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FAREWELL TO CRICKET

And a way of life . . . .

THE SOUND of bat on ball: a smell of new mown grass: players pacing gently about the field: spectators lazily, quietly, thoughtfully watching the game: the occasional flurry of a quick run or a ball chased to the boundary.

Cricket — not so much a game, more a way of life. It needs leisure and time to stand and stare: it needs patience to wait for results.

AND CRICKET'S NOT AS POPULAR AS IT WAS.

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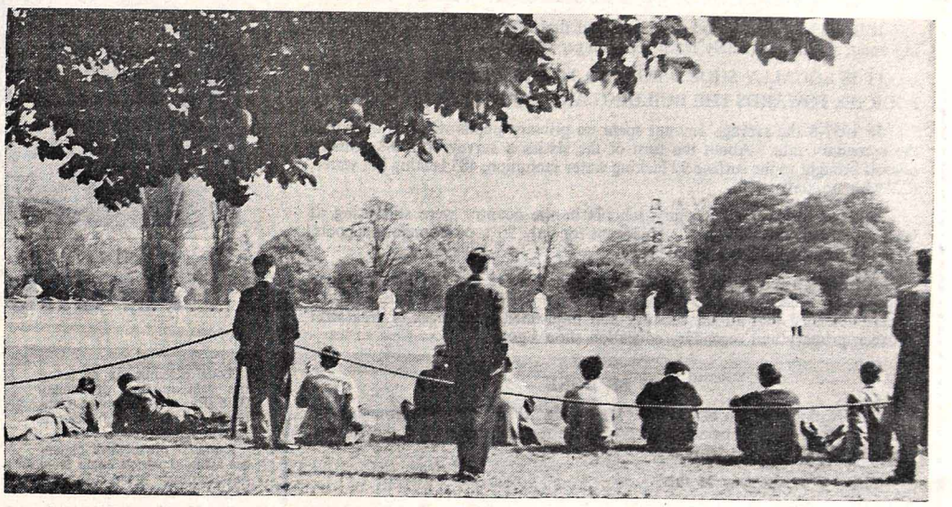
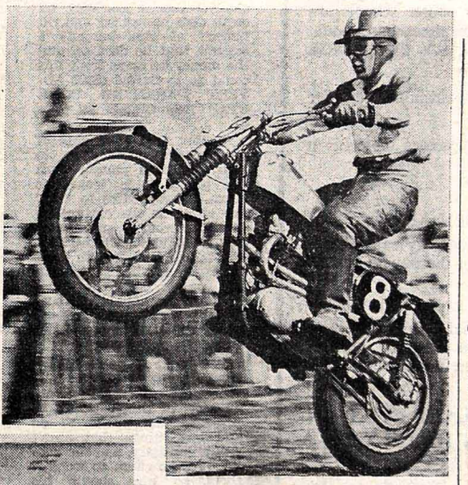


Today's popular sports are those that give quick results – the noisy, fast, perhaps dangerous or violent ones.

Our favourite entertainments tell us a lot about ourselves.



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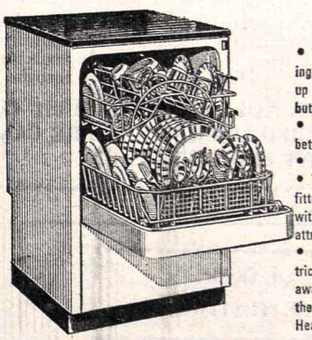

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Wanted: a new deal for primary schools

PRIMARY EDUCATION gets a raw deal in this country. Since the 1944 Education Act, secondary education has streaked ahead. We need more qualified, trained people for this modern age of technology. O.K.—but it makes no sense to act and plan as if all this beings at 11.

It is time we realised that the skills and techniques required by a primary teacher are as important and as specialised as those of a secondary teacher.

It is thinking of the most outdated kind that assumes that any well meaning amateur can adequately teach the younger child.

IT IS EQUALLY SHORT-SIGHTED TO ADOPT PENNY-PINCHING POLICIES TOWARDS THE BUILDING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS.

In 1957-8 the average amount spent on primary pupils was less than half the secondary rate. About the turn of the sixties a survey of 1,488 primary schools brought to the surface 99 lacking water sanitation, 485 lacking hot water, 622 with no staff room.

In 1962 55% of all primary schools in the country were still using at least some pre-1900 buildings. This went for only 20% of secondary schools, which is bad enough in all conscience.

All that's a few years ago now. Since then we've had the 1966 Plowden Report. Greeted eagerly on all sides, this gave the primary schools a leg-up. It recommended that all unnecessary and unjustified differences of treatment between primary and secondary education should go.

CAN BE DONE

The National Union of Teachers iffed a big "If": "If the Government and Parliament are now prepared to carry out the recommendation of the Report, we believe that this can be done."

Are we on the way to this?

The news burst on the nation this spring that £16 million was going to be released over two years to aid poorer schools, and most poorer schools are primary schools. But it has been estimated that three or four times that amount will be needed between now and 1970 FOR NEW PRIMARY BUILDINGS ALONE.

- Meanwhile, money to infant and junior schools is still just enough for each child to have a pencil a day.
- Meanwhile, the shortage of infant teachers outstrips even the crisis at other levels.

And we haven't even mentioned nursery schools!

WE ARE NOT ON THE WAY TO THE PLOWDEN AIM.

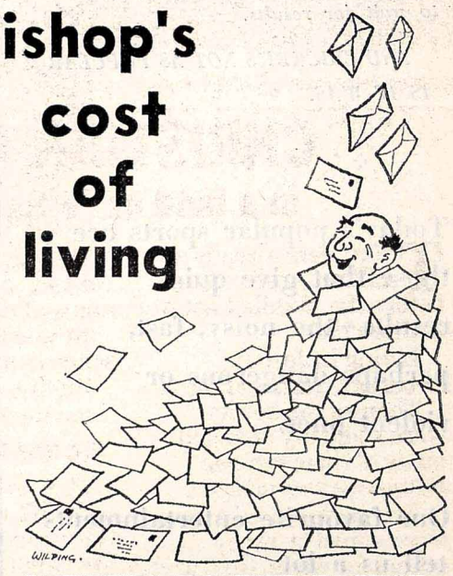
The country knows what's needed. It knows what primary education is about. But without the buildings and equipment, without the pay and conditions for teachers, that aim cannot be reached.

What price-tag would you put on secondary *education in the* 1980*'s then?*

There are many disgraceful failings in our educational system. None of them is more disgraceful, more calamitous, more short-sighted than our betrayal of our primary children. Valiant teachers and schools there are in plenty. But valour in the face of hardship is just not good enough.

THE PLOWDEN AIM MUST BE A FIRST CLAIM EVEN ON OUR SHATTERED ECONOMY. THERE CAN HARDLY BE A MORE URGENT PRIORITY.

Archbishop's cost of living



Your attempt at excusing the vast amount of money that the Archbishop of Canterbury pockets each year is just laughable.

I quote "all sorts of expenses some of which come from maintaining two large, draughty residences no man would choose to live in" etc., etc. If this is so, why on earth does he not try and rid himself of this burden? I suggest that he does so, and the money he saves from this could go to Oxfam (SEE ADVERT DEPICTING POOR STARVING CHILD on page 8).

I think that your kind of writing does more harm to your Christian church than the people it is meant to harm. I would like to know the last time the Archbishop of Canterbury entertained any STARVING CHILDREN, you tell us that he has a lot of expense when entertaining people such as other bishops, presumably more wealthy people, you don't tell us of the good things he is doing, I wonder why?

You make a point of his preaching at us on the television. So what? There are all sorts of people trying to persuade the public to do and buy things that aren't really necessary, and the public have no cause to worship them, so why should his appearances on the television be something that one should praise him for?

TRY AND BE FAIR TO THE MAN. TELL US OF THE GOOD THINGS HE IS DOING—IF ANY.

G. L. DAY.

5, Doherty Road,
London, E.13.

This letter is our letter of the month and Mr. Day receives a guinea prize.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Christian?

A COPY of your newspaper was given to me by a man who is not a Christian, his interest was in an article submitted by one of his relatives. I was very grieved and concerned after completing the reading of it because there was not one mention of the Lord Jesus Christ in it, and yet the title of the paper is "Christian News."

How far removed from the news of the Christian, which of course is the Lord Jesus Christ and the Gospel which is the good news that is in Him.

The New Testament demonstrates quite clearly what Christian news really is. It is that man who by nature is at enmity to God (Romans 5, 8-10) and separated from God because of his sin (Isaiah 59, 2) can know forgiveness of sins and peace with God, through the reconciling work of Christ (II Cor. 5, 19).

God's Kingdom comes among men, when the dominion of Satan and self is superceded by the rule of God in the life of a man. There is no other way, none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

The news of the Christian to all generations is unchanged because God is unchanged and man's condition as a guilty sinner before a holy and just God is unchanged.

These essential sentiments of Christian news are completely lacking in your newspaper. The Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes, and the Gospel alone can help man and be the source of his salvation.

P. C. Parris.

Cheltenham Road,
London, S.E.15.

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THEY LOVE TO READ OF TWINS' ESCAPADES

I AM WRITING on behalf of myself and several friends to tell you how much we enjoy the "Mainly for Women" page in Christian News.

We have our newspaper from St. Chad's church, and it is called "Lodge and Common."

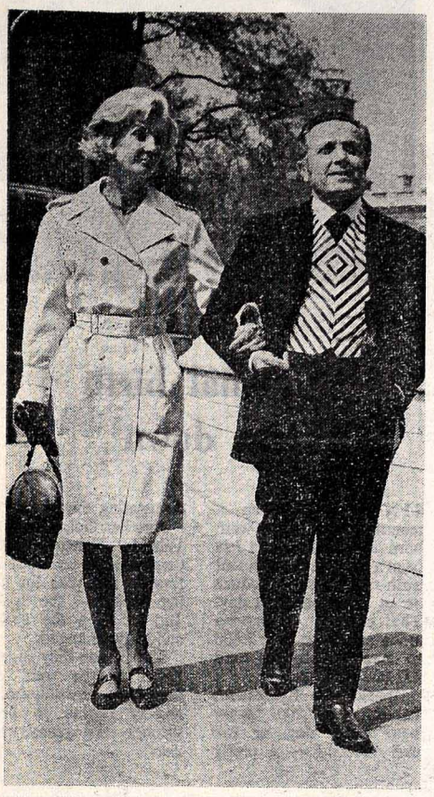
We especially enjoy the series about the "Twins," and do hope this continues. It is so amusing and natural, and we are elderly ladies, so feel sure the young wives with small children must enjoy it even more.

Looking forward to the next episode!

R. M. Seager (Mrs.)
22 Mount View,
Sutton Coldfield, Wks.

The people whom we call QUEERS

BY MARTIN TUNNICLIFFE



MR. LEO ABSE, M.P., and his wife, photographed outside the House of Commons. Mr. Abse was responsible for steering the Sexual Offences Act—which became law in July 1967—through Parliament. By this Act, homosexual practices between consenting adults in private are no longer criminal offences.

A GOOD DEAL OF NONSENSE IS TALKED ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY. THE WORD IS USED, OR MISUSED, BY A GOOD MANY PEOPLE WHO DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, THE PRESS, AND OTHER EDUCATED PEOPLE WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER.

The word "homosexuality" is a clinical, medical term. It describes a certain condition in human nature which has been known about for centuries, and carefully studied by scientists during the past hundred years.

Without going into technical detail, homosexuality can be described as a tendency for a person to be sexually attracted more by a person of his or her own sex than by someone of the opposite sex.

This tendency is present to a greater or lesser degree in all human beings. Whether we realise it or not, all men carry some of the sexual characteristics of women (physical and temperamental) and all women carry some characteristics of men.

> "People gifted with ordinary sexual make-up who misuse it by being free and easy, so that families are broken and children suffer, are more sexually perverted than many who are homosexual."

SAME SEX

A person who may be medically called "homosexual" is one in whom the sexual characteristics of the opposite sex tend to predominate in the personality. And such a person will normally prefer to seek friendships with a person of the same sex.

In a civilised society, nearly all of us pass through a homosexual stage in youth . . . the age when boys prefer the company of boys, and girls stick together. Most people pass through this stage and eventually look for a developing relationship with a member of the opposite sex.

But a good many people don't pass through this stage. They remain stuck in it to a greater or lesser degree. The reasons for this are psychological and may be read about in any reputable modern textbook on psychiatry.

NOT PERVERTS

I hope that I have made it clear, therefore, that although a homosexual man or woman may be UNUSUAL, he or she is by no means UNNATURAL (as many ignorant people think.) And they are certainly not "perverted", or not necessarily so.

I would say that people who are gifted with an ordinary sexual make-up and misuse it by being free-and-easy with their relationships so that families are broken and children suffer, are more sexually perverted than many who are homosexual.

The science of psychology has shown that no person chooses to be homosexual. The phenomenon is best described as a psychological peculiarity. It is therefore impossible to maintain that homosexuality is either sinful or criminal, any more than the other is sinful or criminal. That is why the law of the land has been changed in this respect.

It is unfortunate that, on occasions, homosexuals feel themselves to be a persecuted minority, and unwise behaviour which gets them publicity and a bad name. These are the ones who lack self-control, and rather stupidly exaggerate the characteristics of the opposite sex.

They get themselves labelled "queers".

But recent statistics seem to indicate that the majority of homosexuals are virtually no different in normal social behaviour and they don't stand out in a crowd.

SYMPATHY

In so far as they ARE different, homosexuals deserve sympathy and not ridicule. Because, through no fault of their own, they will always find it difficult, or impossible, to make a satisfactory relationship with a person of the opposite sex in marriage. They are therefore destined to a certain lonliness and frustration which a sexually mature person would find difficult to understand.

It is fortunate that most doctors and psychiatrists are, by their training if not by temperament, sympathetic towards the problem of homosexuality. And the Church, because it exists to reflect the love of Christ for the lonely, the outcast, and the socially unacceptable members of society, tries to provide a setting which is sympathetic and understanding.

An article reprinted from the 'Shard End Star', an NCN Birmingham edition.

CHRISTIAN AID
in a land of refugees

There were already a million Arab refugees before the Middle East war in June 1967.

Living in Jordan, Lebanon, Gaza and Syria.

Then as the borders were suddenly changed, many of them became refugees a second time.

And in their flight they were joined by many others for whom this newly occupied territory had always been home.

All these people have virtually no possessions.

No capital. No home.

And virtually no prospect of work.

In February 1968 thousands of others fled from the Jordan valley to escape renewed frontier fighting.

THE UNHAPPY AND THE SUFFERING

Among all these unhappy and suffering people Christian Aid is at work.

Supplying basic needs like cooking stoves, utensils, mattresses and blankets.

Helping to provide better shelter.

Operating clinics and centres to ward off disease and malnutrition.

Re-starting training schemes and welfare work.

Buying drugs.

Saving lives.

AID HAS NO BOUNDARIES

This work is in the hands of the Near East Council of Churches, to whom Christian Aid has contributed £100,000 for their programmes since last summer.

They are at work, too, in areas of occupation where the population has suffered economic hardship.

It's a mess.

But even if a political solution seems remote at least some of the worst excesses of suffering can be off-set by Christian Aid—if you help.

So please help.

Get in touch with your church, or local Christian Aid Committee.

Help somehow. And do it now, while it's in your mind.

Christian Aid, 10 Eaton Gate, London, SW1.

METHODISTS PRODUCE A COOK-BOOK

RISHTON Methodist Church (Lancs) has produced a book which is "selling like hot cakes".

Appropriately it is a cookery book to which members of the church have contributed their tastiest recipes.

An initial print of 300 copies of the book was put on order and the booklets sold out in a few days.

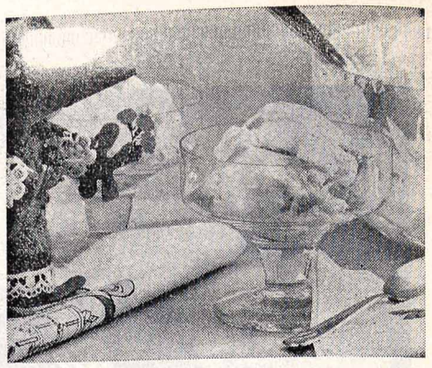
Now the church's "best seller" is being reprinted.

It is spearheading a drive to raise £16,000 for a new church.

It took three months to collect the recipes in the book.

Mainly for Women

Delightful fruit salad whip



This delectable creamy combination of lemon jelly, fruit salad and whipped Carnation evaporated milk is a favourite with children of all ages.

1 packet lemon jelly
1 (15 oz) can fruit salad
7½ fl. oz (½ large can) Carnation

Dissolve jelly in a little boiling water. Drain the fruit salad; make up the jelly to ¾ pint with fruit juice, and water if necessary. Allow to cool.

Chill Carnation and whisk until thick; whisk in cooled jelly until thick and almost set. Fold drained fruit salad into the mixture, saving some for decoration.

Pile into glasses and decorate. Serves 4.

Esmeralda - designed for joy among children

By Dee Dover

A LONELY childhood spent in large vicarages did much to stimulate Rosemary Allanson's interest in toys.

Her father, the Rev. R. L. Allanson, who was vicar of Mawnan Smith in Cornwall for many years, was a keen sportsman. The family enjoyed games, badminton, tennis, croquet and all those intricate card and board games that are lost to the televiewing child.

But Rosemary Allanson preferred to make her own toys. Her first steps were taken with Meccano — at the age of nine she designed her first toy.

ILL HEALTH

Her interests in the theatre and people led her through a varied career until ill health caused her to stay at home. Having been ill she began to think of less fortunate children, who because of some disability could not play the same games as their friends.

So in her small Leicestershire bungalow Rosemary began designing toys. Small stuffed bears at first, then larger toys all with special safety features. Naturally the toys can be used by any child, but have been designed with disabled children in mind.

RELIABLE

The outstanding toy in her collection is Esmeralda. Already, but not really beautiful. She is rather stout and grey, but very reliable. Esmeralda is an elephant who actually eats buns. She stands over two feet high, and has a broad back decked with a colourful saddle and wears a feathered headdress.

A bun, made of wool is inserted into her pliable trunk which is pulled with cords. Hidden under Esmeralda's saddle is a tummy, from which the buns can be retrieved. This amazing beast also plays cricket and bowls a fair 'under trunk.' She is safe enough for a sightless child to ride, and is pushed along with poles which act as eyes.

Esmeralda is a wonderful idea, unfortunately she is too large for most homes and not a commercial proposition for the toy makers. Miss Allanson really loves the toys she makes. They are designed and made by Rosemary to give joy to less fortunate children.

Esmeralda Mark I has been given to the Northampton Doctor Bernardo's home, where I feel sure she will be truly appreciated.

National birth rate down

SINCE 1964 when a record 875,972 babies were born in Britain, there has been a drop in the national birth-rate. We produce about 2,700 babies a day. The chances of having twins are 90 to one; 7,600 to one for triplets and 671,000 for quads.

World-wide figures for babies are 7,200 every hour every day, or two every second — a pretty devastating thought.

Another fact, brought to light by Delrosa, is that there used to be a popular time of the year for having babies — the Spring. But in 1966 the pattern suddenly changed.

The reason they suggest, that "Maybe our carbound, centrally-heated society begins to break through the season barrier."

Seven foot Boa constrictor in new television series

A THREE YEAR-OLD, seven-foot long boa constrictor called Bo, is one of the stars in the new TV series for children "Mr. Noah Behavin' Mighty Well," which started on BBC-1 in May. Bo, who is a resident of Drayton Manor Park Zoo, near Tamworth plays a part in the story of the Fall of Man, one of the tales from the Bible which are being presented by children for children in this series.

The six stories are narrated by Tom Coyne, assisted by Jean Holden, and children from Midland schools will interpret the story in their own way with puppets, mime, models, drama and paintings.

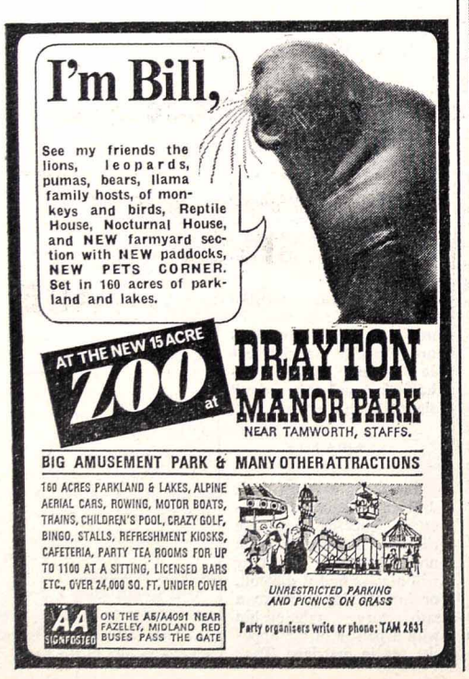
The programmes cover the early chapters of the book of Genesis. Theologically, they show how the stories develop from one to another and form a prologue to the continuous story of the Bible.

All the art and drama sylabuses of the schools taking part, Weston Favell County Primary, Northampton, and Boldmere County Primary, Sutton Coldfield have been connected with the making of the programmes for several terms.

Each programme also includes a West Indian Bible song by the Singing Stewarts, a Birmingham West Indian family folk group.

One person who was slightly anxious about the inclusion of Bo, was Tom Coyne, who found the script called for him to handle the reptile and even put it round his neck. So a series of "getting to know each other" meetings were arranged between Tom and Bo.

Tom is still not completely at ease. "But", he said, "I'll have to grit my teeth and remember it's all part of the job."



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KNOCK... KNOCK

IN 1893 CHARLES GORE became vicar of the then tiny village of Radley, and it was alleged of him by his friends that he visited every cottage in the parish twice a day, and then blamed himself for not going a third time.

And the idea dies slowly that the parson ought to visit everyone and that he, in some miraculous way, knows every time a new family moves into a house.

In the 19th century many people spent their whole life in the same village, only moving, perhaps, to another near-by cottage when they married. To-day things are different. We live mainly in large towns and move with growing frequency from place to place.

All too often when calling on someone that I have not previously visited I am told "I've lived here all these years and no one from the Church has been to see me." They really mean by this remark, that no one in a dog collar has been to see them. It is probable that they have had a great many visits from the Church. More than three thousand Caversham homes are visited every month by the Church when this paper is delivered, and the Church through hundreds of Christians in Caversham is visiting countless old and lonely people, some through the Bridge scheme, others in different ways. In nearly six years I have visited some 700 homes in Caversham and Mapledurham. I am well aware that this is only a tiny percentage of the whole. The clergy are always willing to visit when requested but for better or worse the days are over when any priest and minister can manage to go knocking from door to door all down a road. And if people are so anxious to be visited why do they not worship with the Church on a Sunday and make themselves known to one of the clergy? The clergy cannot these days call at every house. And a study of the Gospels shows that people far more often went to Our Lord than He to them. To-day in fact people do turn to the clergy in great numbers, and I spend a great many hours each week seeing people in my study. They come for a variety of reasons, preferably having phoned beforehand to see if I will be in at a particular time.

Gone are the days when a Charles Gore could visit every house even once a year, let alone twice a day. But the days are not gone when someone from the Church visits. The Christians of Caversham do a great deal of visiting in Christ's name — and in so doing they witness to the great truth that the Church does not just consist of the ordained ministers but for the most part of devoted lay people who give great witness to their master in Caversham in many ways.

It is good therefore to learn of the decision of members of the Anglican Church Council that the laity as well as the clergy ought to visit homes before a baptism takes place —this will knock one further nail in the coffin of the old idea that the Church just consists of the clergy, and it will help those out of touch with the Church to see that a new pattern of church life is emerging in which the role of the laity has an ever-growing importance.

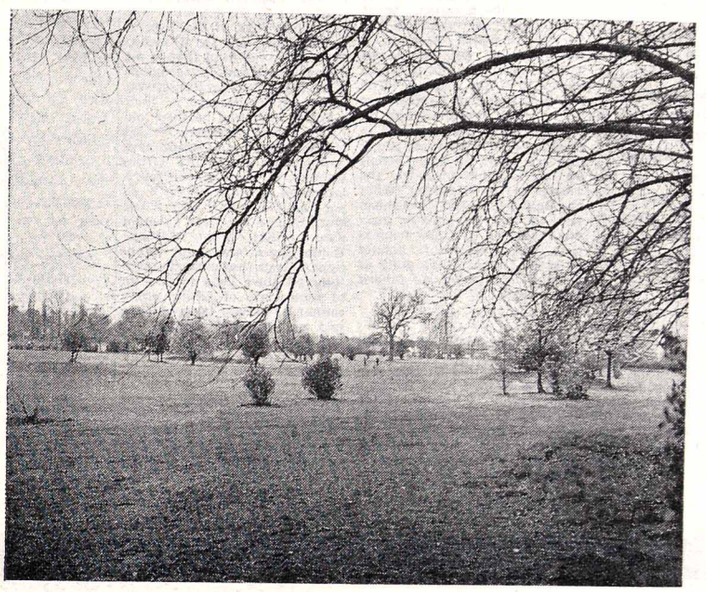
John Grimwade

Open Space in Danger!

GOLF COURSE INQUIRY

Caversham residents concerned to keep what open spaces remain are urged to go to the Reading Town Hall on June 18th to make their views known. We are in danger of losing the Golf Course — one of the last big open spaces in Caversham — in order to become another housing estate.

If you think it worth keeping like this...



Your presence at the inquiry is needed

Do not leave it to others. We all have too much to lose. Simply by being present for part of the day you can demonstrate your objection to unnecessary large scale development on this side of the river.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS — PHONE READING 72062

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• RANDOM JOTTINGS • from an R.C. Layman

The leader in the April issue of the "Caversham Bridge" on Baptism has made me think, on and off, ever since on the apparent difference in the Anglican and R.C. attitude to this sacrament.

I happened to attend Mass on Low Sunday at Quarr Abbey in the Isle of Wight, and listened to a scholarly, though short, sermon by an old monk on 'Domenica in albis' or 'Quasimodo' Sunday, which are two other names for Low Sunday. In the very early days of the Church most of the candidates for Baptism were obviously grown-ups. Lent was spent by them in preparation and they were baptised in the Church at the Easter vigil—the vigil of the Church's greatest Feast— and then welcomed by the full congregation into the membership of the Church. At this they wore white garments and continued to wear them all the week, only laying them aside on Low Sunday.

Gradually, over the years, as the greatest number of baptismal candidates became infants, this habit was found inconvenient and baptisms tended to take place on Sunday afternoons. The old monk seemed to imply that now the Vigil of Easter and its ceremonies had been fully restored, he would like to see baptisms also celebrated then. I am not sure, however, how co-operative the mothers of young babies would be.

The other name for Low Sunday—'Quasimodo Sunday'—comes from the Epistle of St. Peter, "As new born babes desire the rational milk without guile that thereby you may grow unto salvation . . . ." Part of this verse forms the Introit for the Sunday. This is just an interesting historical sideline, but what of the Sacrament itself? First of all, let's take the Catholic catechism's definition of a sacrament: "A Sacrament is an outward sign of inward grace, ordained by Jesus Christ, by which grace is given to our souls." And the answer to the question, "What is Baptism"? is: "Baptism is a Sacrament which cleanses us from original sin, makes us Christians, children of God, and members of the Church." The promises made at Baptism are 'to renounce the Devil and all his works and pomps'—and in the case of infants these promises are made on their behalf by the godparents. In the answer to the question, "What is Baptism?" the catechism tells us this Sacrament, inter alia, cleanses us from original sin. The catechism defines 'original sin' as 'that guilt or stain of sin which we inherit from Adam.'

Catholic teaching has always been that in order to attain eternal bliss, this Original Sin must be washed away by Baptism. And it is because of the paramount importance the Catholic Church attaches to this that anyone may administer the Sacrament in case of necessity, i.e. in the case of a baby likely to die before a priest could be fetched.

It would seem to me that because of the importance attached to the Sacrament, the R.C. Church gives prior consideration to the infant, rather than ascertaining the degree of determination of the parents to bring the child up properly in practice of its religion. It is of course to be hoped that they will.

The fly in the ointment, as frequently pointed out by non-Christians, is that it is surely presumptuous to assume that only those who have been baptised can enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I quite agree. I have, however, always been comforted by the let-out, if one can call it that, of 'Baptism of Desire'. This, as I see it, means that if anyone, (and that to me includes followers of religions other than Christianity), strives to live up to the rules of their religion, then, had he been told Baptism was necessary for his eternal salvation, he would have desired it. What, the critics thunder, of those who through ignorance or lack of faith do not believe—what will their eternity be? My own personal view is that 'in my Father's House there are many Mansions.' Those that struggle manfully all their lives to live up to some code of ethics surely cannot be wholly ignored by a just and merciful God?

(NOTE: I write as a layman and my column is not subject to any clerical censorship; I have complete freedom to express my views. Nevertheless, on this occasion, as I am writing on Catholic doctrine I submitted this article for approval, which has been given).

MORE THOUGHTS of a Roving Reporter

I have grumbled so often about the lack of Christian fellowship in the district, that I think it is only fair to mention that as far as I personally was concerned, Easter proved somewhat of an exception. Whether the mixed Lenten coffee groups contributed to this I'm not sure, but it was a real pleasure to stroll back from the Good Friday service in the Abbey ruins with members of other denominations, and to acknowledge Easter greetings from those on their way to other Churches on Easter morning.

What a lot has happened in Caversham just lately, both good and bad. It was distressing to hear of the death of Mr. Chester, owner of the sweet shop on the corner of St. Anne's Road. It was always a pleasure to call there; it must be difficult to carry on a business when something like this happens, and our sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

Another very serious loss to Caversham is caused by the recent sudden death of Mr. Davis, husband of the Arthur Clarke Home Matron. Regular readers of the 'Bridge' will have heard before just how valuable he was in running the home. Coping with difficulties with unfailing cheerfulness, he helped to make the place the cheerful and happy establishment it is. Our thoughts go out to Mrs. Davis at this time and to those who worked so closely with him.

On a more cheerful note, one of our keenest 'Bridge' readers, Janet Baxter, recently gave up her work at the BBC to take delivery of a baby boy; I haven't seen him yet but I am assured he is a dear little fellow. There always seems to me a double happiness about adopted children, joy for the new parents and real pleasure that a child who might otherwise have missed the joys of a home, has found those who really want him.

Bernard Casey of Albert Road, recently launched his 'Mirror' sailing dinghy, at the Sonning Sailing Club. Ten feet six inches in length, it has been put together entirely in his own home— it is amazing what goes on in Caversham. I recently discovered two ladies in Caversham who have carpetted the whole house, wall to wall, with carpets they have made themselves: I hope to discover more about their work and write on it in a future issue.

Many people will have heard with sadness of the recent collapse of the Sister Superior at Springfield St. Luke. With her common-sense air and her sense of humour, she was always a joy to talk to and something of her presence will always be felt by those who knew her. At the time of going to press, reports say that Sister Marjorie Gabriel, who is now at the Mother Convent at Wantage, is progressing slowly and is now able to talk. What the future will hold, we must try to accept in the same way as, I am sure, she is doing.

I hope the editor will forgive me for ending on a personal note. At the time of writing this I feel almost overwhelmed with the events of the past week. I can understand those who say that immigration to this country must be controlled; even more I can sympathise with those who realise that there are problems and that they cannot be whitewashed. But I have no understanding and no sympathy for those who have spent the past week reviling our immigrant population. For the first time in my life I am ashamed of being British; there are too many memories here of Hitler's early attack on the Jews. What started with name-calling ended in Belsen, and one only had to read the correspondence columns of the papers this week to hear cries of 'Juden, Juden'! And to those of us who call ourselves Christians, one is reminded of the cry 'Crucify him!' I would like to think that we in Caversham will have the courage to speak out against the evil which has bubbled to the surface. Will you back me up?

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On the move:

NORAH WADSLEY

Fred Walker.

LEAVING Caversham somewhat reluctantly is Miss Norah Wadsley, for the past twelve years an administrative officer at the BBC Monitoring Service at Caversham Park. On retirement she is moving to be nearer to her friends and relations in Sussex.

At a time when it is fashionable to be scathing about the lack of amenities and entertainments of the district, it is nice to know someone who has no regrets at all about living here. While she admits the shortage of casual entertainment and the disadvantage of being so far from theatres Norah Wadsley is quick to point out the many activities there are in this area. Among the best she lists the number of interesting subjects to be studied at local evening classes, of which she herself has taken full advantage. Among other classes, she has taken woodwork and pottery; a keen music-lover, she has her own piano and has recently taken up playing again.

Most of all she enjoys being so near the countryside and has made full use of her car to get to know the district and to get out on all possible occasions to the highways and byways of Berkshire.

In her work as a personnel officer, she is keenly aware of the problems facing newcomers to the area, particularly the difficulty of finding accommodation. With so many of the staff with whom she deals on shift work, she feels that one of the main troubles is that of adjusting to other people with normal hours of work; so many activities tend to be geared to day-shift workers. All the same, she finds the people here extremely friendly and willing to co-operate, and she herself is going to take with her very happy memories.

Miss Wadsley's association with the Monitoring Service dates from the early years of its existence, when it was located at Evesham in Worcestershire; she left to work in the BBC's War Reporting Unit and held various other appointments before returning to her present post. Many Caversham people will remember her photograph in the press two years ago when she went to Buckingham Palace to collect the M.B.E., awarded to her after more than 30 years' service with the BBC.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing her the best of luck in the future and look forward to seeing her on return visits.

MRS. D. LATHAM

Fred Walker.

THERE ARE some people in Caversham to whom age means very little, some who at eighty have the vitality and enthusiasm and zest for life that would be the envy of many younger people. Such a person is Mrs. Dorothy Latham who is shortly giving up her home in Peppard Road to live with a friend at Basingstoke.

She tells me she has retired; what she really means is that she has now given up the voluntary work she has been doing for over forty years at local children's clinics. This she started when she first came to Reading as a young married woman, working in Reading, at Caversham clinic and latterly at the Emmer Green clinic. She weighed not only the children, but the grandchildren as well and consequently will be leaving behind very many friends in this district.

She will be missed very much at St. Barnabas' Church where she has been an active worker for many years. Despite the very bad fall that she had recently, she is known to all her friends as a person of great courage and cheerfulness. As one of her friends says she is so lively in her outlook and a conversation with her is always something to look forward to.

Certainly she kept me well entertained when I called on her the other week. Though her travels on the continent only started about ten years ago, she is tremendously enthusiastic and has been to many countries. One of her recent trips was to Yugoslavia which she enjoyed tremendously; she attended the 1960 Oberammergau Festival and is wondering whether to go again in 1970.

One great love of her life is music; she was a member of a local choral society for many years. With all these interests, one can hardly say she is retiring. But she is looking forward to living in a house with company again; her son works away and though he comes home fairly frequently, it is not as often as either of them would like.

We would like to wish her all the very best for her life in Basingstoke and we hope to see her in Caversham from time to time and to hear news of her activities and further travels.

FASHION PARADE

WHEN CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD held their annual jumble sale—this year with the grand title "Wardrobe and Jumble Sale"—in Balmore Hall recently, I volunteered to be one of the helpers.

Never having worked behind the scenes in a jumble sale before I had no qualms about this, imagining a quiet, orderly arrangement of goods in the morning, followed by the exchange of those goods for hard cash in the afternoon in a gentle, emporium-like atmosphere to those few of the passers-by in Hemdean Road who happened to drop in. How wrong I was!

To start with it was a wet day, and arrival at the hall with five carrier bags overflowing with jumble meant a quick dash through the rain and collision in the doorway with what seemed a monstrous regiment of women all similarly burdened, and all trying to get out of the downpour at the same time. We sorted ourselves out, and on entering the hall found a scene of bustling activity. Trestle tables on all sides of the hall, each labelled with a price ranging from 3d. to 2/6d., were piled with goods, but all these piles were as nothing compared with the mountain of goods in the centre of the hall still waiting to be sorted.

On the raised stage at one end of the hall a boutique was being planned for the "wardrobe" part of the sale. All the best garments were being taken from the central heap to be examined and hung on rails with price tags ranging from 7/6d. to £1. Suddenly, amid shrieks, the ropes holding the rails came undone, and everyone rushed to help pick up the fallen clothes. Somebody's husband was roped in (!) to adjust the ropes, and with the rails securely tied this time the boutique workers continued to hang and price their wares.

The rest of us set to work on the central pile, mentally pricing each garment and tossing it to the appropriate table. A young man peered diffidently round the door and asked if he could leave a carpet. He came in carrying one end of it and behind—a long way behind—came his wife with the other end. It occupied a good deal of space in the hall, and soon a formidable pile of books and bric-a-brac grew round it. A pram followed, then a tea-chest full of hats, a hall-stand and a small table.

Somehow everything was sorted at last, and with the hall ready for customers the workers went off for a quick lunch.

Returning in the afternoon I thought I had come to the wrong place, such was the length of the queue of people waiting patiently in the rain. I had been allotted the 3d. table, and when the doors were opened letting in a flood of humanity bearing down on us with the inexorability of a spring tide, I must confess I felt a moment of panic. I had time to notice three men at the head of the queue making purposefully for the bric-a-bac stall where they purchased a cut glass and silver scent spray, a biscuit barrel and some plates, before turning against the tide and going straight out again. Evidently dealers on the look-out for bargains.

And then the flood of 3d. bargain hunters broke loose over me. Hands from all directions sorted, turned over, pulled and tugged at the goods in front of me. A vast matron waved a bra large enough to house two pumpkins and asked if I could find another like it. A mammoth corset, laced and whalebboned, went to another satisfied customer. Four pairs of socks, a bathing costume and a school blazer quickly followed.

I had been warned that some of my stock might "disappear" and was thankful for the sharp eyes of my six-year-old who sat on the table catching up goods in danger of slipping to the front, and several times I heard his shrill tones saying "Please pay my mummy 3d. for that!" A man asked for shirts to use as cycle cleaning rags, and when I found him three he grumbled that 9d. seemed a lot to pay for rags, and I'm afraid I retorted quite sharply that 9d. didn't seem much to me for three good shirts. He paid and went.

Suddenly I found myself looking into a pair of troubled eyes with their owner asking me gently if I could help her find some school blouses. I found four, and felt very humble when I realised that she was turning some coppers carefully over as if wondering if she could ill afford the shilling. I settled for the 9d. she showed me, but when she had gone my neighbour on the 6d. table laughed and told me I had been taken in by a trick well-known to hardened jumble sale workers. Remembering the worried eyes, I did not think so, and was disturbed to think that in this affluent society there may be a mother in Caversham who has to count thoughtfully through her purse before buying her child a second-hand blouse for 3d.

Eventually the crowd thinned, and the workers gratefully drank mugs of tea and started to clear up the hall and count the takings. It seemed likely we had made a profit of almost £50, a tribute to the teamwork and conscientiousness of all the members of the Guild.

Tired but satisfied I made my way to my car, only to find it would not start. I sat there wondering what to do when suddenly three stalwart men appeared and cheerfully pushed me off up Hemdean Road. I waved my thanks and was away home, my faith in human nature fully restored!

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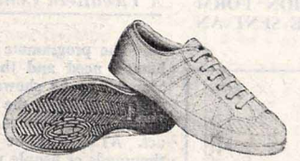

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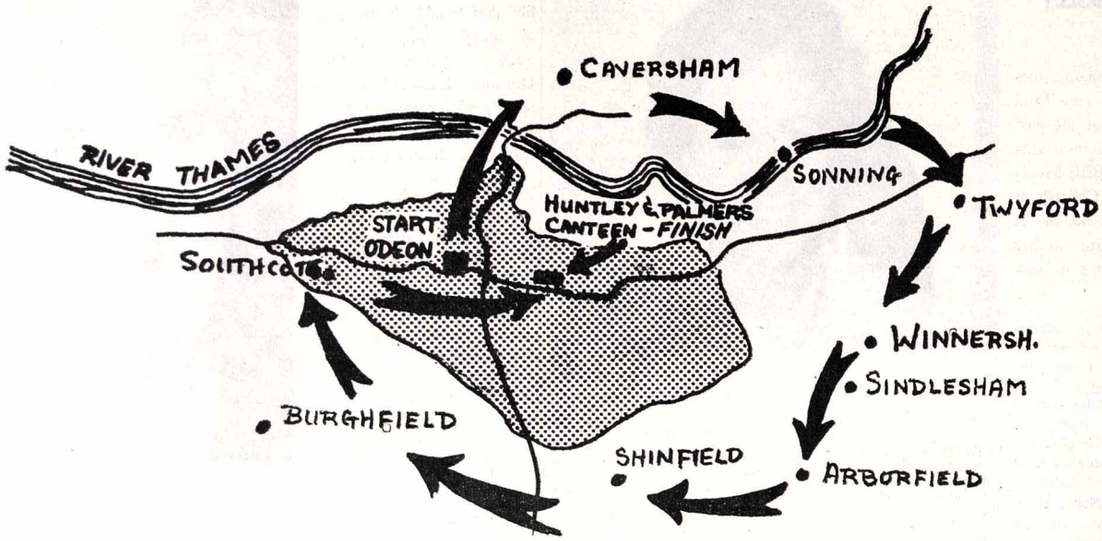

Whit Sunday night: June 2nd-3rd

Whitsunday was the day when the Holy Spirit of God inspired the first Christians to dynamic action. Here in Reading, the night of Whitsunday, 1968, will also be a time for dynamic action, a giving of energy for the needs of the world. The money raised will be used to meet the needs of men, women and children in disaster and under-developed areas. The majority of Christian Aid projects are farm schools, village resettlement schemes and similar schemes of "self-help."

Walkers of all ages and races

Well over 1,000 people will be taking part in the Walk, and they won't just be young people. A man of 88 from Wycliffe Baptist Church, and two ladies of over 70 from St. Andrew's Caversham will be amongst this large group of "all-age" walkers.

The Bishop of Reading, the President of the Free Church Council, a senior Roman Catholic priest and a senior officer of the Salvation Army—with large numbers of Christians of all denominations will be taking part. But it won't just be the Church people of Reading who will be showing their active concern for our brothers and sisters in need.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE WALK. IF YOU SEND IN THIS APPLICATION FORM BEFORE 27th MAY — YOU WILL BE SENT AN ENTRY FORM.

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We know for certain that there will be walkers from the schools, youth clubs, military establishments, factories, banks and shops of the area.

Cars to take walkers home

Unlike refugees—the walkers on the Ring Reading Walk will be able to stop and be driven home when they feel they have walked far enough, but for every mile completed they will know that they have raised money to achieve the aims of Christian Aid.

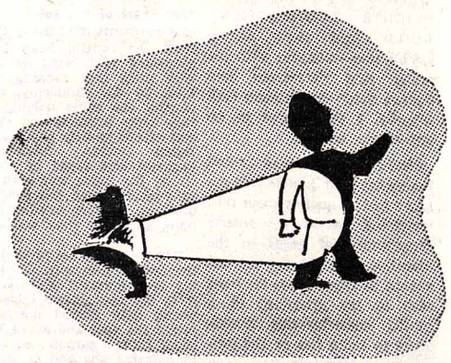
Cars? . . . to take walkers home

A Twentieth Century Pilgrimage

The programme of folk songs on the subject of human need and the Christian Aid film, "The Long March," to be shown before the start, will enable the walkers to be in the right frame of mind. It will be no game, but a serious night's work—a modern 'religious' act. ALL will be identifying themselves with the thousands of people who, as a result of war and disaster, have to leave their homes on foot and OFTEN AT NIGHT, and walk to seek for freedom and a new life. The refugees of Vietnam, Nigeria and elsewhere have to carry on until an agency like Christian Aid allows them to settle down.

Some practical details

The Rank Organisation are very kindly putting the Odeon Cinema at our disposal from 10 p.m. onwards for the showing of "The Long March" before the start. Walkers will be registered and given their final instructions (including a map and description of the route) as they enter the cinema. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE AT THE ODEON BEFORE 9-45 p.m. The normal programme will not be finishing until shortly before 10 p.m., and we want to avoid crowding the approaches to the cinema.



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Wear sensible shoes. If you intend to try and complete the 26 miles — bring some Elastoplast in case you get blisters. There will be two centres for rest and refreshments at Sindlesham and at the finish, the canteen at the Huntley and Palmers factory.

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ROUND THE CLUBS

CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the April meeting of the Guild Miss E. Baker presided and introduced the representative of the Vilene Lecture Service who gave an interesting and helpful talk on "Practical Dress-making." A vote of thanks was given by Miss Hines.

Programme planning for 1969 was then discussed.

On March 25th 41 members and friends made an enjoyable evening tour of some of the less well known 'sights' of London. This proved to be very interesting and educational. Mr. Bryant Peers was an excellent guide and it was realised how very little one really knows about this wonderful city of ours.

On April 3rd the Guild gave a tea party to 42 residents of the Arthur Clark home. The Chiltern Group members of the Guild made the cakes, prepared and served the tea. Everyone was given a carton of chocolate each gaily wrapped by Mrs. P. Tiffen. The Emmer Green Ladies Choir sang under the direction of Mrs. D. Eccleston with Mrs. Goodworth as pianist. Mr. Owens a "young" 80 year old entertained with amusing stories.

Ald. Mrs. A. Burrows was present and thanked the Guild for the pleasure the members had given to the old folks.

A second meeting to discuss the new Decimal Currency was held on April 9th. This was well attended.

BLAGRAVE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The attendance for the April Meeting was very good considering the very wintry conditions for Spring. We had a delightful talk on Flower Demonstrations by Mrs. Vickery which enchanted most members. Birthday Posies were presented which included a member born on April 1st.

The Flower of the Month competition was won by Mrs. Sholl.

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

When Mr. L. Jackson, addressing the April meeting of Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild on "English Porcelain" took two fine bone china plates and clashed them together like cymbals, the only things in danger of shattering were the nerves of the audience and when, amid gasps, he put a Royal Worcester dinner plate upside down on the floor and stood on it, it was felt that he had amply demonstrated the strength of this beautiful ware. Spode, Crown Derby, Copeland, Minton, Dalton and Wedgwood — the names rolled richly off his tongue as he showed members many samples of beautiful china at its translucent best, and explained some of the technical details in the long exacting processess that go to make fine English porcelain the best in the world. Mrs. V. Birtwhistle was in the chair.

The International and Social Studies sections of the Guild also met during the month, and the latter joined other Guilds in a visit to Basingstoke to see the new town developments. The Guild also held a Jumble Sale in Balmore Hall during the month (see separate report) which raised nearly £50.

Mrs. Jill Payne of St. Andrew's Road, secretary of the branch can supply information to anyone wishing to join.

EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the April meeting Colonel E. MacKinnon gave a fascinating talk on "Gold and Silver through the ages." He gave the Guild a history of hallmarks and how they originated as well as showing us photographs of beautiful and historic pieces of gold and silver.

A successful plant market was also held.

Earlier in the month members enjoyed a social evening and were entertained by the choir and drama groups.

Mrs. Morley has been re-elected Federation Chairman.

ROSEHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our President Mrs. Sizer was in the chair.

A report on the Spring Council Meeting was read by Mrs. Gribble.

A talk was given by Mrs. Gawthorne on "My Dream House."

The competitions for "A "Household Hint" was won by Mrs. Gribble, runners up Mrs. Booker and Mrs. Gasson.

The Editor welcomes letters but asks that readers endeavour to keep them reasonably short. Shortage of space sometimes prevents long letters from being published.

Caversham Residents' Association

Amongst the suggestions that have recently reached us, an interesting one is that there should be steps in that part of Balmore Hill that joins Hemdean Road with Peppard Road. This is often used as a short cut, particularly by children from Caversham Primary School who thus avoid busy roads. In wet weather it is however scarcely useable as it becomes too slippery to get a footing.

Of course, any ideas we pass on to the Town Council these days are liable to be met with the reminder that local authority spending is being cut and only necessities can be considered. We should therefore like some indication of how many people would find steps to be a real benefit **before** we approach the Council with a request to consider this when spending becomes less restricted.

We have passed on to local councillors complaints we have received from many parts of Caversham about blocked drains which overflow after heavy or prolonged rain. Some in fact are so bad that even a light shower causes flooding of the pavement and road.

Whilst some areas of Caversham have nothing but praise for the regularity and efficiency with which their streets are swept, others complain that street sweepers are rarely seen and if it weren't for the residents themselves taking a broom to the litter it would remain lying about for weeks.

Street lights that remain unlit for several nights on end can again be explained by shortage of manpower that doubtless lies behind the other matters complained about. A telephone call to the Town Hall, drawing the attention of the Highways department to any street light that remains out for more than a night or two, is the best way of dealing with this matter.

Comments on Balmore Hill to the Secretary, Mrs. S. Clifton, 52, St. Anne's Road, Tel.: 71054 New and renewed subscriptions (5/-) to the Hon.: Treasurer, Mr. R. Lightowler, 100, Blenheim Road.

M.C.

CAVERSHAM PARISH PATRONAL FESTIVALS

ST. BARNABAS DAY
TUESDAY, JUNE 11th
at St. Barnabas

ST. JOHN'S DAY
MONDAY, JUNE 24th
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WELSH VISIT

Nine boys from the Chazey Boys' Club and St. Peter's Sunday School took part in an expedition to the mountains of West Wales during the weekend 19th to 21st April. The Club Leader, Peter Shock, was in charge of the party, and David Hill of St. Peter's Avenue, proved an able assistant.

The boys were able to visit the gorge at Devil's Bridge, and also climbed the slopes of Plynlimon Mountain. Another trip was made to Aberystwyth on the Saturday, which combined a ramble to Clarach Bay.

An old, isolated, but charming coaching inn call Dyffryn Castell was the selected spot for the two nights' stay. As the inn was miles from the nearest village or church, the boys gathered together in the coach for prayers before the homeward departure on the Sunday. On the way back, Chepstow Castle was explored, and for a surprise, the new Severn Road Bridge was crossed, which provided some excitement.

The weather was glorious throughout the weekend, and the boys, all of whom were between ten and twelve years old, agreed it was a wonderful experience.

MARY CLIFT FUND

The sum of £292 was raised for toxaemia research in memory of Mary Clift and as a result some research has been started at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. In addition £400 was raised in England, and £1,300 in Rhodesia for a cottage rest home organised by her father the Rev. Frank Mussell.

Local Productions

THE APRIL PRODUCTION of Leslie Sands' thriller **"Something to Hide"** by the **MAPLEDURHAM REPERTORY ASSOCIATION** was perhaps too effortless to keep the audience in the necessary state of suspense, tension, and excitement throughout the performance. Partly it was due to the play itself. It is just possible that, after so many years of continuous labour, it is a little difficult to find always new exciting and entertaining scripts to fit the limited means of the M.R.A. And, of course, an amateur group does not need to be necessarily a self-perpetuating group—although there again there is the problem of newcomers available in the area. It seems to me, though, that this has not been the case with female characters.

A DUTY

An amateur group stages plays primarily for its own enjoyment and it does not need to have any particular ambitions. Nevertheless, it has a duty towards its public. The introduction of new male actors, capable of taking on also leading parts, would be, in my view, the right shot required to give the M.R.A. further impetus. It would also enable the company to stage plays with greater number of characters, thus providing it with a wider choice of scripts.

Naturally, this would create new problems as regards rehearsals, but provided the play is broken down and each scene rehearsed separately, this, too, would not be an unsurmountable obstacle.

CAN DO BETTER

It is true that even the best acting cannot save a poor script from disaster. It is also true, however, that we can see the reverse. Leaning too heavily on the script itself is not acting. In a comedy, the situation itself may blur this mistake, in a straight play never. "Something to Hide" was, I am afraid, a rather mediocre show and the M.R.A.—with its fine record—can do better than this.

P.G.

EIGHTEEN CUBS TO TEA

No, not the lion sort, nor even the old style wolf, but Cub Scouts. Recently The Cub Scouts of the Baptist Church celebrated their second anniversary since their Pack was re-formed, with a party. They had a programme of games, some skilful, some not so skilful, but all in their own way noisy and boisterous. After working up even larger appetites than usual a break was made for tea when enormous quantities of sausages and crisps, savoury rolls, cake, jellies and ice cream were eaten, washed down by what seemed to be gallons of orange squash.

Tea was followed by another games session, ending with the ever popular "Crazy Post" at the end of which even some of the boys were looking a little jaded as well as the noble band of helpers to whom the Pack owes many thanks. In short—a good time was had by all.

NEWS FROM THE

Round the Anglican parish

FESTIVAL MONTH. June is the month when the parish observes three of its patronal festivals. Once again we are lucky to be able to look forward to a group of preachers of distinction. On St. Barnabas Day, Tuesday June 11th Canon Martin Kaye of Norwich Cathedral comes as our guest preacher. He was chaplain to Dr. Ramsey when he was archbishop of York, and until he last year became a residentiary canon of Norwich he was on the staff of the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry. He has also been tutor of Cuddesdon Theological College. Another visitor from a theological college will be here to preach at the Parish Communion on St. John's Day—the Rev. A. M. G. Stephenson, Vice-Principal of Ripon Hall Theological College where Mr. Swift, a member of St. John's Congregation is at present training for ordination.

As St. Peter's Day falls on a Saturday there will be a garden party in the Rectory Garden from 4 p.m. and Festal Evensong at 5-30 p.m. In this ecumenical age it will be a great joy to welcome for the first time on such an occasion a Roman Catholic preacher. The Rev. John Coventry, S.J. is at Heythrop College, Oxfordshire. He is very well-known in ecumenical circles, and was the Roman Catholic representative on the Oxford diocesan ecumenical working party. It is hoped that many Caversham Roman Catholics will be in St. Peter's on this occasion (and also with us for tea beforehand).

BUSY WEEK-END. "Thank you for giving our men such an interesting week-end. They came back full of enthusiasm and the visit has done a lot to confirm their faith in the parochial ministry." So wrote the Principal of Queen's College, Birmingham after four theological students had spent a busy week-end in Caversham. Arriving on Friday evening they stayed in different homes in the four districts (only one in a clerical household). The central part of Saturday was spent at the diocesan conference listening to the debate on the diocese: they admitted that they had expected to find this dull but had been much interested by the debate though critical of the way the final resolution was put to the conference. Sunday was for all of them a crowded day—they went round to different homes for meals, and spoke in each church in the evening, about training for the ministry. Three of the visitors had overseas experience; members of St. John's were fascinated to hear from Tim Fox about his five years as a schoolmaster in Tanzania and to relate his impressions of that country to what had been learnt from the Rev. Christopher Mlawngwa, an African priest of that country who visited Caversham in January.

Michael Pitts intrigued the Sunday Night Discussion Group at St. Peter's with a description of V.S.O. work in Libya, teaching in a school where the boys were on strike for fifteen weeks. John Wilkinson was much impressed by the new youth club at Emmer Green, and Michael Cartwright staying with Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Canning was given a tour of Caversham and Mapledurham, and came away impressed by the liveliness of the Teen Action group at St. Andrew's. But all of them were impressed by the willingness of Caversham Anglicans to discuss new ideas in church life. "Had I said in my home parish in the north of England the things that I said here," one of them remarked before he left, "there would have been a riot." Caversham certainly took to these four young men who are to be ordained in the coming year or so, and we shall welcome them any time they like to come back.

CHURCH COUNCIL DEBATES BAPTISMAL POLICY. The May meeting of the Church Council was spent mainly in considering Baptismal policy in the parish. It was felt very strongly that the Church of England ought to authorise a service of naming and blessing infants; there was however a division of opinion as to whether such a service should be used for all infants or only for those of non-church going parents. While a number of members felt that there was no theological justification for infant baptism it was realised that if baptism or naming and blessing were alternatives there might grow up the feeling that there were first and second class Christians.

The Church Council unanimously agreed that not only ought the laity to be present at Baptisms but that they should share in the work of visiting homes before the service takes place, and groups of laity will now be formed in each district so that this can be done. While it was felt that the ideal time and place for Baptism was the Family Eucharist at 9-15 a.m. on Sundays it was realised that this was not always practical. It was recognised that the practice of transferring Evensong to the afternoon on certain Sundays so that Baptisms could take place on that service had not met with much support, and it was suggested that when the Baptism could not take place at Family Eucharist or some other normal Sunday service, a special service should be arranged about three times a year in the afternoon at which a congregation would be present and the Baptisms then held.

It was unanimously agreed that the new Baptism service authorised by Church Assembly should be used throughout the parish.

The Church Council meets again on July 10th when it will be considering the problems arising from the preparation and after care of confirmation candidates.

ST. ANDREW'S

THE CHURCH HALL

The negotiations between the District Wardens and the Insurance Company following the fire were completed at the end of April. Work on the rebuilding began on April 30th and it is hoped that the Small Hall will be in use again for the Summer Fair. It will be rebuilt as before with one or two minor adjustments such as a new skylight, new built-in cupboards and a different colour scheme.

Since the proceeds are to be given to Oxfam, we hope that this year's Fair will appeal to all in this part of Caversham who are concerned for the problems of world hunger. Contributions in the form of gifts for stalls or other offers of help from any readers who are not members of St. Andrew's will be most gratefully received. Please contact any member of the congregation or the Priest in Charge.

OVAMBOLAND

Miss Margaret James, a nurse on holiday from Ovamboland spoke about her work to forty members of St. Andrew's on April 24th—three days before returning to Africa. It was exciting to have our missionary links strengthened in this way and the slides which Miss James showed us were striking and memorable.

THE SUMMER FAIR

A special project has been selected to help raise funds for Oxfam at the Summer fair on July 6th. Our aim will be to raise enough money to buy two or more agricultural implements for an Oxfam enterprise in Assam, India. If possible, these implements or others like them will be on display in the car park during the Fair.

ST. JOHN'S

WIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Church is not just concerned with the soul of man, but with the body, and the environmental conditions, the economic conditions, which may scar the soul (to paraphrase some words of Dr. King). Christian responsibility in the right use of money does not end with financing the work of the local Church, we are in fact responsible for the total use of the world's wealth. As a Christian congregation our horizon is not bounded by Parish boundaries, our horizon stretches to the ends of the world.

In view of this, it has been decided to amalgamate for a period the District Overseas and Christian Aid Committee, with the Planned Giving Committee. While this body is still jointly responsible for maintaining what had previously been their separate tasks, this autumn they are to begin a study of the booklet "World Poverty and British Responsibility."

This is a report of an expert working party set up by the British Council of Churches to advise what Britain can do to help poorer countries struggling to develop themselves. At the end of their study, this committee will be asked to report to the District Committee what they think we can and should be doing about this as the local Church here. It seems clear too that this study has great relevance to the normal task of these two bodies which have been united for this purpose, and should help to put their work into better perspective.

ST. BARNABAS

Worshippers at St. Barnabas often remark how large the choir has grown recently. This reflects the devotion of the organist and choirmaster, Mr. Dare, who has worked very hard with them all. Their singing at the Easter Carol Service was of a very high standard and we congratulate them. The excellence of the music was matched by the beauty of the floral decorations in Church, for which we thank the many ladies under Mrs. Barnes' leadership who helped to create it.

US

The young people's club, named US, has met regularly during the winter for a mixed programme of serious and recreational activities. The usual pastimes, including records, games and refreshments were enjoyed at every meeting. The more serious side of the programme has included two occasions when the choir joined the club, once when Mr. Dare led a film show on the subject of trams and trolley buses, and once for an illustrated talk on the Passion play at Oberammergau.

During the winter Ian Harding returned to his former club in Norwich to receive the Duke of Edinburgh's Award—bronze. We congratulate him on a fine achievement.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

One of the things the Church must always do is to serve the needs of the local community. In St. Barnabas District the work of the Bridge Scheme, which is led by Dr. Beale and mostly serves older people, is matched by the work of our Play Group committee. There are now five different playgroups, each meeting once a week. In all, over 100 children benefit from this service which is only possible because of the devoted voluntary work of over twenty ladies. We would like them to know how much their work is appreciated. From time to time these ladies organise a sale of outgrown children's clothes in aid of their funds. The last one, held in April, realised £15. Some of this money will be spent in a climbing frame and the remainder on constructing an adventure playground at the back of St. Barnabas Hall.

ST. PETER'S

MEMORABLE JUNE SUNDAY

In addition to the fact that June 9th is Trinity Sunday, the congregation at St. Peter's are greatly privileged to be having a visit from the Bishop of Pretoria, the Right Rev. Edward Knapp-Fisher. Formerly Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College he became Bishop of Pretoria in 1960, and is recognised as one of the leaders of the Anglican Church of South Africa. He is visiting England this summer to attend the Lambeth Conference. He will be preaching at the Parish Communion at 9-15 a.m. and also at Matins. In the evening of the same day a musical treat is promised the congregation after Evensong. Yapp Ket-Siong, the brilliant young organist from Sarawak who has already given recitals in many cathedrals has agreed to give one at St. Peter's.

CAVERSHAM IN DEVON

While on holiday after Easter the Rector visited Mr. and Mrs. John Scriven at their new home in Sidmouth and blessed it. They find that they have as near neighbours the parents of another member of St. Peter's congregation, Mrs. Briggs. The Rector also visited the Rev. Stephen Jeffery who is now living at Exmouth at the home of his married daughter, and son-in-law with their five children.

COACH TOUR

A mystery coach tour is being planned for Wednesday June 12th. The coach or coaches will leave Balmoral Hall at 6-45 p.m. Further details sortly. An expedition is also being planned to see Son et Lumiere at Christ Church, Oxford probably early in September.

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CAVERSHAM CHURCHES

Fresh Thinking on Baptism

THE BISHOP OF OXFORD has asked a group of clergy and laity from all parts of the diocese to consider all aspects of Christian Initiation. By this is meant both the preparation for and after care of those baptized and confirmed, together with the actual way in which these Sacraments are administered. The Rector of Caversham is the chairman of the group which expects to take about a year before it can produce a report. The first meeting of the group was held in Oxford in mid-May. A number of other dioceses have established similar groups.

In Chelmsford diocese a strict baptismal discipline is now being enforced, and all parents are required to attend preparation classes before their children are baptized. Information received from the Continent suggests that in some areas the Roman Catholic Church is also becoming seriously alarmed at the way baptismal promises are disregarded and is imposing a strict discipline in some industrial towns, with a sharp decline, as a result, in the number of baptisms.

ST. PAUL'S

PRESBYTERIAN

There are two ways of explaining the Presbyterian Churches. The first way is to say Presbyterian is a method of Church Government, a system whereby the authority to rule is delegated to an elected body. These elected rulers may be called Elders, Deacons, Presbyters or even Moderators, but the point still holds that they derive their power from the people who elect them. It will be a matter of considerable interest to me therefore to see how the French Protestant Church conducts its affairs when I go as a delegate from the Presbyterian Church of England to their annual Assembly being held in Royan near Bordeaux in May. I have been supplied with a book of information and am toiling through it— it is in French! And I shall have to make a brief speech in French to convey my Church's greetings. I shall take with me my copy of the French Service and Hymn Book and will try to make myself feel at home there. The Church of the Huguenots and the historic Presbyterian Church have some things in common.

This brings me to the second point. What really draws the Protestant Churches together is their emphasis on the Sovereignty of God. This element in their faith emanates from John Calvin and the Reformers at Geneva, Zwingli, Louis Bourgeois the composer of tunes to Metrical Psalms and Theodore de Beza, They have given to the Presbyterian Churches the kind of impetus that the Wesleys and Whitfield gave to Methodism. And judging from previous visits abroad it is strange how one can feel at home in a foreign land even though the language history and culture is so different simply through sharing the same kind of faith . . . the assurance that the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Faith indeed has a power of uniting people. So roll on the Ecumenical Movement—but let it be a uniting because we share the same strong faith and not just because we may feel too weak or inadequate to go it alone.

Well I am greatly looking forward to this all too brief visit to France and the only regret I have is that I have to go to Bordeaux and back within the space of five days which gives little or no time for rediscovering the glory of France.

C.S.

A MEMORIAL FUND has been set up in memory of Mary Shearer, the late wife of the Reverend George Shearer, Minister of St. Paul's and President of the Reading and District Free Church Council. The aim of the Fund is to provide much needed equipment for the Christian School in Rajshahi, The East Pakistan Presbyterian Mission Station. The Fund Treasurer is Miss E. R. Baker, 12 Balmore Drive, Caversham.

ST. ANNE'S

This year the Annual Parade of the Catholic Scouts of the area took place at St. Anne's on St. George's Day. The Mayor of Reading, Alderman F. Taylor, who is a Catholic, attended.

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Baptist Women's Weekend

THE 'WOMEN'S OWN' organisation at the Baptist Church held a special weekend on 21st/22nd. April. The Church Services on the Sunday were most ably conducted by Mrs. W. Keeble of Southampton and on the following day members of the women's groups of the Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches were invited to a meeting at which Mrs. R. Browell of the host Church was the speaker and Mrs. Masterman of the Heights Methodist Church was the soloist. It was good to see such a 'mixed bag' of some fifty ladies gathering together in view of the current urge to meet and get to know those of different denominations. It is to be hoped that this meeting will be the forerunner to others in the district.

METHODISTS

One of the members of the Church, Mr. H. D. Marshall who retired from business some time ago, has taken up an interest in tapestry work. He has made and presented to the Church a beautiful hassock, which will prove a most useful addition to the Sanctuary furnishings. It is very appropriately embroidered with the sacred monogram and other emblems.

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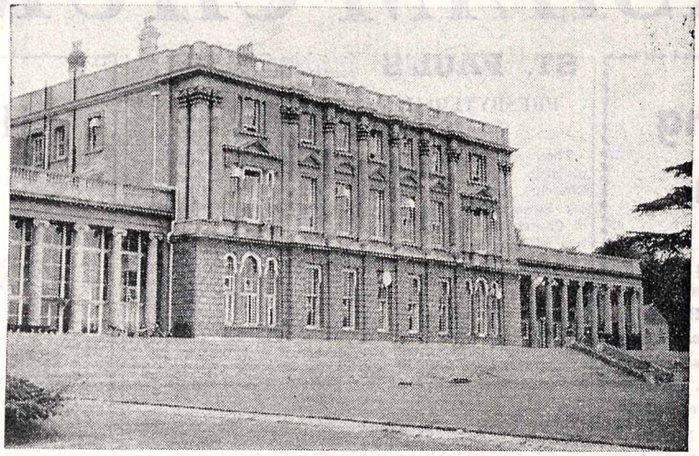

Fred Walker.

EIGHTY-EIGHT Townswomen's Guild members were addressed recently by Mr. Stansfield-Taylor on the BBC Monitoring Service at Caversham Park.

Mr. Stansfield-Taylor told members that Caversham was quite unique in having "That great yellow house up on the hill" which many people saw from the train coming to Reading, but very few realised what went on there.

This in itself was strange, because in fact absolutely nothing secret happened there. The monitoring service does not listen to aircraft signals, coded broadcasts or point to point messages, but only to legitimate broadcasting stations which themselves announce their programmes.

Monitor

The Service, costing the taxpayer £¾ million annually and employing 400 people, had brought a new industry and certainly a new profession to the Reading area. Each Monitor is multilingual, and is used to the fullest extent of his capabilities to receive the 500 transmissions a day in 35 languages that come into Caversham.

Foreign broadcasts

The Service started just before the last war when the Foreign Office was concerned about foreign propaganda being put out by Germany's powerful radio network. Something had to be done to ensure that this country knew what was going on when ordinary sources of information closed and, accordingly, the Foreign Office asked the BBC to set up a pilot scheme to listen to foreign broadcasts, the emphasis being on German High Command's daily reports. With the advance of the war, the organisation outgrew its original situation at Evesham, and came to Caversham Park, firstly because it was near enough to London to facilitate movement of personnel and the establishment of private telephone lines and, secondly, because Caversham is at exactly the right level. Directional aerials were set up five or six miles away, and the whole became a compact and ideal site for receiving radio broadcasts. By the end of the war the Service employed 1,000 people working in shifts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They still work the same number of hours, but the staff has been reduced to an economical level below which it cannot now fall.

Flooding the Ether

Moscow radio, excluding its home service, broadcasts 1413 hours per week in 69 foreign languages; Cairo radio broadcasts 590 hours in 32 languages and Peking flood the ether with 1100 hours in 33 languages. To these figures add all the external broadcasts of all the countries of the world, including the new countries, all broadcasting not only in their native language but in foreign languages also, and some idea of the enormity of the ever growing task facing the Monitoring Service can be gleaned. It can only be done by selectivity. Firstly the countries, secondly the languages from those countries, thirdly the times of listening—and from long experience it is known which are the peak listening hours and which tranmissions generally carry the most telling political comment. Fourthly the Monitors schedule themselves to select the necessary final stuff required — news, comments, propaganda and it is them recorded, translated and reported to the government and to the BBC News Service.

Exchange

The British and American governments have an amicable arrangement to 'cover the world' and exchange information and there is a small American unit at Caversham Park for liaison. Caversham Park listens to all European countries and Moscow Radio. The Americans monitor the Far East including Peking, and in the Middle East there is an overlapping arrangement between the Americans and Caversham Park. Selectivity does not apply in listening to broadcasts from the great centres of power in the world, and someone has an ear to Moscow and Peking for 24 hours every day with out any interruptions whatever.

B.B.C. news

When something of world shattering importance comes though — as was the case when Caversham monitored the broadcast telling the world of the first Sputnik —it is put on teleprinters and can be put out over the BBC news in a matter of minutes.

Cuba crisis

It is interesting to remember that in 1962 during the Cuba crisis, when president Kennedy demanded that missiles be removed from Cuba and ships carrying more missiles be turned back to the U.S.S.R., Mr. Kruschov made his reply in a radio speech from Moscow. A lady monitor at Caversham heard the broadcast and within minutes the State Department in Washington had the text of it, and thus can the speed and efficiency of radio monitoring contribute to world peace.

Propaganda

As well as the News Bureau there is the Editorial Department at Caversham, which produces four documents daily under the following headings—U.S.S.R.; Western Europe; Middle East and Far East. All the main points of propaganda and political interest put out by these four broadcasting areas are edited and put into these four documents, which are supplimented by a weekly digest of items of social and economic interest. This digest is used by the newspaper of the world, and is without any form of copyright.

Common aim

Mr. Stansfield Taylor concluded by saying that every possible kind of conflicting nationality works together at Caversham, and it can be claimed that they merge successfully into one compact unit that serves a common aim. They may not be entirely without fault but at least they had avoided the sort of problem that could come from automation. It was said that a Russian translating machine had had fed into it the proverb, "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." After this had been through the machine and the resulting Russian had been translated back into English, the message had read, "The whiskey is agreeable but the meat has gone bad!"

Contribution

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23—	Rev. A. J. Badcock Rev E. B. Wright	11-00 a.m. Rev. E. B. Wright 6-30 Rev. J. S. Stephens
30—	Rev. E. B. Wright Mr K. Burchell	11-00 Rev. E. Richards 6-30 Rev. E. B. Wright

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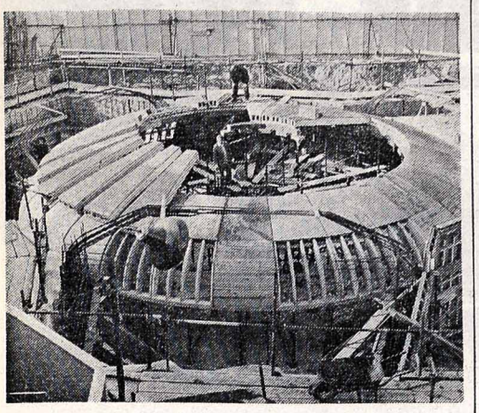

TEST CASE FOR UNITY

FOR TWO MONTHS St. Luke's Anglican church in Billingham, County Durham has been a united church between Anglicans, Baptists Methodists and Presbyterians. It is being shared to promote greater understanding between the denominations and to provide a place of worship for a wider cross section of Christians in the locality.

A committee elected from the four denominations is in charge of the planning and the clergy involved are Keith Bulcock, a Methodist. Angus Duncan, a Presbyterian, Frank Winstanley, a Baptist and Torrence Trotter, an Anglican.

Keith Bulcock, the President of the United Church, says: "Here is a test case for Christian unity. If it fails the people of Billingham will lose all interest in unity and have no more to do with it."

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PAPER ROUND

'Clapham Focus' speaks to the man on the bus

"THE MAN on the Clapham omnibus" is supposed to be a well-known figure and today Clapham Common is becoming a well-known centre for an annual Horse Show and sometimes Highland Games.

Years ago William Wilberforce and Henry Thornton and friends and relations in the Clapham Sect walked across the Common to their parish church of Holy Trinity on Clapham Common.

And between Clapham Common, where Holy Trinity stands, and Rectory Place where the former site of the parish church is now occupied by St. Paul's, lies the terminus for Clapham omnibuses. Sometimes Clapham still wears the style of a village; a church school, which dates from 1648 and proudly bears the name of Macaulay, is very much a neighbourhood centre, something which the churches themselves strive to be.

CROSS SECTION

The people of Clapham are a very wide cross section of the general community, ranging from law makers to bus conductors, and there are a number of students and inhabitants from overseas to remind us of the days when the people of Clapham thought of the world as their parish. There are a Queen Anne terrace of houses and a grove of Regency houses standing very close to modern blocks of flats.

Our parish newspaper, Focus, tries to keep our people in contact with local and world-wide interests, and we hope that in using Christian News as an addition to our local news we shall be still more widely based and thinking far beyond the man on the Clapham omnibus.

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Full particulars by telephone from Mrs. Diane Cox at Christian News Limited, 319 Gazette Buildings, Corporation Street, Birmingham 4, telephone 021-236 2275, or write.

FUN – WITH WASPS IN THE JAM!

By Eric Lawson

'This Lemming-like urge to rough it, known as the picnic . . . .

AS A NATION the English are dedicated to suffering as an ennobling pursuit to be indulged in quite deliberately. This no doubt stems from boarding school indoctrination where ears are torn off in rugger-scrums and bodies sluiced in ice-cold shower.s

People have only just got around to the realisation that refrigerators are for storing fish fingers and not for living in.

Come Summer, the nation plunges headlong into an orgy of Spartanic activity and heads for the great out-doors to eat their food in God's pure air. This Lemming-like urge to rough-it, known as the "picnic," is a kind of national institution, and to the many is what Christmas-bathing in the Serpentine is to the few.

But as one expert recently wrote the only way to enjoy a picnic is to sit at home by the fire thinking about it. It may be true that the fresh air stimulates the appetite; but it is even more true that the sensible thing to do when the stimulation has taken effect is to dash indoors to gratify it.

RAMBLE

To condemn what appears to be an idyllic occasion may sound unromantic but it must be remembered that the delightful picnics of fiction are invariably the creation of authors whose idea of a country ramble is to walk into the conservatory and back.

The invention of the motor-car has undoubtedly lent impetus to this outdoor noshing. But since one of the joys of a real picnic is to squat on damp grass, get cramp in nether regions, and indigestion from eating in an un-natural posture, people who simply drive out into the country and drink thermos tea without leaving their seats are not really picnickers at all.

They miss the joys of these freezing, rain-drenched fiascos, wasps in the jam, groundsel with the fish-paste and the thistle penetrating the summer trouser.

VETERANS

While these stalwarts munch stoically with Backs to Britain pretending that the food tastes better in the open air, we, veterans of a thousand gnat-bites, eat graciously indoors in the smug knowledge and conviction in the truth of the budding Laureate who declaimed: "Whatever you can eat on the grass; you can eat indoors—twice as fast."

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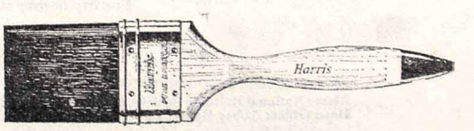

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THE WORLD OF INDUSTRY

REDUNDANT —BUT WITH RIGHTS

That "puppet on a string" feeling may be all right when it springs from love, but it's not the feeling a man wants to have about his job.

The fear of loss of job and security isn't a thing of the past. Everyone today has greater commitments than ever before and, consequently, the fear of unemployment is as close to a worker as it has ever been.

Redundancy—not being needed any more—haunts men today, a time when redeployment and reorganisation are necessary for our country's survival.

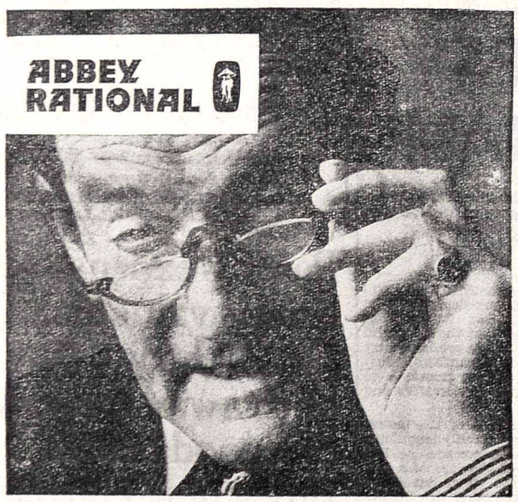
The Redundancy Payments Act goes a long way towards taking the terror out of the changes occurring in industry. In these changes a man or woman can still find their labour and skills no longer required in a particular company, or even in the industry in which they've spent their whole working life.

It may even be that the skills acquired through years of apprenticeship and experience are no longer needed at all—they've been replaced by new methods, new materials, new machines.

Now, at least, a man declared redundant has, as of right, a sum of money placed in his hand, and the chance of retraining for a new skill if his old one is obsolete.

But this should not lull our consciences—there's still a "puppet on a string" feeling rife in industry, and it doesn't spring from love.

KEN HILLS.



If you don't save,
you'll never have any money. I explained.
'But I haven't got any money to start with,' he moaned.
That's because you don't save, I replied
with implacable logic.
'How would you like a punch on the nose?' he menaced.
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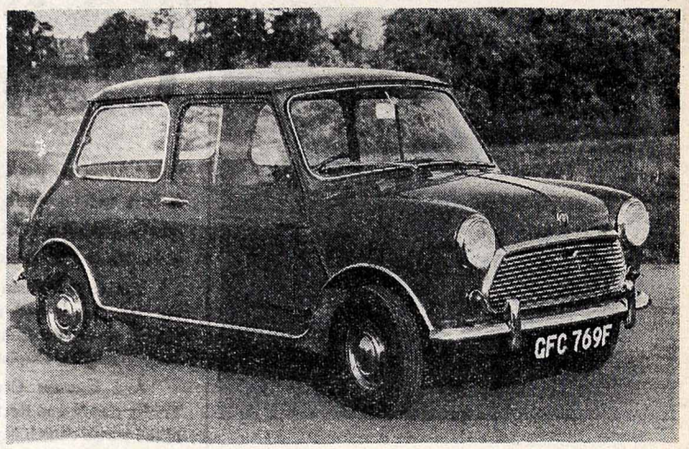

MEET THE MINI 1000 automatic saloon — a car that's proved itself a fine shopping chariot, and one fit for long hops at weekends.

In recent weeks I have done a lengthy road test on the Mini 1000 Automatic Saloon. The bigger engine is ideally suited to my kind of motoring and on motorway performance alone it warrants most careful consideration from possible mini owners.

The plain facts here, affecting this aspect of the Mini's performance, are that the thousand develops 38 b.h.p. at 5,250 r.p.m. compared with 34 b.h.p. at 5,500 r.p.m. which was the output of the smaller engine. At the same time the final drive ratio has been increased from 3.77 to 1 to 3.44 to 1 (the smaller figure indicates an increase in ratio) which means in fact that the new Mini thousand gives 16.25 m.p.h. at 1,000 r.p.m. compared with 14.85 m.p.h. with the 848 c.c. engine.

I suppose in terms of cold figures, that may not seem very much to make a great deal of fuss about, but I can only report that during some 250 odd miles of motorway running the thousand engine made very light of all I asked it to do. It cruised at 70 with the greatest of ease, far more easily than my own 848 c.c. car can do on the same road under similar conditions.

The only possible snag about this vastly increased performance is that petrol consumption is rather higher, or at least it was on this run in conditions of high wind. Normally the 848 c.c. mini can be relied upon for something like 45 m.p.g., but with the thousand, and me falling, I fear, for it's ability to "chase on" so easily, the figure was down to about 40 m.p.g.

TURNING

The new engine option was but one of the changes made to the mini range at the show and the one I found next most remarkable was the improvement to the turning circle. This has been cut by something like four feet by introducing a number of changes which I am not going to embark upon here—but the effect is very noticeable indeed. Minis never were very hard to tuck away into unlikely corners but now they are even better—and it was particularly effective in the U-turn.

Another change is very much on the side of safety (so if anyone has been looking askance at the extra speed and performance I have been noting they must look again!). This change affects the braking, where bigger slave cylinders have been introduced, and this has the effect of making the brakes lighter in operation which could be most welcome in a long day's driving.

JOHN KEMP.

A unique new publishing group has been formed in London which aims to bring a whole lot of new power to the elbow of voluntary work in Brtain. Its founders are Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, V.C., and Richard Exley.

HELP !

IT'S NOT so long since voluntary organisations had a very dull public image indeed. People were willing enough to give money to them from time to time, out of a sense of moral duty or perhaps simply under pressure but there wasn't much mental involvement.

It wouldn't occur to many people actually to lend a hand with fund-raising or even "go out into the field". That sort of thing was for a special breed, the charity workers, good chaps probably, a bit down at heel, slogging gamely if incompetently away in some dusty back room somewhere. Charity was worthy, but dowdy.

The situation has changed to a certain extent recently. Some voluntary organisations, at any rate, have swung round to a greater degree of professionalism and are projecting a more dynamic image. There's a greater readiness amongst the public—especially young people—to take a direct hand in voluntary work. Social problems, too, have become news and the voluntary sphere can take much of the credit for this.

LONG WAY

But, of course, there's a long way to go yet. How far, in fact, can the process go? Is there a vast reservoir of goodwill in the country which, if approached in a challenging and exciting way, would respond and take a hand in tackling the social problems the voluntary organisations and the churches are trying to deal with?

Two men who think there is such a reservoir are Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, V.C., and Richard Exley. To go fishing in it, they have formed the Community Publications Group, which can be described as a communications centre. It's first and most important project is a magazine, called HELP. Big and colourful, HELP will be launched in May.

The aim of HELP is to act as a focus and gathering place for all those people who want to see a better society. And it also aims to help them do it.

If this sounds pretty idealistic, it's as well to remember that both Cheshire and Exley have succeeded before in challenging situations.

Group Captain Leonard V.C., founder of the Cheshire Homes, is well known, Richard Exley, executive director of the Community Publications Group, is less well known. But he has been a key figure is the movement to modernise the 'charity' image, to bring professionalism.

As Oxfam's Publicity Officer from 1958-1963 he helped turn what was a little more than a local charity into a household word. As far as he's concerned he's now simply taking another stride forward.

And the way that Help is being distributed has the true touch of a brilliant and original fund-raiser. It will be sold entirely by volunteers, and the 25% distribution 'profit'—instead of going to the trade—will go to the voluntary organisations of their choice.

In fact, of course, all profits that the Group make are going to be ploughed back into the community.

NEWSPAPERS

HELP may be the biggest project the Group is working on at present but it's not the only one. Also proposed is a network of local newspapers, produced intermittently and financed by local advertising, in areas where there is population expansion and its attendent social problems. These papers, like HELP, will carry news of community needs and how service can be given.

The Community Publications Group is a non profit making trust and it has no sectional, religious or political ties of any kind. Its immediate need is for more volunteers to give a hand with the distribution of HELP in their locality.

Junior Magazine

By Brenda Holloway

How to be a pinch of salt

TRY THIS EXPERIMENT

Peel a potato and cut it in half. Boil one half in a small saucepan for about twenty minutes with a small lump of salt in the water. Then put the potato on a small plate and leave it for the time being. Wash the saucepan carefully. Now boil the second half of the potato for twenty minutes, but this time don't put any salt in the water.

When both halves have been cooked, taste each of them in turn and notice carefully the difference in taste. On a sheet of paper write a short account of the difference.

Next, taste two small pieces. Put a pinch of salt on one piece and eat it. Then eat the other piece without any salt. On your sheet of paper describe the difference in taste between each piece.

Keep your sheet of paper for a further experiment.

DID YOU KNOW THIS ?

In olden days Roman soldiers received an allowance of salt every day as part of their wages. Later the salt allowance was stopped and money was given instead. This money was called *salarium*, a Latin word from which our English word *salary* comes. When we say a man is "worth his salt" we mean he is well worth his salary or wages.

MORE ABOUT SALT ?

Here is another experiment to try. Put a teaspoonful of salt on a saucer and a *spot* of water on it. Leave it like that overnight, and next morning taste it. Then taste a *tiny* bit of dry salt from the salt cellar. Compare the wet salt with the dry salt and describe the difference on your sheet of paper.

Way back in New Testament days, Jewish women used to make corn porridge with water and butter, and a spoonful of salt to bring out the flavour. At the time of the Olive Harvest they preserved some of their olives in brine, a kind of salt, ready for use later in the year. And on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, Jewish fishermen carried on a regular industry of salting down fish and packing them in barrels. The barrels of salted fish were sold far and wide, and when fresh fish was scarce, people were glad to buy the salted fish.

FIRST HAND INFORMATION

Jesus must have had first hand knowledge about salt and its uses. One day he told his hearers that they were like salt! Read what he said in St. Matthew, chapter 5, verse 13.

Now try your hand at writing a play about it. One act could show some people arguing afterwards about what Jesus meant. Consult your sheet of paper with the results of your experiment for some ideas about the use of salt.

JUST FOR FUN

Sort out the following words into ten pairs so that when matched correctly each pair will form the name of a flower. (Answers below).

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Snowdrop; Buttercup; Bluebell; Honeysuckle; Sweet Pea; Carnation; London Pride.
Answers:— **Primrose; Candytuft; Cowslip;**

A Christian approach to television

HAROLD JEFFRIES reviews a publication under this title produced by the Anglican Church Information Office for the Archbishop of Canterbury's advisers on radio and television.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that in the eyes of most people the loudest Christian comment about the world of television is so often negative and critical. If only everyone takes the trouble to read "A Christian Approach to Television" they will see that there is another point of view.

Sir John Lawrence, in his Foreword, says: "We are convinced that the church must approach television primarily with a view to its constructive possibilities and not in a spirit of censorship," and fortunately this booklet does just that, and within its limitations of space does it extremely well.

In the first place it draws our attention to the particular difficulties involved in programme planning. Programme Controllers have always to bear in mind what the majority wants at the time when the majority are viewing, and at the same time follow some kind of basic policy.

Whatever they do they are bound never to please all the people all the time. There is also the problem of the basic shortage of good material "because the demands of television have grown faster than the training of personnel or the availability of talent."

There are wise things said about sex and violence, with the pungent comment "sex and violence seen on television have produced much emotion but so far little research." The Committee recommends that the practice on French television of showing a small white disc at the corner of the screen during programmes considered unfit for children should be adopted in England.

Warning

This would be better than an announcement at the beginning of the programme because it would give a continuous warning to parents who switch on after the programme has begun.

On protecting small children from television the booklet says: "In homes that have always had television on in the living room every night some members of the family know how to ignore it and do other things. But children often don't. . . . This means that the custom of the house about television should be 'We choose and watch specific programmes' and these will be planned in advance, perhaps eagerly awaited by the children, and sometimes discussed afterwards."

On the subject of religious television, the booklet points out a basic problem: "Television is a visual medium and the first fundamental difficulty for religious producers is the invisibility of God."

In spite of weekly broadcasts from churches and cathedrals up and down the country it has still been an almost impossible task to transmit a sense of the presence of God and an atmosphere of worship both of which may be present in the building into the homes of viewers.

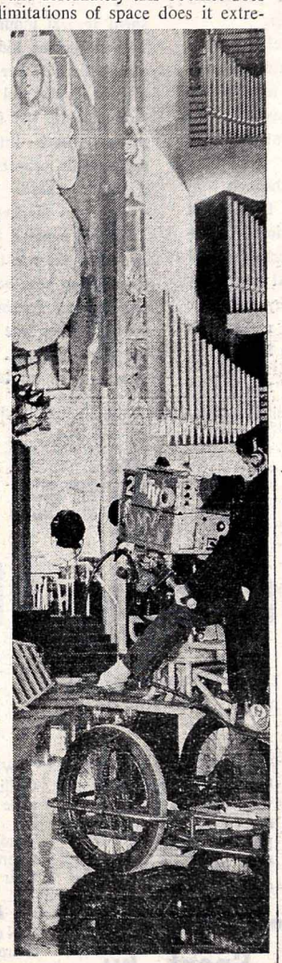
Personalities

Perhaps one of the best comments of all is on the problem of finding the right Christian television personalities to take part in religious broadcasts.

"It is the lack of good broadcasters, who are also qualified in the subject under discussion, rather than malevolence among the producers which has led to so many dreary discussions where ill-at ease parsons have agonised with the unsympathetic link-men about outdated and ill-phrased doctrines and moral issues."

If one had to make a criticism of the booklet it is that it is too brief to fully express some of the major themes it explores, with the result that the language is over tight and the meaning at times a little obscure.

There is so much that is good in this publication that I hope it will be found possible to expand it and write it in more popular language so that it can have the wide readership it deserves.



Television cameras in operation at Coventry Cathedral.

QUIZ

1. How many men in a Rugby League team?
2. How many states in the U.S.A.?
3. How many sheets of paper in a ream?
4. How many men take part in the Boat Race?
5. How many fences in the Grand National?
6. How many colours in the spectrum?

ANSWERS

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2. 51.
3. 480.
4. 18.
5. 30.
6. 7.

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Personality of the month

Picture: Birmingham Post and Mail.

Ann Haydon Jones

THE TWIN LADDERS of international tennis and world table-tennis both reach pretty heady heights. Ann Haydon Jones has had her feet on the top rung of each. The record books speak for themselves.

At 15 she was British No. 1 at table-tennis and the youngest player ever to be selected to represent England—an honour previously held by her father.

At world level she was ranked No. 2 and although she reached the final of the world championships five times, victory always eluded her.

The breakthrough in tennis came in 1954 when she won the Junior Wimbledon title — a success she repeated the next year only to be stopped by Christine Truman from making it three in a row in 1956.

Since then she has six times been in the semi-final of the Wimbledon singles and last year became only the fourth British woman to appear in the finals since the war. Success on hard courts and abroad have come to be part of a regular pattern.

When Ann was eleven she spent several months in bed with a serious kidney complaint. To help her regain an interest in life and make her strong again, her father and mother, both international table-tennis players, encouraged her to play.

This was the beginning.

Tennis came a little later and until she was twenty she divided her year between the two sports. Success in her school studies was thrown in for good measure. The decision to give up table-tennis could not have been easy but there is no doubt that her tennis improved once she was able to devote all her time to it.

1962 was a significant year both in her maturing as a player and in her personal life for it was then that she married Pip Jones, a Birmingham business man and the then President of the Warwickshire Lawn Tennis Association.

His patient cheerfulness and encouragement have obviously meant a great deal to Ann. "If I am playing better now than ever before," she has said, "it is because I am a happier woman . . . If you love somebody, winning or losing, even at Wimbledon, doesn't seem to matter so much."

When it comes to priorities it's clear where things stand as far as Ann is concerned: "Whereas tennis is merely a game, marriage is my career."

But tennis is also a paying game. The decision of the English L.T.A. to open Wimbledon to professionals this year has encouraged a number of players to leave the amateur ranks. Among them is Ann Jones.

In March she won the Altamira tournament in Venezeula but fans were no doubt disappointed that she was not at the Bournemouth Hard Court Championships.

Her absence was a protest against the arrangements by which the men's prize money was three times greater than the women's.

It's clear that although she describes herself as just a housewife who plays tennis, no man's going to prevent her having a fair share of the housekeeping.

Football is a fire that will not go out for these two giants

JOE MERCER AND STAN CULLIS, respective team managers of Manchester City and Birmingham City, are men who give the lie to the adage "they nevercome back."

Sport, by Ernest Adkins

Both are men who experienced the easy acclaim that accompanies success, followed by the awful isolation of soul destroying betrayal and rejection by the game that was their very life.

When Mercer's playing career with Arsenal came to an end he left football and opened a grocery store. But the call of the green turf was great, and he was easily persuaded to join Aston Villa as team manager.

Joe Mercer

Talent

The restoration job that has confronted every manager at Villa Park for thirty years would have been too much for most people. But not Mercer. For the first time, the Villa, under Mercer, began to resemble a football team of the twentieth century, with home produced talent.

Known as Mercer's mini-minors, the Villa showed great potential, but Joe knew they required at least two high class players if they really were to achieve anything.

He asked for the money to spend, but the directors bought a car park instead, and the team began to struggle. Once again the axe that never remains dull for long in football, fell where it was least merited, and Mercer was out.

Football drew the veil on the Mercer story. Rumour had it that Joe was a broken man. His movements remained obscure, until unobtrusively, he emerged to take over at Maine Road, Manchester.

The scar heals to make the tissue stronger than it was before, and under the dedicated and wiser Joe Mercer Manchester City have emerged as a great team.

Successful

Stan Cullis was as much a part of Wolverhampton Wanderers as their black and amber strip. An outstanding player, he became one of the most successful managers in the history of the game. Wolves achieved every honour in English League Football.

The policy of developing their players—so much a part of Wolverhampton's past success—was soon adopted by every club in the country.

But then the supply of talent began to dry up and for the first time Cullis had to buy. Other giants appeared on the scene and by their own standards the Wolves declined in status.

When the axe fell on Cullis it destroyed what little faith any of us had left in football directors. Team managers everywhere slept uneasily in their beds.

From memory

Never a flamboyant character, Cullis became even more withdrawn, and even when he returned to the game with Birmingham City one had the impression he was just playing it from memory. There were whispers around St. Andrew's that he had lost the magic touch; in fact that he was over the hill.

But just as surely as an artist reveals his soul in his creation, so the character of a team manager shows itself in his team, and it soon became evident that the fire inside Cullis was burning as bright as ever.

Although they had nothing to show for their efforts at the end of the season, Birmingham City had entertained a lot of people with fine, attacking football.

Mercer and Cullis could have been forgiven after being treated so cruelly if on their return to the game they had elected to play it very safe; just going through the motions of management.

The reverse has been the case. The two Cities are renowned for bright, exciting football.

THE CONTINUED PRESENCE IN THE GAME OF THESE TWO MEN IS, I THINK, EXPLAINED BY THE UNDENIABLE FACT THAT FOOTBALL NEEDS THEM. THEY, TOO, NEED FOOTBALL.

Stan Cullis

TOPIQUOTES

"I suspect that part of the continued disillusion of the electors which has been apparent for ten years, with our system of Parliamentary Government is due as much if not more to over-personalisation of politicians than it is to the inadequacies of the politicians themselves."
—Professor David Marsh, Dept. of Applied Social Science Nottingham University.

"There must be something left to laugh at in the world besides homosexuality, female anatomy, blasphemy and the tricking of one's marriage partner. But few there are who trouble to look. Tommy Cooper is one. Stanley Unwin another. I can't think of any more.
—Stuart Jackman, in British Weekly.

"Military research never stops but tries to produce more and more terrible weapons. The question may arise: is all science damned? We must either eliminate science or eliminate war. We cannot have both."
—Prof. Marcel Fetizon and Prof. Michel Magat, who hold the respective chairs of thermodynamics and physical chemistry at the Faculte des Sciences, Orsay, France.

"I know in my heart by pure logic, that any man who claims to be a leader of the Church is a hustler if he has two suits in a world in which most people have none."
—The late Lenny Bruce, American comedian.

"Obscenity is the flash of my gold wrist watch from under the sleeve of my cassock as I throw dirt on the coffin of a man who died of starvation."
—Rev. Colin Morris, President of the United Church of Zambia, in 'Include me Out'.

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