send them back since if molten metal blows I must be able to shout, 'GET OUT!' and know that everybody understands instantly. Am I therefore to be accused of discrimination?'

His simple instruction underlines a fact I have long felt—namely that reactionaries and liberals tend to over-simplify the problem of immigration and colour, not realising that what we are dealing with basically is the encounter of different and often conflicting cultures.

I know that colour merely highlights and does not create this conflict since I was in Bedford when a large part of that town turned into Little Italy due to the needs of the nearby brickworks.

Of course we can do something legally about real discrimination—such as the offering of a job to a less qualified white man when an immigrant has applied. But law cannot tackle differing social habits, language, work attitudes, religion; only Christian tolerance and patience ON BOTH SIDES can make these things bearable and workable. It is no good saying in industry 'They must have the same jobs'; one must go further and say, 'People must have the right jobs'.

Mind you, I welcome immigration; new stock is always good for business as Lombard Street and our carpet industry testify. I am sure the Indian flair for commerce will do us a world of good.

RAYMOND EFEMEY.

Apprentices talk it out

"SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE", "Drugs", "Drinking and Driving", "Vandalism at Football Matches", "Doubts about Religion". These don't sound like items from the manual for the training of craft apprentices! But debates and discussions on such topics of their own choosing from a regular part of the week for apprentices in at least a couple of Birmingham factories.

Several managements strive to broaden the basis of apprentice training. The apprentices receive both technical training and a wide experience of various aspects of factory life. Most of the larger firms provide also a sporting and special programme.

For some time now, industrial chaplains have been invited to lead discussions each week. These aim to broaden horizons and to give opportunities to the apprentices, both to express their own ideas and learn to appreciate other people's ideas.

Sometimes the result is surprising. Two groups, discussing "Sex before Marriage" found that, out of 31 lads, only one had received instruction from a parent, and only three anything of value from school about sex. They asked for sex instruction.

Four weeks of question and answer led into discussion of the meaning of life and human relationships—and to this, in every topic, the lads return again and again.

KEN HILLS

CHILDREN IN NEED!

Millions of children in developing countries suffer poverty and desperate need such as we never know in this country. Malnutrition alone means countless deaths in infancy. Those who survive face lives darkened by hunger, poverty, disease and ignorance.

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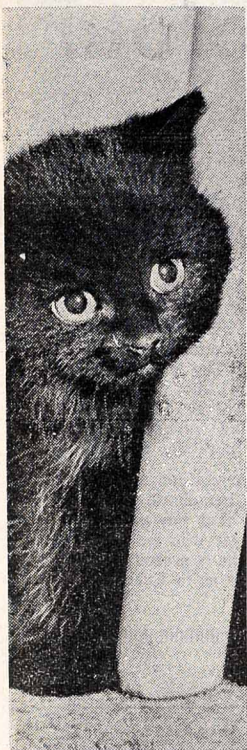


Junior Magazine



LETTING THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG

HAVE YOU ever been accused of "letting the cat out of the bag"? If so, it means that you've let out a secret or given the show away about something!



The expression "letting the cat out of the bag" comes from the days when traders used to sell young pigs at country fairs. The pig was tied up in a sack, and dishonest traders would sometimes put a cat in the bag instead of a pig.

The unsuspecting buyer didn't discover the fraud until he got home and opened the sack, and then it was too late.

But some buyers got wise to the fraud, and they used to open the sack there and then in front of the trader to make sure what was inside. If it wasn't a pig, then the cat was well and truly out of the bag!

A CATTY PUZZLE

The following are clues to words which begin with CAT. See how many you can find. (Answers below). Border plant; terrible happening; complete list; this becomes a butterfly; a large church.

OUT JUMPED THE CAT!

You didn't think there was a story in the New Testament about letting the cat out of the bag? Well, read this one.

Mr. Swagger-it-up (we'll pretend that was his name) was an important man in Jerusalem. One day he swaggered into the Temple to say his prayers. Now it happened that Mr. Tax-Collector turned up at the same time to say his prayers.

Mr. Swagger-it-up marched to the front of the Temple, put a very holy look on his face and folded his hands together. Out of the corner of his eye he could see Mr. Tax-Collector standing in a corner towards the back of the Temple. Mr. Tax-Collector was thinking how often he'd not been as good as he might have been. Feeling that he'd sometimes let God down, he looked steadily on the ground and said over and over again: "Forgive me, God. I've done many wrong things, and I'm truly sorry."

Then Mr. Swagger-it-up began to say his prayers. "How glad I am that I'm not like other people," he said, and especially that I'm not like that horrible tax-collector in the corner. I'm a good man. Twice a week I cut down on the amount of food I eat, and I give money regularly to the Temple funds. I'm sure that you're very pleased with me, God because I'm such a good man."

SOMETHING TO DO

Draw a strip cartoon showing Mr. Swagger-it-up and Mr. Tax Collector in the Temple.

SPOT THE CAT!

1. Who in the story let the cat out of the bag?
2. How did he do it?
3. Who told this story—but in other words?

ANSWERS:

A Catty Puzzle: Catmint; catastrophe; catalogue; caterpillar; cathedral.

Spot the Cat: 1. Mr. Swagger-it-up. 2. He pretended to be very good, but his prayer showed he was really terribly conceited. (3) Jesus.

BRENDA HOLLOWAY.



By courtesy of the B.B.C.

Judi Dench and Maurice Denham in a scene from one of the B.B.C.'s quartet of plays "Talking to a Stranger."

TELEVISION

BY HAROLD JEFFRIES

New home for Theatre in our lounge?

ALL OVER THE country theatres are being forced to close. There are, of course, many reasons for this, but one of them must certainly be the fact that we can all watch a good play at home.

Television has brought drama, both good and bad, highbrow and lowbrow, into everybody's sitting room. Whereas in the past it would be an avid theatregoer who would see more than thirty plays in a year, many of us now watch the same number in a month.

This is both a good and a bad thing. On the credit side, it means that people who would never have been theatregoers have been brought into contact with the world of drama.

On the debit side, it means that our appetite gets dulled from over-indulgence.

Going to the theatre to see a leading actor used to be a great occasion. Now he appears at our command by the flick of a switch and we might well be repapering the wall during the first act.

Perhaps it is just here that television will never be able to compete with the theatre. In the theatre everything is focussed on the stage. You have paid your money to watch the acting, the auditorium is in darkness, everyone is still, there are no distractions. The whole of your concentration is given to what the playwright is trying to say through the characters.

At home is different. Without a great deal of determination it is impossible to give your undivided attention to the screen. Someone can call, the dog may jump up, the telephone ring, the meter may need another shilling or . . . you could possibly think of a hundred more.

This means that we can rarely do full justice to the television writer who is trying to say something worthwhile. That is why the easy-to-watch, easy-to-follow, undemanding sort of soap-opera or play is likely to be the most popular.

Not so long ago, the B.B.C. showed four plays under the general title "Talking to a Stranger" which had an outstanding success on

B.B.C.2, and which had won for Judi Dench a major award. I wonder how many people watched all four plays with the attention they deserved? What's more, I wonder how many people were able to? Here was drama of the highest class, brilliantly written, using all the possibilities of television, but lacking the setting of the theatre.

Perhaps the day will come when from time to time we shall have to make our television viewing as serious a matter as going to the theatre, when we shall have to refuse to answer the door, take the telephone off the hook, put the dog out and make sure the meter is stocked with shillings, and give our undivided attention to that little silver screen.

N.C.N.—MAY, 1968—SEVEN

A quiz for a Brown study

1. Who was Capability Brown?
2. Who was known as "the Brown Bomber"?
3. Steve Donaghue, the jockey, had a famous partnership with a rectorhorse. What was the horse's name?
4. Why is Brown Owl now out of date?
5. Who were the Brownshirts?
6. Who was Arthur Whitten Brown's partner in the first crossing of the Atlantic by aeroplane in 1919?

ANSWERS

1. John Alcock.
2. He came to power.
3. Socialists in Germany, who were dubbed by Hitler when they were the early Nationalists.
4. They were the early Nationalists.
5. A Brownie pack leader is no longer called Brown Owl; she is called a Brownie Guide.
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Goal! it's a rare, rare moment

I AM FREQUENTLY plagued by the most awful nightmare, a game of football in which neither team is able to score and the result is determined by the toss of a coin, or the respective captains answering a series of questions prepared by the Minister of Sport.

I am so convinced that the dream will one day become reality that I earnestly recommend all fathers to take their sons to the first available game of football that they might witness, before it is too late, that unique moment in the sport of football—a goal.

If the present trend continues I can foresee the distinct possibility that the position of goalkeeper will become as obsolete as that of long stop in cricket.

The basically simple concept of scoring more goals than the opposition has become shrouded in strategical overtones. They were first initiated in inter-nation two-leg competitions, in which the accepted tactic is to play safe away from home and hope for the best before your own spectators.

NOT TO LOSE

This strategy has now seeped through to the football league where a team playing away from home

Football by Ernest Adkins

chooses all its notable defenders hoping at best not to lose.

Trapped in the grip of defensive football the instinctive goal strikers are becoming eclipsed.

Last season Ron Davies (Southampton) was leading goal scorer in the football league with 37 goals—23 fewer than "Dixie" Dean, who contributed more than half of Everton's total of 102 in the season 1928-29.

When Arthur Rowley (Shrewsbury) called it a day at the end of the '66 season, big Arthur—who hit a ball at two speeds, very hard and unstoppable—had hit the

back of the net 434 times, a record never likely to be equalled.

Even that most prolific of goal poachers, Jimmy Greaves, who has scored more than 300 goals at a steady rate of 40 a season, is now happy to notch half that number.

INERTIA

Italian football went "defensive" in a big way some years ago. In order to break the self imposed inertia that was killing the game imported British players including Gerry Hitchens of Aston Villa.

The dynamic Hitchens—a 30 goal a season man in this country—was hard pressed in Italy to achieve double figures. The Italian game has been ruined by the same malaise that is gradually destroying our native game.

In the wilderness one small but respected voice of protest has been raised. When asked whether he was available for the European Nations Cup against England, Spain's winger, Ghento, weaned on the glorious attacking football of Real Madrid, declined.

His grounds were that he had not the stomach for defensive soccer. Well said. Neither have I.

ALL WE SEEK IS GOALS, FOR THAT IS WHAT THE GAME IS ALL ABOUT.

Personality of the month

SHE ARRIVED in England 4 years ago—a wandering minstrel in tennis shoes. Since then Julie Felix has established herself as an international star—and prefers boots.

Born in California in 1941, Julie was taught the guitar by her father and picked up songs from her mother's LP of Burl Ives. But there was no idea in those days of becoming a folk singer. A pirate film had sparked off an ambition to be an expert

through Greece, Italy and France eventually ending up in Munich with just £5. It was there she bought the tennis shoes.

But it is in England that she found real success and for the time being at least has put some roots down. Television has had a lot to do with it. So enthusiastic was the response after her appearance on the Eamonn Andrews Show that she was booked to return the following week, the first time this had happened to any artist.

And in 1966 she made a great success on The Frost Report. It

JULIE FELIX

sword-fencer, but when she also began ballet lessons fencing gave way to dancing.

Julie's wanderings began in 1962 when she came to Europe—with 1000 dollars in savings and no clear idea of what she would do. "I never had any specific conception of what I was going to grow up to be," she says, "and maybe, I thought, going to Europe would help me to find out."

A café owner on a little Greek island who offered her free wine and food to sing to the customers set her on the road as a folk-singer. She hitchhiked her way

was from David Frost that she bought her flat in Chelsea. But success and her possessions haven't tied her down. "I don't really believe in possessions," she says. "For most people they're a false security. You are only really secure through knowing yourself."

Julies travels continue—not just the big concerts but also to see for herself some of the poverty and misery she so often sings about. Moved by a film made by Christian Aid, Julie went to the Director of Christian Aid and asked if she could help.

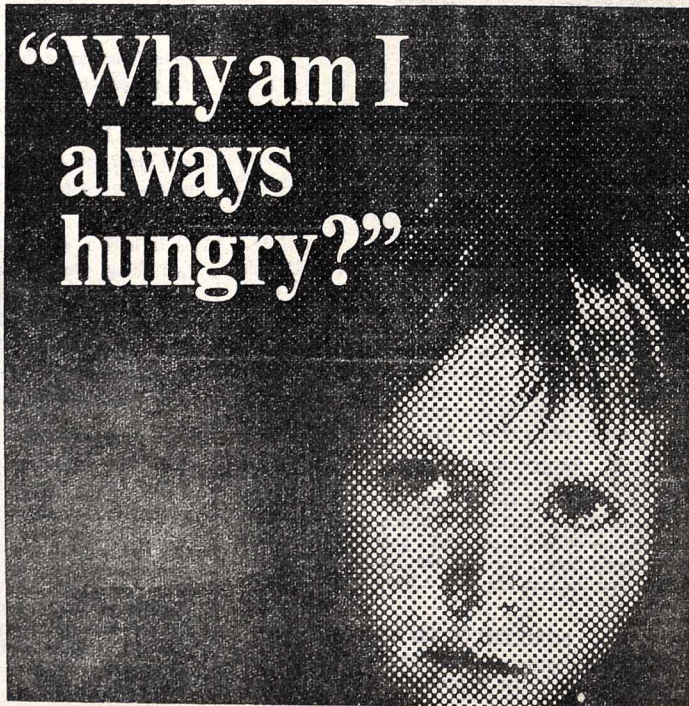
Their meeting in 1965 prompted a goodwill tour of the Middle



East and Kenya where she visited areas hit by famine. As well as singing, Julie collected material for a concert held in the Albert Hall. She gave the £1000 profit from that concert to Christian Aid to help in relief and training programmes for areas like those she had visited.

It is such real concern as this, along with her charm and obvious talent, that has made Julie Felix a singer who really knows what it is she is protesting about and compels us to listen.

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