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PROBLEM PEOPLE



OUR PROBLEMS vary: but there's one problem we've all got, and it's this:

We know what is best - in theory.

We can't work it out - in practice.



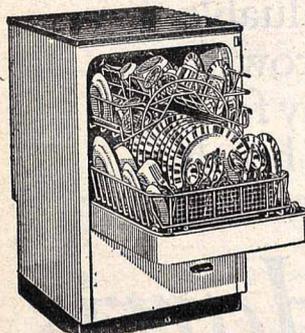
It's true in politics, it's true in the home and the factory, in the church and in personal life.

There is a faultiness deep in our nature which prevents us from living up to the best we know. Christianity calls this failing sin.

Sin is an unpleasant fact of life, a truth about ourselves which we usually ignore. Our pride makes us think that we know the answers, that we can solve our problems. We like to think of ourselves as strong; not weak.

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SOAPBOX

STAGGER HOME HOLIDAYS!

OFF MY SOAPBOX, and sitting on a promenade seat, there chanced to sit next to me a lugubrious man who looked as if he needed the break.

"Don't know why we bother," he muttered, casting his sad gaze over the crowded beach. A fat mother obscured the view for a moment. Her two wailing children were pleading between sobs for more ice cream. It was too hot.

"Of course, we shouldn't be here now at all," said the man. "We should have come in May."

The utterance was one of those that come so straight, and imply so many questions, it was beyond me to argue.

"Of course," I said.

Only when he had gone did I cross the t's and dot the i's of his thesis.

And guess what: the man's right!

Why do we insist on going on holiday in July and August? All right, some of us can do no other because the children's holidays dictate when we get away.

But for the rest let me outline the advantages of holidays in April and May.

WEATHER: July and August in England are very risky anyway, and if it gets warm it gets too warm. It's more likely, however, to chuck it down, along with thunder and the quick bright stuff.

Weather in spring can be more settled—and is just as likely to come up trumps. And it won't be so hot you can't be bothered to do anything.

TRAVEL: The roads are clear all the way to the coast. Parking on the prom is a doddle. There are seats on trains.

BEACHES: In spite of what I have previously said to the public in these columns, they are still filthy and throw their garbage about. In spring the beaches are clean because winter seas have had a chance to clear last year's mess.

BEASTIES: those darned flying fortresses the midges, along with their winged and vicious buddies of many different kinds, are nothing more than harmless pupae yet. You can be home and under the bed for the whole wasp season.

LANDLADIES: They've had their winter rest, and are actually glad to see you. They will put themselves out for spring guests in a way they never can for high season visitors. And think of this: you pay less for it, if you get on the off season rate.

There's a five point manifesto for the early holiday campaign. It's difficult to see why the holiday industry, which is one of the most important aspects of the national economic turnover, hasn't latched onto this one.

The slogans easy enough. How about: 'Put spring into your holiday.' Or: 'Be first at Puddelcombe.'

We've got to stagger holidays at home. Otherwise they can become hideous nightmares of heat, fumes, bad temper, warm beer, soggy chips, litter, and sorry service.

YOU DESERVE A BETTER HOLIDAY BREAK THAN THAT.

L E T T E R S

But cricket isn't dying

Dear Sir,

In reply to the front page of the June issue, I would like to disagree. Cricket is not down and out; not by a long way!

Take the recent match at Edgbaston between Warwickshire and the Cavaliers. Fifteen thousand people turned out to watch. The run rate was about 6.3 runs an over, or two runs a minute. How can cricket be dying with this response?

Sunday cricket is a must, and it proves cricket can still draw the crowds.

Brendan Paul
(Aged 12)

1 Links Road,
Hollywood,
Birmingham.

This is our letter of the month, Brendan Paul wins our guinea prize.

The cost of simplicity

Dear Sir,

Getting kitted out for something usually presents its own peculiar problems — generally size. When recently I came to look for clerical gear prior to ordination, however, the problem wasn't size.

It wasn't exactly price, either, though someone's making a packet out of the church's delight in tarted up Roman togas and 18th century mufflers. It was more a problem of integrity.

I wanted a stole that would symbolise service and the cost of service—after all, it's supposed to represent the yoke of Christ. A simple cross, therefore, on a linen material. Very plain, very simple. And that's where I ran into difficulties. Stark, simple linen stoles are about £10, but I could get a rich cosy brocade, gold cross and all, at around half the price.

Simplicity, it seems, comes dear, and symbols of service more expensive than symbols of status.

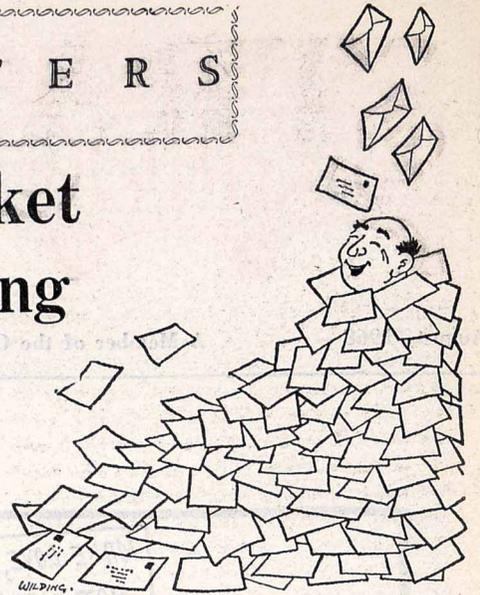
N. U. Clerk.
Birmingham, 29.

Difficulties of unity

Dear Sir,

One wonders after close contact with people of varying denominations how the ecumenical movement now in progress can possibly succeed. So many otherwise Godly people get so rooted in their set form of worship that they never could be persuaded to change too much.

In my own (admittedly limited) experience there has been much antagonism shown between ordinary lay members of different churches. Roman Catholic friends who came to my wedding did not consider it a proper ceremony, for the



laying on of hands' was broken at the Reformation. From a narrow-minded chapel bringing, with some contact with spiritualism, I had moved to the Anglican church, and the diversity within the ranks of that overall title still amazes me, and illustrates the difficulties for a united church.

Years ago I knew an "evangelical" lay preacher at the same time as having a friend, an ordained priest, who was a self-styled "middle churchman." It used to afford me quite a lot of fun to tell the evangelical of the latest practice instituted by the priest. His reaction was inevitable. He would get into a rage and say: "He'll be bringing on the dancing girls soon," and reach for the Prayer Book and Thirty-Nine Articles to prove how wrong was the other man.

Yet both these called themselves "Church of England." How can this be?
M. K. Clarke.

reader nor does he wish to be preached to. Our empty churches point that out.

No; today's Christian is an ordinary human fighting the forces of evil around him and being upheld by reading about other people who, by their actions, are winning their fight to keep their Christian beliefs and way of life.

The Gospel is still the power of God, but for this generation it is translated by dedicated teachers, clean, interesting and instructive TV programmes and various workers for charity giving sincere help, not preaching the Bible to hungry folk.

All these activities are reported in Christian News and this is how I interpret a Christian Life. Am I wrong? and is Mr. Parris right?

Eugenie Brough (Mrs.)
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Chesterfield, Derbys.

Christmas in the world

Dear Sir,

It seems that Mr. Parris in his letter in your June issue, misses the aim of Christian News, which I interpret as giving a balanced view of the life of a Christian of TODAY. This Christian is not a Gospel

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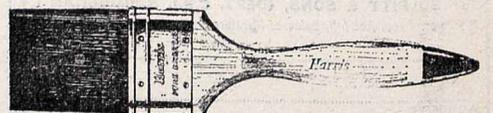
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MEDICINE GONE MAD, or just another step along the road of medical advance? It depends which way you look at it. From whatever standpoint transplant surgery raises more questions than it answers. Let's rejoice at the skill and courage of the medical teams, who are pioneering in this field. Let's also recognise that there are questions raised to which there are no simple answers. Medicine is at a crossroads.

1. **WHAT IS DEATH?** We are not absolutely sure any longer. The surgeon may be certain that the heart donor is truly dead before the removal of the heart, but the general public have a right to be completely satisfied that the donor is always wholly and irrecoverably dead. The heart of Clarence Nicks was given recently to John Stuckworth in Houston, Texas. His doctor certified death three hours before the operation, but the hospital pathologist said that the heart was still beating after the pronouncement of death. Nicks had been fatally injured in a brawl.

The coroner warned that in any legal action brought against his attackers, defence lawyers might contend that Nicks died NOT FROM THE INJURIES SUSTAINED IN THE FIGHT, BUT FROM THE REMOVAL OF THE HEART. There must be no occasion for legitimate doubt on this score.

2. **WHO GIVES CONSENT** for replacement organs to be used? It must either be the donor himself before death, or the next of kin afterwards. Mrs. Ryan, the wife of the heart donor to Mr. Frederick West, was too shocked after her husband's death to be asked. This consent was given by another member of his family. For this permission ever to be given by anyone else than the NEXT OF KIN is quite wrong.

3. **IS IT MORALLY RIGHT** or socially acceptable to subject relatives of a potential donor, at a particularly painful moment, to the stress of having to make such a difficult decision? The temptation to a surgeon, anxious to carry out an operation, to 'bully' relatives subconsciously must be strong. It



Professor Christian Barnard, of Cape Town University, taking part in a recent special edition of 'Tomorrow's World' on BBC.

would be quite possible under the stress of circumstances and pressed for time for a decision to be made which relatives might subsequently regret.

4. **DOES THIS KIND OF OPERATION** represent a proper use of available human and financial resources? Clearly there is not enough money to meet all medical needs. Should the community permit such a disproportionate allocation of resources to one patient, when thousands are waiting for smaller operations, which would restore them to full health and economical usefulness? Is the meeting of majority need more important than the spectacular

but infinitely costly battle for one man's life?

5. **THE PRESERVATION** of life is a worthy aim for a Christian, but not at all costs. The Christian belief that life in this world is only a small part of our total existence, suggests that we need not be over-concerned about staying around the world, if it is clearly time for us to be gone. The development of transplant surgery underlines the niggling thought that some doctors speak as though they regard their work in terms of defiance of natural laws and processes.

WE REPRINT THE MAIN SECTION OF AN ARTICLE ON THE IMPORTANT SUBJECT OF TRANSPLANT SURGERY BY PERMISSION OF "THE WREKIN LIGHT," THE LOCAL EDITION OF "CHRISTIAN NEWS" IN WHICH IT FIRST APPEARED. WE DO NOT NECESSARILY AGREE WITH ALL ITS POINTS BUT PUBLISH IT AS A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION BY THE REV. DICK JONES TO A TOPICAL DISCUSSION,

TO STRIVE OVERMUCH TO KEEP SOMEONE ALIVE, BY THE MOST DRASTIC MEANS, WHEN THEY ARE MOST OBVIOUSLY DYING MAY NOT BE THE BEST WAY TO SERVE THE PATIENT. IT IS A VIEWPOINT THAT DESERVES CONSIDERATION. WHAT DO OUR DOCTOR READERS THINK?

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CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL

By Marie Spinks S.R.N.

RECIPE

PRAWN AND EGG VOL-AU-VENT

- 1 large packet (13oz) frozen puff pastry.
- 1 egg, beaten.
- 5½ fl. oz (1 small can) Carnation.
- 1 oz plain flour.
- 1 oz butter.
- Dash Worcestershire Sauce.
- ¼ teaspoon each of salt/pepper.
- 2 eggs—hard boiled and chopped.
- 4 oz peeled prawns.

Watercress.

Allow pastry to thaw and then roll out to a square shape approximately 9". Cut a circle, using an 8" plate as a guide. Place pastry on a damp baking sheet and with a knife carefully mark an inner circle 1½" in from the edge. Take care not to cut right through the pastry. Brush with beaten egg to glaze and bake in hot oven, 450°F, Gas Mark 8 for 12-15 minutes. Carefully lift off lid and remove any uncooked pastry from centre. Return case to oven for 3-5 minutes to dry out centre.

Make the Carnation up to ½ pint with water and whisk in the flour. Place in a saucepan with the butter and stir over a moderate heat until the sauce boils and thickens. Cook for 3-4 minutes. Add seasoning, fold in eggs and prawns and pile into pastry case. Top with pastry lid, garnish with watercress. Serve either hot or cold.

Serves 4.



IF YOUR YOUNG CHILD was admitted to hospital how often should you visit him? Enlightened doctors think you should be with him all the time, if he is under five years of age. But visiting is often restricted to half hour periods only.

When I trained as a nurse the screams and sobs of our little patients were heart-rending when that short time was over. At that time, doctors and nurses genuinely thought that it was the visiting that upset the patient. It was noted that tiny children cried when they arrived in hospital, but usually appeared to settle down, only to cry again when they saw mother. The trouble with these settled patients came when they were discharged home.

The more submissive the child in hospital, the more disturbed he was after. Mothers reported temper tantrums, excessive crying, refusal of food, fear of the dark and dozens of other troubles. Staff began to take serious notice of these reports. It was also observed that adults with psychological illnesses often had a history of separation from mother when young.

A committee under the leadership of Sir Harry Platt, an eminent surgeon, was set up to investigate the welfare of children in hospital. The results of their findings were strong recommendations for at least unrestricted visiting, and in the case of patients under five, the rooming-in of mother with the child.

SET TIMES

These humane ideals are not yet law, but are left to the discretion of the regional hospital boards. In some areas mothers can see their children when they like, in others, at set times only.

Why are reforms so long in taking place? For one thing, older hospital staff don't like the idea of mothers on the ward all the time. Experience has proved that mothers who are encouraged to help with the nursing of their children become a valuable addition to the staff, giving the nurses more time to concentrate on intricate technical treatments.

James Robertson, in his excellent book, *Young Children in Hospital*, says that mothers who just sit around become bored, and fail to achieve a good relationship with the staff. Those who bathe the feet and dress their children, as they do at home, are pleased to feel part of the healing team.

When they learn to help the nurses with professional tasks outside the normal

routine of child-care, they gain in confidence and are able to look after the little patient more competently when alone at home with him. It has been suggested that staff unused to the idea of mothers as aides should attend lectures on the subject, as well as visit hospitals where the main points of the Platt report are in operation. Assured, when they see what a comfort mothers are to the young patients, they will be more willing to welcome them.

ROOMING-IN

Lack of accommodation makes the rooming-in of mother with a very young child impracticable. Some hospitals reserve the mother/child units for very sick patients. Others, such as the one where I was admitted with my three year old daughter, keep the mother for the first two or three days, after which she is asked to spend as much time as possible with the child. Mothers are encouraged to visit, these days, however much crying results.

Doctors say crying is less harmful than a seemingly docile child, bottling everything up. When a patient is in for a long time, he usually realises, in the end, that mother will come back, and has not deserted him.

Naturally, mothers with other young children at home cannot spend long hours in the ward. To help bridge the gap between visits more and more hospitals are employing 'play-ladies'. These ladies, usually mature women whose families have grown-up, have three months training at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, and are sponsored by the Save The Children Fund. The ladies' work is to give affectionate, patient attention while encouraging the patients to play interesting games. When there is a play-room, young patients can enjoy things like riding tricycles and other mechanical toys, under the watchful eye of their lady.

An active association for improving conditions in children's wards is the National Association for The Welfare of Children in Hospital, at 74, Dennison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W.1. Started by a small group of mothers in London, it now has fifty branches and over 3,000 members. Not only parents, but doctors, nurses and social workers are joining in increasing numbers.

CAMPAIGN

The groups arrange transport, organise child-minding services in an emergency, raise money to buy toys, and most of all, campaign for non-separation of mother and toddler.

One group raised enough money to build a mother/child unit at their local hospital. The association is in contact with the Minister of Health to report, progress, or difficulties encountered. Members have one object in view, the protection of children from emotional shock which is sometimes lasting in its effects.



A moment of concentration at the London Hospital Annexe, Brentwood, Essex. An exceptionally warm and happy atmosphere is soon established between nurses and small patients in the Children's Wards, which greatly help to dispel childish fears.

WOMEN IN THE STOCK EXCHANGE

By Joan Best

NOW THAT the "doing London" whirlwind sightseeing tour has been extended to include such places of world-shattering importance as Carnaby Street, Kings Road, Chelsea, plus, if you are lucky, a peek at a discotheque, I wonder what has become of the old favourites?

Do they leave out the Tower of London, St. Paul's, Trafalgar Square, the Houses of Parliament, the British Museum and so on, or are the tours just geared to a higher speed to take in the extra items? Mind you, if the Americans can buy our bridges and import our people, I don't see why they bother to come. Perhaps it's just one great big shopping spree, deciding on the next acquisition.

Save

I shudder to think that I once entertained the idea of making a few extra pence by driving tourists round London, giving a running commentary at the same time! I have the greatest admiration for those who do it and return home quite sane at the end of the day.

Being an ignorant native, there is one place to which I'm completely happy to take visitors to Britain, and that's the London Stock Exchange. It's completely fascinating looking down on the masses of grey-suited, identical ants, rushing from person to person with their little bits of paper, the notice-boards flashing information, the litter of papers and rubbish on the floor.

Rescued

It's incredible to think that out of so much chaos and in such grubby surroundings millions of pounds' worth of business is transacted daily and our balance-of-payments problem rescued from complete hopelessness.

The advantage of going to the Stock Exchange is that you don't have to know anything about jobbers, brokers, waiters, or what the boards are all about. There are booklets, a film show, and a commentary by one of the four women guides. The girls are obviously there to provide a little glamour, and although they have to wear uniforms they are far more chic than the average City man's attire.

At the beginning of May they went into their summer uniforms—smart navy and white dresses, sleeveless for

warmer days and with sleeves for cooler weather.

Rumour

The introduction of women on the Stock Exchange payroll came ten years ago when three guides were appointed. I came across an old Stock Exchange Journal (Winter 1958-59) with a report on the appointment in which an old member expressed his great fear and concern—"There's no stopping women, you know, once they get their foot in the door. Rumour now has it that a number of brokers' offices are more or less run by a woman. The male partners are apparently mere husks, ciphers, just a front to convince the Council that all is well with the firm, while in fact all their real business is controlled by... a woman!"

But women won't be full members yet awhile. A recent poll of members excluded them by 1,366 votes to 663—but 40% didn't vote!

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FROM Caversham TO Stepney

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, AUGUST, 1968—ONE

Alighting in London at Aldgate East I felt again the fascination of the East End—grubby, noisy it may be, but always robust and friendly. As I hesitated to cross Whitechapel High Street where an unceasing stream of lorries passes on its way to the Docks, I heard, "Come on ducks," and a friendly hand under my elbow piloted me across. Passing along Cable Street, dirty and derelict as ever I arrived at Wellclose Square where demolition is going on daily. A few old shabby Georgian houses gave a glimpse of past glories.

On the steps of Church House was a group of typical East End children friendly

and vivacious who pulled vigorously at the door bell and I was ushered in to Angela Butler's office which showed signs of her many activities. The group on the door were some of her flock who had arrived to prepare for a Jumble Sale to be held in the House the next day. A few minutes after my arrival George, a burly West Indian was ushered in. He is a server and a Crossbearer at the Church. After 25 years of faithful service in a local factory he had been dismissed unjustly and had come to Angela for advice—she had already helped him with wise counsel and secured the help of a local solicitor.

The name BUTLER has been well known in Reading for many generations. A correspondent this month gives us a glimpse of the work that is being done by Miss Angela Butler who has a long connection with St. Andrew's.

iced cake with 18 candles—Lynette's Probation Officer was taking her to the pictures in the evening.

EVENSONG

Then a walk with Angela to the daily Evensong, to the wonderfully restored Church of St. George's in the East which has now been united with St. Paul's—more work for Angela. I remembered St. George's many years ago and could hardly believe it was the same place—one of the loveliest of modern churches—with a Vicar to match!

SUFFER

After 'family' supper with one or two additions to the usual family—I very reluctantly said my 'goodbyes'. Two of the girls offered to see me safely to the station. One of them, a pretty Irish girl made a tragic remark, "I'm never going to love again, look at the mess it lands you in."

UNFORGETTABLE

I shan't easily forget my visit to Church House and I wish there was an opportunity to tell of the wonderful work of reclamation that is being done there—there indeed is Christian love in action.

G.E.M.W.

Who is my Neighbour?

A few weeks ago I was lucky enough to be sent by the diocese of Oxford to a conference in Switzerland. It took place in a lovely chateau overlooking the lake of Geneva. Some years ago the World Council of Churches decided to set up an ecumenical institute where Christians could come together for study. So early in June some sixty-five of us met at the chateau of Bossey. We came not only from all six continents but from all parts of the Christian Church, Anglicans, Orthodox, Roman Catholics and Protestants of varied kinds.

It may perhaps surprise some people to hear that we did not spend our time wrestling with what many would think were the concerns of Churchmen. We came together to consider the Gospel and social evil. It was a Moslem economist from West Africa who challenged our complacency by telling us something of the discrepancy in living standards between the "have" and "have-not" nations of the world. We learnt something about the racial struggle in America from a negro Baptist minister. An Anglican from South Africa told us something of how the Church attempts to keep discussion going between the different races in that unhappy land, and reminded us that while a European miner earns over £20, an African earns less than £2 weekly. Then a Jewish rabbi gave us an insight into the social legislation of the Old Testament and a Roman Catholic woman from India spoke movingly of the situation in her own country. And as the days went by things fell into perspective. The problems of our own part of Christendom seemed tiny in comparison to the needs of millions in other lands. And as we studied and talked together we came to realise that the greatest problems facing mankind are those of race and of starvation—and the two are closely related. And these must be the fundamental concern of the Churches, as indeed the delegate at Uppsala have also been realising. Today famine and malnutrition stalk the earth and these problems can be solved only on a global scale with full use of all human and technical skills. But we have to do more than just eliminate poverty—we have to create a world in which every man, woman and child can live a life of dignity in freedom—we have to ensure that all live in a society in which good government, flourishing trade and education are available for all.

And the reason why we must as Christians be concerned with the struggle to overcome poverty is that we are commanded by our Lord to love our neighbour. And our neighbour is both the person in the next street whom we try to help through the Bridge scheme of social service and also the African and Indian who went, unlike us, hungry to bed, last night. By taking up the challenge to rid the world of poverty and disease we are as Christians bearing witness to the living reality of our faith. Our Lord speaks of the cup of cold water given in his name which will not lose its reward. We have to translate this into the complex realities of today. The cup of cold water may have its modern equivalent in sinking an artesian well in an Indian village.

But what can we do? We must first educate ourselves to the situation and then, when we have done this, we must proclaim the facts to all and sundry, and especially to those in authority. The Government has just made £250,000 available for relief in Biafra. This is a gesture but the situation will not be saved by even many and bigger gestures than this. Plans are already being considered for helping us all in Caversham to learn something of the facts and to take part in mobilising public opinion. The columns of this paper will have much more to say about this matter in coming months. If in the 1960's we have been concerned as Christians in putting our own house in order, it is imperative that in the 1970's we turn our attention to the needs of mankind. Looking at this not merely as Christians but from the commonsense point of view we shall otherwise in the 1980's have to answer the question from the next generation of children "Why did I have the misfortune to be born white?"

John Grimwade

MRS. O'SHEA

After a few more interviews and enquiries we went upstairs for lunch in the pleasant kitchen. The wonderful and devoted Irish cook, Mrs. O'Shea, gave me a warm welcome and the family were soon assembled—a temporary helper and eight girls who were living in the House. Two of the girls were coloured and all misfits of some kind, former drug addicts, two were pregnant, several were on probation, but all of them seemed to have a great respect and love for Angela.

ECONOMY

During the afternoon I was taken on a tour of the House, which impressed me with its simplicity, but everywhere

there were signs of loving care and much 'make do and mend' for economy's sake. In the large hall used for parish events the doorstep group of youngsters had done a wonderful job with the "Jumble" which was well sorted and laid out on trestle tables. As Angela was immersed in more interviews, the group volunteered to show me the church (St. Paul's) of which Angela is the Parish Worker.

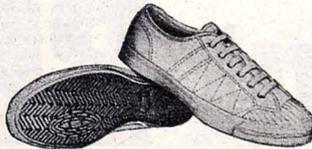
GARDEN

Back once more to Church House and a visit to the small garden, another of Angela's activities. Gentians and tulips were in flower and a grape vine, an oasis in the midst of so much dereliction.

TEA

Then came tea—a special event as Lynette, one of the West Indian girls was 18 and Mrs. O'Shea had made an

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CAVERSHAM versus PLANNERS & DEVELOPERS

by
H. GODWIN ARNOLD

It is a well-worn saying that "the price of liberty is eternal vigilance". Eternal vigilance may also be the price to be paid for other good things; it is indeed the price for keeping Caversham a place we can love.

GROUPS

During the last seven years there has been a quick growth of groups and societies in the district to defend the interests of the citizens. Reading Civic Society started in 1961; the Caversham Traders' Association and the Caversham and District Residents Association in the autumn of 1966, and the spring of 1967. In 1966 Emmer Green Social Club set up an Amenities Committee to act against the threat of building on Reading Golf Course, which comes to appeal as this goes to press.

NO PARTICIPATION

In April of this year the Ministry of Housing and Local Government formed a Committee to advise on "Public Participation in Planning." As far as one can see there is in Reading

no public participation in planning at all—hence the need for such societies and associations. For seven years the Civic Society has repeatedly tried to gain representation on the Planning Committee in order to be able to express an opinion on proposed development; before decisions are made. At present, if we offer an opinion on a major matter, such as the plan for the Market Place before the plan is decided, we are "premature." Once the matter is settled we are "too late." Many people have expressed disappointment that in seven years the Civic Society has achieved so little, but in that situation we have little influence on the planners' decisions.

NO PUBLIC

In June 1966 there was a public meeting in Caversham at which the Planning Officer and the Chairman of the Planning Committee explained the Corporation's long-term plans for roads and developments in the centre of Caversham—with particular reference to the new shopping precinct. If I remember correctly, not one member of the public at that meeting, for whose benefit these plans were supposed to be made, spoke in their favour. The later history is well known. There was a public enquiry into the scheme, and a revised scheme was later accepted by the Council. There was an appeal to the Ombudsman on the ground that the Inspector's report did not give a fair account

of the case, particularly of the uncertainty of when the bridge would be built to divert through traffic, but this appeal was turned down for detailed reasons.

THREAT

So, against the wishes of residents and traders, the scheme goes ahead. The threat of demolition to homes remains if, ultimately a road is made behind Prospect Street to lead either to Caversham Bridge or to that very hypothetical new bridge which is, in my view, wrongly sited.

DESTRUCTION

Ten years ago one of the pleasures of living in Emmer Green was the walk along Surley Row. There was a narrow approach between high brick walls, white Regency houses and cottages, then a sudden drop into a steep-sided, tree-lined valley where stood a little pointed lodge and an odd little house, inlaid with bottle-ends and called, in fact, "Bottle Cottage," where lived an old lady who was once 'in service' at Caversham Grove. The lane climbed and wound to the top of the hill and on up to Old Grove Farm and out into fields. It was a delight to live near it and a pleasure to show it to one's friends and visitors. Who, visiting it now for the first time, would know that it had even been beautiful? The lodges the hedges and the tree are gone, and the narrow lane is replaced by a wide ribbon of concrete. When I protested to an official about the destruction

of so much beauty, he said: "I never thought of it in that way; to me, as a motorist, the place was a nightmare!"

OPPORTUNITY

Possibly the motorists are the only people to be considered, but what opportunity was there given to anyone concerned to see and to criticise the plans? In Norwich planning matters are conducted in a totally different spirit. There is, of course, great pride in the beauty and antiquity of the City, and a determination to keep them. But this finds an outlet in public discussion of planning matters at many stages. Representatives of shopkeepers, delivery men, road users, and shoppers, were all consulted at three stages in the development of a scheme to close a shopping street to motor cars. In the process the idea was refined and improved, and in the end had wide support. Nothing here of forcing it through against the wishes of all the people concerned.

A WORD

In his wise and witty reminiscences of a lifetime of service as a Colonial Officer in the South Pacific, Sir Arthur Grimble quotes an old Islander's comment on the story of a pagan chief exiled two centuries before: "Our people do not like to be ruled by rulers who allow them no word in the judgments that are judged."

Neither do we. So let there be made some way for us to have a word in the judgments that our planners made for us.

Ignorance is no excuse

THE WORK OF CHRISTIAN AID, Oxfam, and other voluntary organisations which try to tackle the problems of world poverty and world hunger—used to be thought of as worth supporting by those "who like that sort of thing." Increasingly, it is being realised that this is an urgent problem involving everyone. Quite apart from the fact that Christians, by their profession to be followers of Jesus Christ, are bound to be at the forefront of the fight against poverty, wherever it is—we now realise that our own nation's future is at stake. Future economic interdependence, and our ability to carry on exporting to underdeveloped countries depends on how we set about tackling this problem now.

A COMPLEX PROBLEM.

Christian Aid, Oxfam, the Save the Children Fund, the United Nations Association and the Council for International Understanding—are all joining together to organise a big public meeting to be held in the Great Hall of the University to put before the Reading community the facts of world poverty. The meeting will be held at 7-45 p.m. on Thursday, September 26th.

SPEAKERS

The speakers will be Dr. E. F. Schumacher, Advocate of the Theory of Intermediate Aid and Statistical Director and Economic Adviser to the National Coal Board, and Mr. Frank Judd, M.P.

It is hoped that this meeting will lead to a series of study groups in the Reading area to carry on learning about this complex problem and possible ways of dealing with it.

THE LETTER

The Mayor of Reading, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, The Bishop of Reading, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth, the Chairman of the Reading Council of Churches, the President of the Reading Free Church Council, the MPs for Reading, Wokingham and Newbury and the Principal of the Berkshire College of Agriculture—have all signed a letter which has been sent to every leading newspaper in the country. The letter draws attention to September's meeting, and says: "We are very concerned at the widespread delusion that world poverty has nothing to do with us and will have no effect on our lives."

THE FACTS

"This meeting is being held with the intention of providing those who think for themselves with the facts of the situation for them to consider, in the belief that constructive action is built on informed opinion."

The organisers are working hard to publicise the meeting as much as possible. They expect 800 to turn up on September 26th.

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J.Y.C.

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"IN MEMORY OF MRS. L. N. ALDERMAN"—a simple dedication and nothing out of the ordinary you may think. But you might be surprised to find that the plaque remembering this lady lies just above an electric switch. And this is no ordinary light switch, but one that activates a red light high up by the organ, to warn the organist to start playing before the entrance of the minister.

This unusual dedication gift is one of several in the 80-year-old Caversham Methodist church in Gosbrook Road. Over the years, past churchgoers

have been remembered by their relatives and friends, who have dedicated thoughtful gifts to the church in their memory.

High on one wall is an electric clock in memory of Ernest Reginald Mills, which was presented by his widow, son and brother. Many years earlier, the same Ernest Mills, and his brother C. J. Mills, gave an electric blower for the organ, in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mills. Obviously a practical family, their gifts show careful thought for the immediate needs of the church, as well as remembering their loved ones.

Below the clock lie neat piles of prayer books, and upon opening several of them, one finds the dedication "In memory of Josiah Kerley—died

'GIFTED MEMORIES'

1957". These were given by Mr. Kerley's widow, whose appropriate gift also reminds users that her husband was a sidesman in the church whose job it was to give the congregation their prayer books upon entry to the church.

At the other end of the church, on the opposite facing wall to the clock dedicated to Ernest Mills, one finds a dignified Boys Brigade flag, hanging majestically from its wood and metal wall bracket. Closer inspection will reveal that it too is a thoughtful gift, dedicated to the memory of James George West with the inscription "Founder captain of the 6th Reading Company of the Boys Brigade". Mr. West was a much-loved member of the church, and held numerous offices. Step over to the lectern, also a dedication gift which will be described later, and open the Revised Standard Bible upon it. This too is in memory of Mr. West.

The pulpit Bible is in memory of James William Beckley, who worshipped in the church from 1903 until 1940. Linger a moment to admire the beautiful

scroll pen work of the inscription inside the cover.

Smooth and solemn carved in light wood to tone with the overall colouring of the church, stands the lectern, bearing the simple inscription "In memory of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Sutton and Ted 1900-1965." And standing opposite it on the other side of the communion table is the font, fashioned in the same pale wood by a local craftsman, Mr. Butler, and given by Mr. Eric Payne in memory of his wife, who was a dedicated organist at the church.

If one looks towards the pulpit there is a microphone, and indeed the church is fitted with an amplifying system which was donated by three widows jointly in memory of their husbands, Mrs. John, the late Mrs. F. Holley, and the late Mrs. Dyer.

The most impressive gift is perhaps the communion table itself, strong and simple in design, and bearing a plaque reading "To the Glory of God and in Memory of a Sainted Father and Mother, Members of the Wesleyan Church for upwards of 60 years this com-

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munion table and font were presented by J. T. Johnson." There is, unfortunately, no date on the inscription, and indeed, the whereabouts of the font made reference to in the inscription is uncertain. Upon the communion table stands a cross, which has been given by Mrs. W. E. King, an officer of the church, in memory of her late husband, William Eric King.

There are several other useful items in the church which have been given to it by regular worshippers as general gifts. Mrs. N. J. McKenzie has given a Bible, being a former Niger-

ian missionary, and the communion set containing tiny individual glasses for communicants was given to the church by Mrs. Webber. A lovely red hassock with the Insignia of the Holy Communion upon it has been designed and donated by Mr. H. D. Marshall.

Certainly Caversham Methodist Church keeps alive the memory of its past worshippers by the many gifts dedicated to them which it contains, and is indeed an interesting church to visit in order to acquaint oneself with them.

Jo Piper

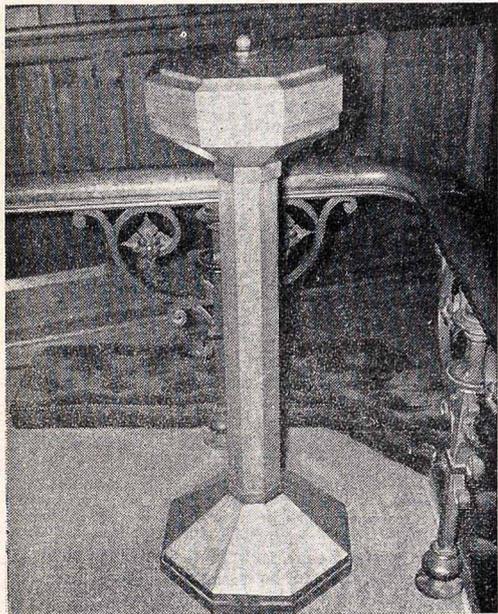


Photo: Fred Walker.

The font given in memory of Mr. Eric Payne.

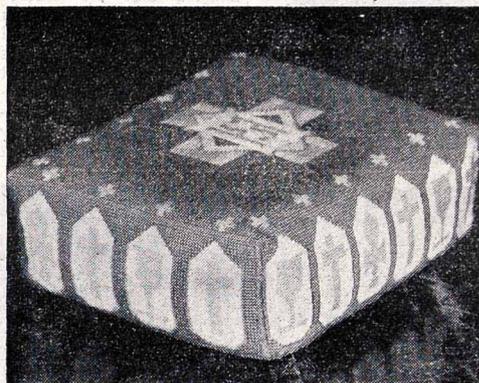


Photo: Fred Walker.

The embroidered hassock described in the June issue of "The Bridge".

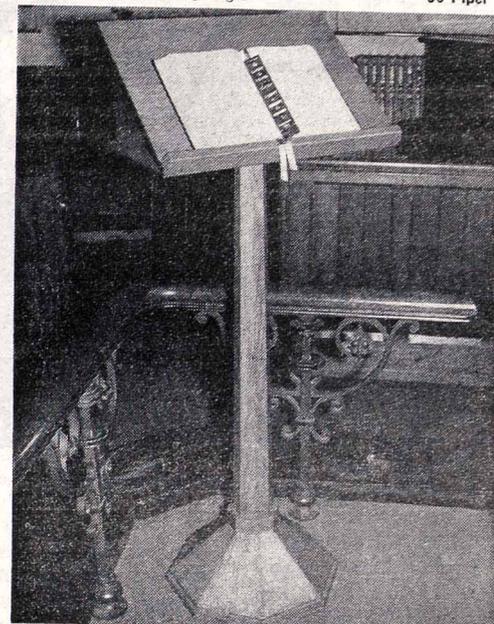


Photo: Fred Walker.

The lectern given by the Sutton family and the RSV Bible given in memory of Mr. J. G. West.

Caversham Residents' Association

The complaint that Reading does not make enough of its superb position on the River Thames is frequently heard, although there has been some improvement since the Three Men in a Boat, noting how dirty and

dismal the river had become, decided it no place to linger. Caversham Residents' Association is always watchful to see that any development in the vicinity of the Thames should enhance and not mar it. The Town Council has asked for ideas for long term plans for the,

until now, rather dilapidated View Island. At present the Eighteen-plus Group, a youth club doing social work, has been given the use of it in return for tidying it up. We have told the Town Council that this use of it has our support until such a time, which is likely to be some years, as the Council is able to spend money on it. We say though, that whatever use is eventually made of it, it must be retained for the use of the

people of Reading and Caversham as a whole and not restricted to a group of people. Ideas for its use range from an open air swimming pool, a public garden, a nature reserve, an exhibition ground for unusual plants and shrubs, or keeping it in a more or less natural state. When we think of what some towns would give to have a real island within their boundaries, we can only be amazed at our past neglect of it.

It is an area bordering on the river that the Civic Society is recommending to the Town Council should be considered as a Conservation Area, under the new act enabling local authorities to designate groups of buildings as such where the whole setting could be spoilt by incongruous development or thoughtless demolition. The area suggested in Caversham is that between Bridge Street and St. Peter's Hill, and it is encouraging to know that there are already indications that the Town Council will look carefully at any plans for building in that area.

There are also a number of other buildings in Caversham which the Civic Society regards as worth making efforts to retain if their future should be threatened by any development plans.

We are privileged to live in what is, on the whole, an attractive district but we would do as well to remember that plenty of today's hideous towns were also once attractive places.

Postbag

Dear Sir,

How refreshing to read in such detail of the activities of so many people in one's own church as was presented in this month's 'Bridge', and yet at the same time to be depressed at the very beginning of the article by the realisation that Prospect Street presents such a barrier to some that East Caversham has to be compared to darkest Africa. To the best of my recollection we are in much the same position as the majority of Caversham who also haven't the total benefits to be derived from a local shopping centre, place of entertainment or park or library such as are available to residents of West Caversham.

Unfortunately too, that with the heading 'East Caversham' in an ecumenical newspaper, the essential write up was of St. John's—the fact that W.D. may have spoken to members of other Churches didn't show I also noticed that the ar-

ticle was essentially concerned with the women's interests and activities both in and out of Church Life. Did no one pass on the addresses of any of the male population of the district, did no one speak of their interests and activities to W.D.? As a male, I was particularly conscious of this bias or lack of overall coverage. One could reel off a whole list of names, but this should preferably have been done before the article was passed for publication.

Incidentally, isn't the friendliest street in Caversham Cold-out Street, and why embarrass individuals by not getting the facts right, the leader of the Industrial Group was noted in St. John's news for the Bridge of March 1968.

Finally, if the newspaper is read by others outside the various Churches, isn't it understandable that they have the impression that CHURCH IS FOR WOMEN?

Yours etc.

Raymond Y. Turner

41 South View Avenue, Caversham.

OFF TO RHODESIA

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham was present on St. Peter's Day in Birmingham Cathedral when Canon Paul Burrough was consecrated Bishop of Mashonaland, Rhodesia. Canon Burrough, who for many years was the Bishop of Birmingham's chaplain for overseas people in Birmingham, succeeds Bishop Alderson, brother of the retiring headmistress of Caversham Park School. His step-daughter Stephanie White was a student a few years ago at the Chiltern Nursery Training College.

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Presentation of a Queen's Guide Badge

The presentation of the Queen's Guide Badge to Christine Fisher, age 16, of Highdown Hill Road, Emmer Green, and a member of the 1st Emmer Green Company, took place at St. Barnabas' Church Hall, Emmer Green on Thursday, 20th June, 1968.

Mrs. A. Hatch, County Commissioner, presented Christine with her certificate and Mrs. Tong, Division Commissioner, Mrs. Moss, District Commissioner, and many of the testers and Guides' parents were present. Also present were Miss Ivy and Mrs. E. Cherrington, the Matrons of the Children's Home where Christine did her three months' service and the Old People's Home where she spent two days helping. The Guides did a Swedish Dance display and held a Camp Fire after the presentation.



Photo: Fred Walker.
Christine Fisher being presented with her Queen's Guide Certificate by Mrs. Hatch, the County Commissioner.

A cake was made by Mrs. Robinson and iced with the badges which Christine has gained.

RANDOM JOTTINGS From an R.C. Layman

THE NEW PENTECOST

I have been appalled by all the carping and criticism of this project which has appeared in the R.C. press. This is all the more astonishing as it has emanated mainly from the laity. In its broad concept the scheme is surely admirable, i.e. to find out where the widely differing capabilities of the individual members of the R.C. church in this country lie, and to deploy them accordingly. To snipe at the scheme and say it is merely a cloak for money raising is unfair. It was emphasised quite clearly at its inauguration that the first priority was to establish what talents were available. It is, however, naive to imagine that the various Commissions can be run on air. I personally would rather see rough estimates at the beginning of a project—as shown on the leaflet—even though these first estimates may prove pretty inaccurate. The timing of

launched, and I do hope we in Caversham will find this works out. It will obviously take a long time before anything happens.

The only criticism I would make at this stage would be in the layout of the form printed on the envelopes, though being a hopeless form bungler this may just apply to me. But we have been told that the facts filled in will be analysed by statisticians (and/or Computers, I wonder?) Obviously, therefore, it was necessary to put a few more particulars about oneself than name, address and occupation; there was barely room for this. The other thing I found impossible was to answer how I would be prepared to help the New Pentecost. I haven't a clue as to what they want people like me to do. Nor, I should imagine, has anyone else.

Perhaps it displays a certain lack of faith, but if the particulars we have put on these envelopes are analysed by computer, I cannot help feeling we may perhaps get something like the champion knitters of tea cosies asked to open boys' clubs in the Gorbals, or retired bricklayers whose hobby is fishing getting asked to be secretaries serving committees to do with the Theology Commission. I am not saying that, unlikely though it sounds, people deployed in this seemingly bizarre fashion cannot make a success of it; human nature is immensely adaptable. But I really think my faith in computers got shaken beyond repair a few years ago when we were out of the country for a few months. On our return we found our bank (a London one let me say), had gone over to computers and sent the whole of a month's salary out to our son in Australia. Overjoyed at this windfall, he promptly opened his own business out there, and this money has had to be regarded as our involuntary investment in that country.

Joking apart, however, the New Pentecost surely needs a fair trial. It could be absolutely marvellous.

HADRIAN VII

Last month I urged you to read a book. This month I am urging you to visit the Mermaid Theatre to see some of the best acting in town in a remarkable play based partly on the life of that strange, pathetic character known as Baron Corvo. (You will probably recollect he was a very strange guy whose over-riding desire was to become a priest; he tried and tried, but was always rejected). The play is lightened by flashes of humour and is most skilfully produced.

DRUGS AND SCHOOLCHILDREN

Many parents will have been horrified at the sale of stolen drugs to children in Reading schools. This case came up at the June Reading Quarter Sessions. Thank goodness the drugs concerned were of the non-habit forming type, but as those of us who have dived a little into drug problems, know, it is often the non-habit

forming drug which forms a bridge to the addictive type, and the purveyors of one may take to purveying the other and encourage their "clients" to try it.

I am sure most of you would always warn your own children against accepting any pill from anyone or of buying any pill. But it is not the children from secure homes and stable backgrounds who are most at risk. It is the young people from broken homes, from unstable backgrounds who mostly succumb to drugs.

I hope the Education Authorities and Parents' Associations still consider urging schools to give some warning to the children. This is something which has to be done with the greatest care, and it could be that the advice of such an organisation as A.P.A.—(Association for the Prevention of Addiction and the Association for the Parents of Addicts)—with their country-wide experience of the problem, could well help. So much morbid curiosity can be aroused about the drug problem that the taking of drugs can become an attraction in itself. Striking the right note when warning children must be of vital importance. I do believe the time has come for it to be done.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

It is good news that R.C. theologians are to become members of the World Council of Churches' Theological Commission on Faith and Order. This is the first time the Vatican has allowed Catholics to participate in the twenty-year-old Council's activities.

It is also good news that we sent 15 observers to the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala, and that two Catholics—Bishop Willebrands and Lady Jackson were scheduled to speak. I understand that the R.C. Church did not send delegates as such, but that their observers and representatives took part in the debates though not voting on the resolutions.

The path to unity and fuller co-operation is sometimes stony and uphill. It is encouraging, therefore, to see these signs of a willingness by the R.C. Church to co-operate. However great the difficulties, I am sure those of us who value co-operation and eventual unity, must hang on by our eye teeth and keep on trying. It will require much patience, understanding and determination, but that it is a goal worth striving for, I am convinced.



Photo: Fred Walker.
The hat competition at the Guide Revels in St. Andrew's Hall.

1st Caversham Girls' Brigade

It has been suggested by a leader of a Caversham Brownie Pack that perhaps some parents who have entered their child's name on a waiting list for Brownies are not aware of the fact that a similar organisation meets in Caversham, namely the Girls' Brigade.

The 1st Caversham Company meets every Friday at 6 p.m. in the hall of the Caversham Heights Methodist Church in Highmoor Road.

The Girls' Brigade (undenominational) is divided into two sections, the Explorers, age 5-7 years, the company, consisting of: Juniors age 8-10 years, Seniors 11-14 years, Brigaders 14 and over. As in the Guide movement the girls work for badges, etc. The aim of the Brigade is to "help and encourage girls to become responsible, useful, Christian women."

If any parent would like their girl to join or would like more information, the Captain will be pleased to see them any Friday from 5-45 p.m.

the scheme has also been criticised, but this was a decision the Hierarchy had to take in the light of other events in the church calendar.

You can of course criticise anything, but it is obvious here that it is the willing enrolment of ourselves which is asked for. Each one of us must continually be asking, "What exactly does God want or expect of me?" It is a question often extremely hard to answer. What a wonderful relief therefore to comply with this simple request and see what happens.

From some of the correspondence which has appeared, it is obvious either that the clergy in certain parishes have not given the right kind of lead, or that some numbskulls among their parishioners have insisted on picking up the wrong end of the stick. If I may say so without sounding either smug or patronising, I think the scheme was launched at St. Anne's quite admirably with just the right amount of encouragement and sense of adventure from the parish priest. So much depends on the way schemes are

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ROUND THE CLUBS

Maplewood W.I.

Accompanied by their President, Mrs. Ridley, a number of members spent a very interesting afternoon in May, visiting Frogmore Gardens and the Royal Mausoleum, Windsor Castle. They also went on a Mystery Coach tour in July. Plans for further outings include a trip in September to the Royal Worcester China Factory and a visit to Worcester Cathedral.

As usual members were in charge of their Cake Stall at the Hospital Fete on July 20th. Funds have been raised for the National W.I. Appeal in many pleasant ways, including Coffee mornings and Bring and Buy sales of delicious homemade cakes and preserves. Speakers at our meeting at St. Andrew's Hall include Mrs. Fisher, on Denman College, Miss Gibson on Oxfam, work in Britain and Overseas, Mrs. Wanstead on 'Heads it is' and Mrs. Freeman on 'A visit to the Holy Land' (colour slides).

The speaker at the Autumn Council Meeting at the Town Hall, Reading, on October 8th will be Richard Baker of the B.E.C., his subject being Town and Around.

Rosehill Women's Institute

Mrs. Sizer was in the chair for our Fifth Birthday Party also she gave her report on the Annual General Meeting held at the Albert Hall.

Mrs. Gribble won the silver bowl for most points collected in the Competitions for the year. The competition for "Best Rose from the garden" was won by Mrs. Hammond. Runners-up being Mrs. Beasley and Mrs. Freeman.

An excellent tea was served, several visitors from other Institutes came. The Birthday Cake was made by Mrs. Neal and iced by Miss M. Stevenson. A raffle was held in aid of St. Benet's Home.

Blagrove W.I.

The June meeting was presided over by Mrs. Sholl on a lovely June day. Mrs. P. Dawson gave a talk on her journalistic experiences which were most entertaining.

The competition for the flower of the month was well supported. Mrs. Watson was the winner.

Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild

At the June meeting of Caversham Heights Townswomen, members were delighted to hear that out of 35 entries from the Guild to the Berks and North Hants Federation Art, Craft and Homecraft Exhibition, held at Reading Town Hall earlier this month, there had been 20 winners of the top awards—Gold, Silver and Bronze stars.

Chairman, Mrs. Birtwhistle, then introduced Mrs. Cullen, member of the Federation Executive Committee, who presided over the team for the main event of the evening—a Medical Brains Trust, the members of which were Dr. Anderson, Messrs Birtwhistle, King and Walker (Dental Surgeon, Psychologist and Pharmacist, respectively) and Miss Veale, Principal Matron to the Royal Berkshire hospital.

A very wide range of questions was put to the team, covering reasons for cramp, migraine, teenage acne and untidiness, and interesting facts about dental work, plastic joints, diphtheria, the cost of drugs and measles vaccination were also learned. The possibility of organisations such as the Townswomen's Guild helping their local hospitals was discussed, and Miss eale gave many interesting details about the new building at the R.B.H.

How many 'O' levels were required and what openings there were for young people in pharmaceutical careers was

another question explored by the team, but a suggestion from Mrs. Cullen that an 'A' level in hieroglyphics should be a primary qualification was not taken too seriously!

Finally, questions about drug-taking, cyclamates and dextro-nase were dealt with, before Mrs. Lott thanked the five members of the team for sparing time from their busy lives to provide the Guild with such an interesting and useful evening.

During the month a Guild outing to Royal Ascot had been enjoyed, and twelve members of the Social Studies Group had visited St. Benedict's Approved School. Miss Ford, a Welfare Worker, had spoken to the Group on the services available in Reading to help the elderly and their families.

The International Group had held two meetings, the first at which Mrs. Scott had had her listeners enthralled by an account of her life in India and Singapore, while at the second Mrs. Francis had spoken on Swedish Handicraft and Design, many interesting examples of which she had brought to show her listeners.

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

The speaker for the June meeting was a local man Mr. A. H. Wheeler who spoke on 'Antiques.' Members were intrigued by his accounts of 'treasures' found in unlikely places.

The chairman, Mrs. Risius, who had attended the National Union Council Meeting at the Albert Hall, gave an interesting

account of the proceedings. It was noted that a motion against cyclamate was carried.

An outing to Guildford Theatre had been enjoyed by those members who went. The Annual Guild Outing to Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust took place on June 18th.

A coffee evening was held on June 25th for all members who have joined in the last twelve months.

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

Elisabeth Garrett Anderson was the subject of the talk at the June meeting. Her fight against male opposition and prejudice in her struggle to become the first woman doctor in this country was ably recounted by Mr. Neilson Gatty and he was warmly thanked by Miss N. K. Brown.

A report of the National Council Meeting held in the Albert Hall on May 22nd, was given by the delegate Miss E. Baker.

The competition for a flower arrangement in an egg-cup was won by Mrs. Bradford. These small floral displays were most attractive.

Mrs. A. Smith the Arts and Crafts chairman reported that for the Art, Craft and Homecraft exhibition held in the Town Hall on June 14th there were thirty entries and members gained a very satisfactory number of awards.

New members will be warmly welcomed and full particulars can be obtained from Mrs. P. N. Tiffen, 37 Peppard Road, Caversham, Reading, Tel. 73030.

ST. PETER'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

St. Peter's patronal festival was particularly happy this year, the weather being kind enough to permit tea in the Rectory garden before the service. And what a joy to meet so many old friends, to talk to those from other churches, many from other denominations. All the members of the Management Board of the 'Bridge' were there with their husbands and wives, and it was lovely to welcome old friends like Mr. and Mrs. Scriven, up from Devon for the occasion.

Naturally we were disappointed that Father Coventry was not able to address us as promised. But the rector certainly gave us something to think about in his sermon. Telling of his recent trip to the World Council of Churches centre near Geneva, of discussions led by those of other faiths, of worship shared by members of all branches of the Christian Church, he led on to the great need for the Christian Church to forget its own internal problems and concentrate on taking a very active role in helping to solve world problems. Christ, he said, laid down no instructions for forms of worship; He did exhort us to feed the hungry and care for the sick. The 'cup of cold water,' said John Grimwade, is today an artesian well in India, a dam in Africa. I am sure most of us left Church with renewed intentions of 'doing something about it'.

W.D.

-LAW NOTES-

Q. Our son of 12 recently rode his cycle into the back of a neighbour's stationary car. The rear wing and light and reversing light were damaged. They have obtained an estimate which amounts to £25 and sent it to me. The boy is of course not earning any money. There is no doubt that it was his fault, am I liable?

A. No. Your son was under a common law duty to be careful when riding his bicycle (and so was guilty of negligence). He alone is liable. If he cannot pay your neighbours will have to pay the repair account, (or their Insurance Company). If their insurance policy covers such damage and they send the account to their insurers they will obviously lose their "no claims bonus" and this may be the reason they are claiming from you. As a neighbourly act you can offer to pay of course, but they cannot force you to pay. No civil claim can be made

against a parent for damage done by their child unless the parent, through carelessness or lack of control has given his child the opportunity of causing damage. It is another matter if the child was employed by his father or mother and the damage was done while the child was doing his job for the parents.

Q. I am a small shop keeper of a general stores. For a long time I have supplied a customer with household goods which she purchased in her husband's name. The account was settled monthly by the husband; but for some time now no settlement has been made and the debt has mounted up. I wrote to the husband asking him to pay the account but he replied that he was not liable as he had ordered his wife not to make any further purchases in his name. Can I recover the debt from the husband?

A. Yes you can. A wife living with her husband is presumed to have his authority to pledge his credit to buy goods reasonably required in their home. He is at liberty to withdraw that authority as he wishes. However it is not enough for the husband in this case to tell his wife not to pledge his credit, or forbid her to buy goods in his name from your shop. He should have notified you that his wife no longer had the right to pledge his credit.

It is insufficient even if he had placed a notice to the effect that he was no longer liable for his wife's debts in a local paper as this is not evidence that it had been brought to your notice. The only safe course is for the husband to notify all the creditors with whom his wife dealt and pledged the husband's credit.

MORE THOUGHTS OF A ROVING REPORTER

BY THE TIME you read this Caversham schools will be starting their summer holidays. One person who will not be returning in September is Miss Alderson, headmistress of Caversham Park School, who is retiring. She is shortly visiting Rhodesia where her brother, for many years Bishop of Mashonaland, recently died. We hope to give you a full report of her travels in a future issue—meanwhile, our very best wishes for her trip.

Home from Canada for a six week's visit to her family is Mrs. June Mill (nee Hester), who emigrated two years ago with her husband and two children, to Kinaird in British Columbia. There are great celebrations going on at their home in Mayfield Drive, and we hope it won't be too long before she makes another visit.

A little late, I'm afraid—I must mention the recent retirement of 'Dot' Pearce, for many years a commissionaire at the BBC Monitoring Service. His helpful presence will be missed there but fortunately he lives in Elizabeth House so we shall continue to see him around Caversham, no doubt taking his lively young grandson on outings. Our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

It has been a sad month again at the Monitoring Service. Mrs. Katerina Einburg, a very popular member of the staff, died in June after a distressing illness. We offer our deep sympathy to her mother and her daughter Elizabeth, until recently herself a member of the BBC staff.

Another death which many Caversham people will already know of is that of Miss Agnes

McGregor of Washington Road. Shortly before her death I called on Miss McGregor and her sister to hear about their life in Caversham where they both lived for many years. At one time they kept the corner shop in Washington Road and through this and their various jobs, became known to a great many people in the district. My own memory of Miss McGregor will always be that of a very gentle, happy person, and I am happy to have known her even if only for a short time. I am sure local people would like me to convey the sympathy of our readers to her sister, Alison, at this time.

On a brighter note, we were immensely pleased to read in the local press of young Gary Williams of Woods Road, now recovering rapidly from a heart operation which really has given him a new lease of life. He is looking forward to joining in the sporting activities of which he has hitherto been a mere onlooker. We look for big things from Gary in the future.

Mr. Sear, our well-known local embroiderer, had a most enjoyable time recently, when he was invited to a service and reception at Westminster Abbey solely for the 500 people who

had recently been engaged on Abbey embroidery. Of these two to three hundred were there, and Mr. Sear said it was a great thrill to have this opportunity to meet other people working on the same thing. He was able to see his own latest handiwork which has recently been placed in position.

A personal apology for the people of East Caversham. Somehow the caption under one of the pictures in last month's copy became translated as 'Coldwell Street—it should, of course, have been Coldcutt Street.

We have just had word of the reforming of a long-standing and successful ladies' choir. Mr. Martin Fogell (ex-conductor of the Reading Symphony Orchestra) will be its conductor and practices will be held on Wednesday evenings in Wolsley Road School, 7-30 p.m., commencing September 11th. This choir will be termed as an Evening Class by the local education authority, the same fees applying (with reductions for under-19's and OAP's). Voices of all ranges are needed. Anyone interested is asked to contact Dr. A. Coward, 21 Berrylands Road, Caversham (Phone 71019) for further details.

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ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

THE THREE JUNE PATRONAL FESTIVALS were all happy days. Blessed with ideal June weather a large congregation, representative as was the case on each occasion, gathered in the evening of St. Barnabas Day for the Parish Communion when the sermon was preached by Canon Martin Kaye from Norwich Cathedral. Afterwards everyone enjoyed the chance to meet and talk together in the Hall. The weather was less kind on St. John's Day but the Church garden looked attractive and the roses were at their best. The different organisations had been asked to decorate their section of the church in a way that would illustrate some of their activities. From a list of some of the things used in doing this, in addition to flowers, one might imagine something more like a museum. There were books, children's paintings, tins of brasso, draughtmen's instruments, tools, a teddy bear, and a fisher's net.

The effect was most attractive and during the week,

quite a number of people in the neighbourhood, hearing about it, came to see it. There was an excellent congregation at the Parish Communion and refreshments followed in St. John's Hall, possibly the last but one St. John's Day when this attractive hall will still be in use.

After a wet week St. Peter's Day dawned fine and over two hundred people gathered for tea in the Rectory Garden before Festal Evensong.

On all three festal occasions the catering committees of the different districts worked hard and deserve the thanks of many, and the parish choirs combined to lead the worship in some memorable music.

WHITE CITY EUCHARIST

Originally it was planned to hold a special evening Eucharist in St. Paul's Cathedral at the end of the

Lambeth Conference for people connected in different ways with the church overseas. So overwhelming was the demand for tickets that the service has been transferred to the White City, on the evening of Monday, August 19th. This means that tickets are now available to anyone who wishes to go and details of the arrangements will shortly be available in the different churches of the parish.

DEANERY EVENSONG

On Sunday, August 18th there will be no evening service in any of the Caversham Churches. Instead all the congregations of Reading Deanery will be combining for Evensong in St. Mary's at 6-30 p.m. when, at the conclusion of the Lambeth Conference, the Bishop of the Northern Territory, Australia will be the visiting preacher.

GIFTS FOR ST. PETER'S

Two members of the congregation are making generous presents to St. Peter's in memory of parents. The 18th century candelabra which hangs in the Lady Chapel is to be cleaned and lacquered. Simon Walcraft was clerk of the parish and when he died in 1741 he left the parish £20 for the purchase of the candelabra and a pulpit cloth. The money proved insufficient for these gifts and Lord Cadogan who then lived at Caversham Park provided another £5-7-11d. to make the purchases possible. We have for long needed another prayer desk in the chancel for the servers, and our other gift will make good this deficiency. St. Peter's will be enriched by these two kind presents.

Mr and Mrs. Claringbull. After nine years at Solihull Mr. and Mrs. Claringbull recently spent their first weekend in Caversham since they left. They were delighted to meet so many old friends again and they were particularly happy at finding how the Parish Communion had grown from a tiny to a large congregation in these nine years.

Holy days in August. Tuesday, August 6th. The Transfiguration. 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Saturday, August 24th St. Bartholomew, 9-30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Well trod lawn. In addition to the garden party on St. Peter's Day the Rectory garden has been the scene of many other gatherings. The Mothers Union, St. Peter's

Wives and their children, the Scouts and Cubs and their parents have all enjoyed different social gatherings in recent weeks, and if the weather has been kind the clergy of the deanery and their wives will also by the time this edition appears have gathered on the lawn to say Good-bye to the retiring Rural Dean and his wife as they leave Reading for St. Paul's Cathedral. It would be interesting to know how many other parishes have a rectory garden with a river frontage. There can be very few parishes in large towns where the churchyard and rectory garden between them still convey the impression of a country setting.

St. Barnabas' lose Roy Bradbury

Roy Bradbury will be greatly missed now that he has moved to his first job in Norwich. Besides his faithful service as a Server and leader of the older boys in the Sunday Club, he has done many things to strengthen the life of our Church and to serve others. Some can recall that he led the Post-confirmation group while others will recall the St. Barnabas Youth Week that he organized. Now as he joins the many Christians who seek to serve God through their work in the modern business world, our very best wishes go with him.

On August 4th, the Bishop of Reading will celebrate the Family Eucharist at 9-15 a.m.

THE BISHOP OF OXFORD WRITES

It is a sad fact that there is so much violence and war in our world, with all the destruction and suffering that comes with it. Most of us can do little about it, except to support whatever action our statesmen can take to bring about peace and reconciliation. But we can all pray, and have faith that our prayers will open up new ways for the Spirit of God to lead the nations into justice and peace. We want as Christians to see every nation with its just share of the world's wealth and resources, and every nation free to lead its own life without interference from others. There is a long way to go before such justice, freedom and peace are reached everywhere. Our daily newspapers will give us plenty of material for prayer. These things are happening in our world and are our concern. We can hold up these situations to God quite simply, without speaking many words, and pray that his justice and peace will prevail over violence and destruction.

From 25th July to 25th August, the Lambeth Conference will be meeting in London. Some five hundred bishops of the Anglican Communion will spend four weeks together in prayer and discussion. The great majority will come from overseas. They and their people belong together with us in a world-wide group of churches, all of them directly or indirectly daughters of our own Church of England. The Bishops will come from Canada and the USA and other parts of North and South America, from many countries in Asia and Africa, from Australia and New Zealand and the islands of the Pacific. They will represent many races and nations. Together we shall discuss some of the great questions facing the Church everywhere today; how to present the Christian faith to the world; what kind of ministries are needed by the Church to carry out its mission; how the different Christian communions can move towards a closer unity both inward and outward. Pray for us that we may be led by the Holy Spirit to say to the Church what God wants it to hear on these great questions.

THE BUCKLEYS LEAVE ST. ANDREW'S

Rick and Sue Buckley as suitable accommodation came to St. Andrew's less than two years ago. In that short time they have both started Teen Action and built it up into a flourishing concern with over 60 members. By means of an energetic and varied programme the members of Teen Action have become a distinct and vigorous body within St. Andrew's. Teen Action has been generous in helping with Christian Aid, in raising money for several local charities and in keeping the whole congregation on its toes. The memorable Sung Eucharist on Ascension Day, when Teen Action members led the singing, was a fitting climax to the first stage in the life of this new group.

For all this most of the credit goes to Rick and Sue. We are all extremely grateful to them for it. Rick leaves Caversham to begin his training for the ministry at Brasneton College, in Kent. As soon

as suitable accommodation can be found Sue will also be moving to Kent. We wish them both every happiness and success in the future.

The Mothers' Union

At a service in church on July 2nd, three new members were admitted: Mrs. Beetham, Mrs. Hole and Mrs. Lewis. Miss Combe was admitted as an Associate Member and Mrs. Tanner was welcomed from another branch.

The Small Hall

In the long run, last February's fire has worked to our advantage. For the Small Hall, which came back into use at the beginning of July, is now much cleaner and brighter both inside and out. The decoration, the roof light, the removal of the partition and the new built in cupboards are all definite improvements. We look forward to making full use of the Hall again after the Summer Holidays.

St. John's Hall

Its days are indeed numbered, or almost. The school expects to move to its new premises in Wolsey Road in September 1969. Though if the contractors get behind with their work, it may have to delay its move for another term or so. But when the school goes, the Church will have to follow soon after.

The District Committee therefore set up some time ago a sub-committee to draw up plans of action. At the time of writing, this committee has submitted as an interim report draft plans for the District Committee's approval. As soon as these or other plans are approved and found to be possible, they will be made public. Action is being taken with all reasonable speed.

THE INDUSTRIAL GROUP

This group has been meeting at monthly intervals for some time now. As was reported, earlier this year, some of the members attended a Conference on "redundancy," more recently a larger party went to Easthampstead to attend a half-day Conference on "responsible society."

The Conference was addressed by three well qualified speakers on the contribution that Management (especially industrial and commercial), Town Planners and the Trade Unions make towards creating a responsible society. The talks were long and "meaty," and were followed by some very relevant and pointed questioning and discussion.

All this was set at a level above that where the members of the group can themselves exercise any influence on society, but it was most interesting, and gave a real insight into some of the influences shaping contemporary society. The Conference was organised by the Revd. Colin Hill, who used to live in Caversham as a young man and boy.

Usually the group's meet-

ings are concerned with the immediate problems the members come up against at work, attempting to help each other gain some insight into the causes of the difficulties and how a Christian should act in that sort of situation. So little thinking has been done by the Church at large in the past on this area of Christian life that it is by no means easy to bring to light the real problems, questions and opportunities, let alone working out the Christian approach to them. But probably this would be made much easier if the members of the group shared the same type of work and situation.

Last month it was stated in error that Miss Harris is the leader of this group. She is a member, but the chairman is Mr. Ray Turner of 41 South View Avenue.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. F. Moss of 341 Gosbrook Road, who celebrated their golden wedding on July 9th. The people of St. John's owe so much to both of them, both in the past and present, and they must be known to so many that it is not possible to know where to begin in acknowledging the great debt of gratitude, so we will simply wish them every happiness in the future.



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Methodist Market

AT FIRST GLANCE, the space around Caversham Methodist Church in Ardler Road would seem too small for a social occasion, but this year's Summer Market, the tenth annual venture of this kind, was perhaps all the better for being compact.

Following the official opening by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hodgkinson, introduced and guided in their duties by the minister of the Church, the Rev. Ewart B. Wright, passers-by witnessed a colourful fancy dress parade. Entries were varied and ingenious. A gnome, a mouse, a pirate and others were vigorously marshalled by an Olympic runner complete with torch, two

brothers combined to carry an outside collecting-card, and a litter-basket struck an appropriate note, but the prize was awarded to a neat little parcel named Melanie Hester.

Among the side-shows, run by the Youth Club, was a bowling competition won by Mr. Eric Crutchley, "Bridge" distributor for the Church, and Mrs. Barter.

Stalls provided varied goods from bedding-plants to dress-jewellery, and a buffet tea was available in the hall adjoining.

Community Hymn-singing rounded off the afternoon and provided a setting for the announcement of the financial result.

St. Paul's Presbyterian News

St. Paul's is like a cog in a large machine—to make the clock tick all the cogs must be working together. We seek to serve the needs of people around Caversham Road and though most of our neighbours never bother to call on us and join us in worship, we hold the church doors open to welcome them in, come wind, come weather. Part of the Church's problem to-day is how to hold up the lamp of faith when people just don't want a light.

Perhaps that is why it is so necessary to be where we are. We are witnesses. The Greek word for witness is "martyr", which reminds us that witness is sometimes a costly business. We may perhaps take comfort from the fact that nearly all congregations are struggling for their very existence and it is well to struggle. As it has been said "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church".

SCHOOL SPORTS AT ST. ANNE'S

TO THE GREAT relief of the organisers, the 12th June was a glorious day as the Area Schools Sports were being held at St. Anne's this year for the first time. The five Caversham schools taking part were the Caversham Primary, Emmer Green Primary, Caversham Park, E.P. Collier and St. Anne's.

The staff at St. Anne's had been worried lest the field there would be quite big enough for such an event, and they were greatly relieved to find everything worked out all right. The "racecourse" was set diagonally across the field and this left plenty of room for the spectators.

This is a social rather than a competitive event, and no results are announced. The Head Teacher did tell me, however, that she had been pleased to notice there was usually a St. Anne's child placed in the first three in most of the events.

Everyone obviously enjoyed themselves and the ice cream van seemed to do record business.

THE BRIDGE SCHEME

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No escaping Methodists

You never know where you will meet the Women's Fellowship of Caversham Methodist Church. Mrs. Baird, who used to live at 23 Ardler Road, and moved last year with her husband to Peterborough, was able to meet them there and have lunch with them, when they were on their way to Spalding to see the bulb-gardens. The Fellowship's choir also travels around, and appreciation of recent visits has come from Burghfield Common Methodist Church and from Cove in Hampshire. The exchange of visits with Cove Women's Fellowship has continued for twenty years.

ST. ANNE'S NEWS

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

The parish was lucky in having a lovely day for this. The Blessed Sacrament was taken in procession from the church, along Southview Avenue, down Washington Road past the school. It then turned into the school grounds, wound its way behind the school, through the orchard and into the charming garden of the Visitation Convent where the roses were all out and everything looked a picture. Benediction was given there and then the Blessed Sacrament returned in procession to the church.

A large number of the congregation attended, and it was impressive to see so many of the school children, in spite of the fact that this Feast is a school holiday at St. Anne's.

Marian Group Party

On Tuesday, 18th June, the Chairman and new Committee of the Marian Group entertained nearly forty ladies of the parish to a "Cider and Savouries" party in St. Anne's School.

The first half hour was devoted to reading and passing the new Constitution, and then those present were offered cider and invited to sample the Committee's cooking from the cold buffet; this ranged from vol-au-vents and quiche lorraine to fruit flans. Judging from the volume of voices everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

It was decided that during the holiday months of July and August there would be no formal meetings, but the Autumn programme includes plans for a retreat at Cold Ash Convent, a party to the Progress Theatre, several lectures as well as informal coffee evenings in members' homes. For further details please telephone the Hon. Secretary, Mary Highton, at Reading 73266.

R.C. coffee morning

The June Coffee Morning was held at Hill House, Surley Row, the home of Mrs. J. Mair. Father O'Malley was the speaker and chose as his subject, "Obedience and Freedom of Conscience." He came armed with some formidable tomes, and gave a most interesting talk on this difficult subject.

His talk sparked off a barrage of questions and much animated discussion. In fact it became obvious that the rest of the day could be spent in arguing and discussing various points, and I am afraid our speaker may have been late for his next appointment.

This was the last Coffee Morning for the year. They will be resumed again in the Autumn. The ladies appreciate enormously the time and trouble the various guest speakers have taken on their behalf. These functions have proved well worth holding and everyone is most grateful to Mrs. Murphy O'Connor and her helpers for their work in organising these enjoyable and informative events.

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

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EAST CAVERSHAM

Another way in which the friendliness of East Caversham shows itself is that people of this area seem to know a great deal about their neighbours. Not for them the "I keep myself to myself" approach which I find such a sterile philosophy. Take Sonia Gregor of South View Avenue, for instance, Long before I called on her, her name was mentioned on several occasions. Local people may not know the details but they did know of, and express admiration for this young housewife who, after a very ordinary education, resumed her studies when her son, Jan, was about six, and went on to take a degree, teach and take adult classes in philosophy.

Sheer joy

I can't say I remember the details myself. Sonia isn't the kind of person of whom one is concerned with factual details of the dates she did what and when. She radiates an interest in life in general and conversation with her is sheer joy. There is nothing high-brow about her; indeed, she makes one realise that philosophy, far from being a remote science, is very much concerned with living. She has a way of setting one thinking and it is no wonder that members of her classes speak so highly of her abilities. As someone put it so aptly, she has an uncommon depth of spirituality. In short, she is one of those who thinks deeply

and starts other people thinking. With her husband Karl and her son Jan, they have become a very well-known local family. A member of St. John's Church, she is very much in demand for discussion groups and 'quiet evenings'. At the moment she is studying for a further degree—Master of Philosophy—after which she will be probably taking up full-time teaching again.

Tess Carter

But admiration for their neighbours is not merely reserved for intellectual prowess. Another person whose name was mentioned again and again was Tess Carter, whose husband was killed in a tragic motor accident some two years ago. She lives with her eight children, the eldest of whom is still at school, in South View Avenue.



SOUTH VIEW AVENUE

Unfortunately she leads such a busy life that I have so far been unable to interview her personally. But I have heard nothing but praise for the way she copes and the fact that she manages to do all her own decorating. Above all, her neighbours pay tribute to her unflinching patience and cheerfulness and the fact that she always has time for her children. They are never, a friend told me, exhorted to 'wait'—she has time for all of them whenever they want her.

Many a tale

Returning from one of my ambles in East Caversham, I ran into a gentleman of

whom I have heard a great deal recently, Mr. Frost who keeps the front of St. Anne's Church looking so nice. This is a job he inherited from his brother 17 years ago. Coming with his family to Mapledurham at the age of four, local people remember the family being marshalled to St. Anne's Church—the nearest Roman Catholic Church to Mapledurham—every Sunday. Eventually, of course, he moved to South View Avenue, where he still lives; six years ago he retired from work as a maintenance engineer. He still misses it, but as a gardener he finds plenty to do. Many is the tale he tells of old Caversham; at one time, he says, he knew all the members

of the congregation. Now, alas, with so many newcomers, he is not so sure. All the same, there is no doubt he takes a keen interest in all those he meets—a refreshing change from those who make it almost a point of honour to know nothing about their next-door neighbours.

Stories

Once again publishing date comes round and here I am with an even longer list of people to visit. Eventually I hope to get around to more of them for I am sure there are many stories worth telling in East Caversham, stories of courage and kindness, of initiative and determination.

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Who goes home?

WHO GOES HOME?

CERTAINLY the men from the City do—hordes of them, every evening, and quite a lot go home to Hockerill.

The Bishop's Stortford station with its new electrical service to the City, is in the parish of All Saints. Although about three-quarters of our householders commute daily, Stortford still retains a flavour of its ancient past when William the Conqueror gave the manorial rights to Maurice, Bishop of London, and the town received its episcopal prefix.

Hockerill is a small part of a small market town of England but Hockerill is still a microcosm of the whole. Microscope factory, metal factory, tractor factory and farm are all here—a life for the commuter and for the local workers and yeomen. These are all united in the churches of all denominations. A village which has become part of an industrial and residential area yet still remains a parish in the Christian sense.

Our first church was built 100 years ago but was burnt to the ground in 1935—four years later the new church designed by S. E. Dykes-Bower, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., rose from the ashes.

EXERTIONS

The first church was built through the exertions of Rev. W. Rhodes who was also instrumental in the founding of the Hockerill Teachers Training College very near the church. As well as our Church Primary School the parish boasts the Herts and Essex Girls High School, The

Margaret Dane School as well as two new primary schools.

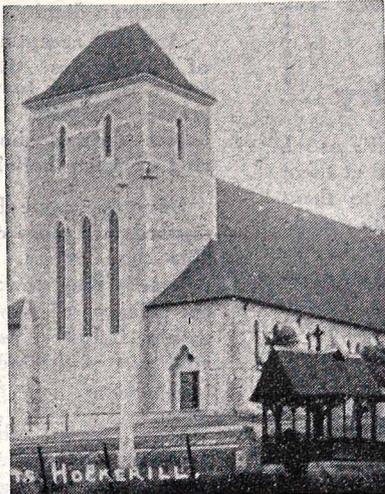
Margaret Dane founded Bishops Stortford Boys Grammar School in 1579 and it continued until the beginning of the present century. Among its famous alumni was Dr. Johnson's faithful negro servant, Francis Barber whose master sent him to the school at the age of 40. Over a century later the school was revived by the Rev. F. W. Rhodes using the proceeds of the sale of its ancient library to the Bodleian. Another famous scholar was his son, Cecil Rhodes the founder of Rhodesia.

The Bishop Stortford College opened in 1868 as a non-Conformist Grammar School—has gone from strength to strength and now takes its place among the listed public schools.

On Thursdays the country market returns as of old. The town is thronged with farmers and their wives, the car parks filled with their station wagons. From the smaller villages the weekly bus comes in. The livestock market is very noisy and

PAPER ROUND

A local correspondent gives us a picture of the area in which "HOCKERILL NEWS" circulates.



All Saints Church, Hockerill, built in 1939 to replace the former church destroyed by fire in 1935.

smelly, the pubs. stay open all the afternoon to refresh weary travellers, and the shops are crammed.

SPREES

The large new town of Harlow is very near us with its plate glass and plastic facades but we seem to go to Cambridge or London for our shopping sprees if we cannot find our needs in Bishops Stortford.

After Expo. 67 Hockerill had Contact '68, its fortnight intensive mission with a visiting team of twelve priests, sisters and layworkers, who descended on the parish in an effort to visit every home and contact as many people as possible. The National Christian News, with our own special mission edition, created an excellent link between the Church and parish families.

Their 'Carnaby Pew'

'The Carnaby Pew.' This is what the young people of Hayward's Heath, Sussex, have called their new coffee bar (pictured left), a joint venture by local churches.

The premises were once a motor showroom, and have been modernised with pews given by the Methodist Church at Bracknell. The design is bold and colourful and has a strong hint of "flower-power". The practical work was carried out by enthusiastic members of the various church and youth clubs in the area, with help and advice from their elders.

Generous financial backing has been received from the East Sussex Education Department, MAYC, and the churches concerned.

(Reprinted from the Methodist Recorder).

A necessary creed

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN NEWS, AUGUST, 1968—FIVE

PERCY BURNELL RECALLS CHRISTIANS TO DOGMA

SOUNDED STRANGE to me! He said he used to take religious knowledge with a fifth form—but they never used the Bible. "Out of date", he said, "in these days". I queried where he derived his ideas of Christianity. "I taught them SERVICE," he emphasised, "service to the aged, the sick, to good causes—and to the community, generally."

Jolly good—but even an atheist can serve. A chap might very well put in a bit of service to square a bad conscience. All sorts of organisations are falling over one another to dig gardens, clean windows, decorate houses and repair fences. I reiterate—you don't need to be a Christian to do these things. I heard a preacher declare that nothing mattered more than that he should urge upon his people the necessity of serving their "neighbour." "Christ never asked people to accept a creed," he argued. "He simply asked them to follow Him."

CONFESSED

True! but those who followed Christ had faith in Him—BELIEVED in His way of LIFE. "Thou art the Christ!" they confessed—with all that that meant.

William Neil wrote: "If the first Christians had not believed that Christ rose from the dead there would have been no Church and no New Testament. By the same token

neither would there have been a Christendom nor a Western civilisation."

Had Christianity been founded merely on the moral teaching of Jesus it would have flourished for a short time and then would have lost its identity.

One present day writer says: "In a modern industrial family of three generations, the grandfather will have strong moral principles, which will be associated in his mind with religious beliefs. The father will have no religious beliefs but his inherited moral standards will keep him relatively straight. The son will tend to have neither religious beliefs nor moral standards."

True picture? Not so far wrong! It was the popular philosopher, Joad, who once made the remark—and not wholly untrue, I fear—that we have growing up in our midst a generation who believe in NOTHING.

The danger is that for some considerable time now we have been living on SPIRITUAL CAPITAL which is fast running out. The fact is, and we must never forget it—but we have the dead there would have been no Church and no New Testament. By the same token

something which to each one of us must be central; and it is upon this central belief that we must stake our all.

CONCRETE

The topical sermon has its place, but people are needing definite theological teaching, that they may have something concrete in which to put their faith. To talk about living the Christian life without CHRIST is all nonsense. Jesus, Himself, cannot be separated from His ethics. They are bound up with each other.

If we are honest we must admit that humanism and mechanical progress have broken down badly, and the whole structure of society is in danger. It is the job of the Church to help all thinking people to see the vital connection between the structure of society and the theological doctrines of the Christian religion.

And some of us can see today, in our own society, that we are losing sight of the dogma out of which our Christian standards arose. The result is that we are gradually losing those standards, and will continue to do so—and our community life will suffer.

We must restore faith in our DOGMA.

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

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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.

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Who will cast the first stone?

There are very capable doctors — and less capable doctors.

There are very capable teachers — and less capable teachers.

There are very capable parsons — and less capable parsons.

There are doctors who are doctors because they love people — there are doctors who are doctors because they love power.

There are teachers, parsons, drivers, managers, psychologists, policemen, M.P.'s, virtually any chosen job—

and, of course, shop stewards too—of whom the same thing can be said.

If truth be told, most people are a mixture.

Yet, no-one says "hang the lot" or "they're all trouble makers" when something goes wrong in medicine or the church or at school. Why, then, do shop stewards and representatives get such a bad press, have such a bad image, with so many people?

I was observing at a shop stewards' course

World of Industry

recently, and as I looked around at them and listened to them grappling with problems of industrial organisation and relationships, my own impression was clearly confirmed — these men and women and most of those who hold such posts, willing as they are to take on an unpopular job, are interested in obtaining,

defending and improving human dignity.

And they accept a lot of indignities themselves in order to win greater dignity for others (which should ring Christian bells!)

Of course, some shop stewards are more capable than others, but primarily they work in the balances of powers within industry as a vital part of the industrial process.

Of course their motives are as mixed as anyone else's—but anyone who, HAVING HAD

A GOOD LOOK AT THE FACTS OF A SHOP STEWARD'S PURPOSE, wishes to cast the first stone, is frankly, a hypocrite.

At their best shop stewards are secular pastors, deeply involved in the realities of industrial life, and they exercise an industrial function necessary to our society.

Though by no means all cry "Lord, Lord," they, as often as most and more often than many, "know the will of God, and do it."

KEN HILLS.

LUXURY COST US JUST A HALFPENNY!

by Harold Manning

Passing through a development area of a great city the other day, the house-breakers were hard at it, when I noticed just by chance among the debris an old toffee tin of years ago.

What memories of a childhood of nearly seventy years ago—those were the days of the Saturday Penny, a weekly fortune, only spent after much contemplation.

Off we would dash to the little corner shop, clutching our precious penny in our hot sweaty hands.

Surprises

Sweet shop windows in those days were to us children like Aladdin's cave, full of surprises — sugar pigs and white mice with pink woolly tails. What confections awaited us: acid drops, chocolate buttons, liquorice in the form of telephones, ladders, boot laces and flat cakes. But the most popular of liquorice confections were liquorice allsorts, covered with tiny pinheads of sugar, white, pink, blue, green and yellow.

A big favourite was a sticky sort of cheap marzipan in small oval lids, complete with a little tin spoon.

Treacle toffee and coconut toffee in large tin trays were broken up by the shopkeeper with a small metal toffee hammer.

The toffee would sometimes fly off in little splinters on to the shop floor, which was none too clean at times, but how we would dive down to get them! What did we care about

germs or a bit of dirt! Cellophane wrappings, hermetically sealed and untouched by human hand were unheard of—news-paper wrapped was the accepted thing.

Lucky potatoes were always a great favourite. These were a pineapple-flavoured confection, covered with cocoa, made in the shape of potatoes. In every box supplied to the shopkeeper one or maybe two contained a lucky number, and, should you get one of these, great excitement prevailed. The ticket was taken to the shop, and in return you received a big stick of pineapple rock.

Cupid whispers were very popular among the girls (but confidentially the boys

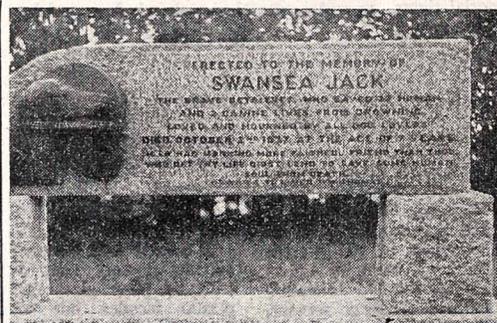
bought these too, on the quiet). These were highly scented coloured sweets, with different words on each: "Kiss Me, Darling" etc.

Suckers

Kali Suckers were a novelty, packed in small triangular paper bags, with a liquorice tube inserted which was used for sucking the kali through. These were very popular with the boys.

These were but a few of the childish delights costing only a ha'penny. We never spent our treasured penny in one go—it had to last over the week-end.

This was nearly seventy years ago, but I still stick to liquorice allsorts.



In memory of Swansea Jack

On the promenade at Swansea overlooking the wide expanse of the bay are the memorials to the dead of three wars. Among them is this small memorial stone to a dog.

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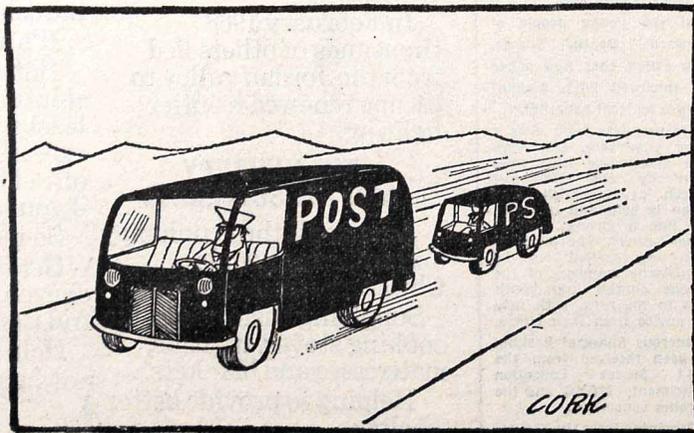
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MESSING ABOUT WITH BOATS

FIRST FIND THE BOATS

Here is something to do about boats on a wet day. Each of these jumbled words is the name of a kind of boat. Put the letters in the right order to find the boats.

HYGDNI, OCEAN, RUIICERS,
THACY, RESMEAT, GRABE.

(Answers below).

A SEA THAT ISN'T

People talk about the Sea of Galilee, but really it isn't a sea at all, but an enormous inland lake in Palestine. It is thirteen miles long, and at its widest is nearly seven miles across.

THAT SEA AGAIN

The Sea of Galilee is an uncertain, squally little sea. At one moment it can be bathed in sunshine, with hardly a ripple disturbing the water. Then, in a flash, a great gust of wind will roar down from the hills, and the sea is stirred into a furious storm, dangerous even to skilled fishermen.

But it was a calm day when Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth, came striding along the shore at Capernaum. One of the things He'd be sure to see was people messing about with boats. Fishing fleets, Roman galleys, ferry boats, pleasure boats and trading vessels were nearly always to be seen, and the flat-bottomed fishing boats had to be repaired sometimes and torn sails had to be mended. And of course fishing nets also had to be mended. That was what Peter and Andrew were doing when Jesus called: "Hi, lads, follow me."

And they did follow Him, leaving their nets on the shore!

WORK THIS OUT

A rope ladder 10ft long is hanging from a ship. The rungs are 1ft apart and the bottom rung is resting on the sea. The tide rises 6' in an hour. When will the first three rungs be covered? (Answer below).

GOING TO THE SEASIDE

See how many different kinds of seaweed you can find. But don't be disappointed that you don't find all the kinds there are in the world, because there are 2,500 of them!

Over one hundred kinds of seaweed are used for food, and the biggest seaweed eaters are the Japanese, the Chinese and the people of Hawaii.

Here are some of the things made partly from seaweed: ice cream, pickles, sauce, sweets, jam, jelly and toothpaste.

The largest kinds of seaweed are found far away from Britain. In the Antarctic seas there are great forests of seaweed trees, some over a hundred feet tall, and in the Pacific Ocean some seaweed trees have branches over a quarter of a mile long.

MAKE THIS TEST

It takes just over three and a half minutes quick walking to cover a quarter of a mile. Walk sharply along a straight road for nearly four minutes and you'll have some idea of the length of the seaweed tree's branches.

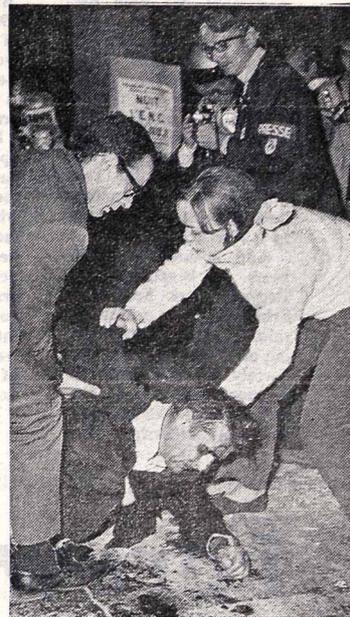
ANSWERS TO PUZZLES: Jumbled boats: Dinghy, Canoe, Cruiser, Yacht, Steamer, Barge.

Rope Ladder: The rungs will never be covered! The ladder and the ship both rise with the tide.

Television

by Harold Jeffries

The Trojan horse in our homes



THOSE OF YOU who know your Greek mythology will have heard of the wooden horse. In it the Greeks invaded the city of Troy under a pretence of friendship. The great man-made animal, given, so the Trojans thought, as a token of friendship, had hidden within it Greek soldiers, who, once the horse was inside the city walls, jumped out and attacked the Trojans.

In many ways our television set is a modern equivalent of the wooden horse.

There it stands, in the middle of the living room, innocent and smiling. All of us to some extent or other depend upon it. Yet this apparently innocent invention, which most of us look upon as a boon, can prove to be the most deadly enemy, and not the least of its deadliness lies in the fact that it penetrates into the very middle of the family circle, into the heart of the home.

The fact is that television is not always lighthearted and smiling. It has another terrible side to its nature. For television can bring into our homes with the most tremendous impact events of high drama and earth-shattering tragedy.

The horror

Recent months, let alone years, have brought us the horror of the Vietnam war, the violence of student rioting and demonstrations, the deep tragedy of the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, and because the technique of television reporting brings these events to us in their most startling form, and because they are not only shown to us once but are repeated again and again from news broadcast to news broadcast, the impact is doubled.

There could be few people who were not almost overwhelmed by the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy. Overwhelmed not just because of

the news itself, but because it dominated our screen for hour after hour. There is a way in which television can make this sort of event unbearable by isolating it and magnifying it to an intolerable degree.

It is precisely here that the danger lies. Could it not be that this gift that is able to bring us the greatest of world events almost as soon as they happen, may be the very instrument by which we become hardened and utterly unmoved? Surely such intense focussing on the world's tragedies can only lead to one of two things—either we become overwhelmed by the world's sufferings or we become hardened to them, and it would be hard to decide which was the less desirable.

Callous

Certainly no sensitive person can lay himself open to the full impact of television reporting without suffering in one way or another. Either he will feel almost suicidal, or he will, imperceptibly, grow more and

An injured demonstrator is helped from the ground during Paris student riots. Scenes of violence like this are brought right into our homes by television.

more callous.

It would not perhaps be true to think that the world is worse now than it has ever been, but certainly it is a world where the barriers and screens that hide us from the unpalatable have been torn down in a way that has never before been known. Mass communication, with its swiftness and its force leaves us no delusions. The question is, can we face this kind of reality?

My plea is that those who are responsible for bringing these epoch-making events into our homes should know what they are doing and tread softly. There are times when one cannot help feeling that the programme planners feed on tragedy like gorging vultures. Reporting is one thing, but obsession is another. Let's hope that they can learn the difference before it's too late.

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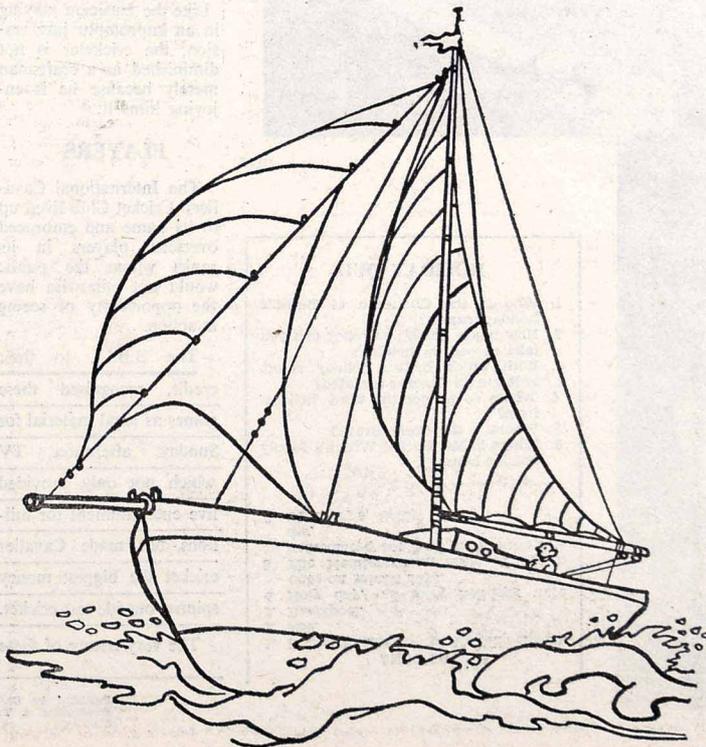
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Personality of the month

"A most difficult and unruly school" is one way in which the House of Commons has been described, and one person who should know is Dr. Horace King, Speaker of the House during the last three years. The comparison comes naturally to mind in Dr. King's case, for before entering parliament in 1950 as a member for the Test Division of Southampton, he had spent twenty years as a teacher.

And no doubt his three years as headmaster of Regent's Park Secondary School has since proved invaluable experience. Keeping order among lively and fiercely debating M.P.'s is no mean task, but he has impressed all with his quiet but real authority. "You

don't impose discipline," he has said, "you evoke it."

Horace Maybray King was born on Teesside in 1901, and on the strength of a county major award he went to King's College London, where he gained a first class honours degree. To this he later added a Ph.D. He continues to be openly grateful to the Durham Education Authority for that first helping hand which made so much of his success possible. Although he has said that some people may think him "a crazy coot for carrying youthful gratitude so far into maturity" he still writes the authority a note of thanks at times of significant achievement.

No doubt such a time

was October, 1965, when he became the first Socialist Speaker of the House. This position carries no voting power, and meant that he had to cut the ties with party politics that he had had since the age of 15.

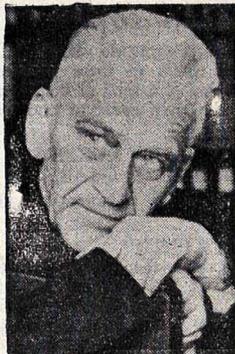
Of this he said: "I now completely sever myself from all party politics. This

are from the other two major parties and also have no voting powers, his appointment did not mean any decrease in the Labour majority in the House of Commons.

In "Who's Who," Dr. King lists as his recreations "Music and the entertainment of children." As a Methodist perhaps it is not

service held in Birmingham Cathedral.

Dr. King gave his permission, and the carol was duly sung there to Dr. King's music, by the seventeen schools taking part in the service.



DR. HORACE KING

is no light matter. No man easily breaks with a political faith which has given the whole of his life purpose and meaning, except for the even greater faith he has in political freedom itself."

Since his two deputies

surprising that this should have found expression in the writing of a Christmas carol. It appeared on the Christmas card he sent out last year, and a Birmingham teacher who received one suggested that it should be used at a schools' carol

Farewell, Cavaliers, you made cricket live again

IT WAS JUST TOO GOOD TO LAST. CAVALIER CRICKET IS BEING KILLED OFF BY M.C.C.

When Rothman's, the sponsors of this particular brand of cricket, introduced the game no one, including the public, took it very seriously.

Critics of the game said it was just another version of the traditional 'beer match' on the village green, and would never capture the imagination of a public weaned on county cricket.

What the cynics failed to take into consideration was the attitude of cricketers, particularly professionals, to any organised game of cricket.

Like the musician playing in an impromptu jazz session, the cricketer is not diminished as a craftsman merely because he is enjoying himself.

PLAYERS

The International Cavaliers' Cricket Club lived up to its name and embraced overseas players in its ranks whom the public would not otherwise have the opportunity of seeing in action.

The B.B.C., to their credit, recognised these games as ideal material for Sunday afternoon TV which not only provided live entertainment for millions but made Cavalier cricket the biggest money spinner outside test cricket.

The very nature of these

Ernest Adkins, on cricket

games, devised to eliminate that most futile exercise in cricket, a draw, was a natural vehicle for the player who thrived on attack.

HATRED

One Sunday afternoon in June before a crowd of more than 15,000 at Edgbaston County ground such a cricketer, West Indian Clive Lloyd not so much arrived as exploded upon the cricket scene.

Tall, dark, and lithe, cap worn low over spectacles strapped to his head with an elastic band, he batted like a man with a built-in hatred for cricket balls. In the field he dominated the proceedings like no other player in my lifetime.

If the old ones say there has been a more explosive fielder than Lloyd I am sorry I don't believe it.

Lloyd that day gave a demonstration of fielding that will never be forgotten by those lucky enough to see it. Revealing an electrifying turn of speed, his picking up and throwing of quite frightening velocity intimidated the batsmen and brought the crowd to their feet—in itself a rare achievement.

ATTENTION

Qualifying for Lancashire, Lloyd is clearly destined to rank with such players as Sir Learie Constantine, Sir Jack Hobbs, and other great men, who demanded attention as soon as they appeared on a cricket field.

The Cavaliers were formed no doubt as an advertising medium by their sponsors, but the outcome has been a new concept of cricket.

The M.C.C. has paid the Cavaliers the biggest possible compliment by starting a Sunday League next season, and placing a ban on all its registered players playing in televised matches.

The M.C.C. clearly anticipate the B.B.C. making an offer to televise their own Sunday League, but this is by no means certain.

IN ANY EVENT IT LOOKS LIKE THE END OF THE ROAD FOR THE CAVALIERS, WHO HAVE NOT ONLY GIVEN A LOT OF PLEASURE TO A GREAT MANY BUT HAVE ESTABLISHED A PATTERN FOR THE FUTURE.



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HOLIDAY QUIZ

1. Who is the Chairman of Butlin's holiday camps?
2. How much British currency can you take abroad on holiday?
3. With which British holiday resort is Reginald Dixon associated?
4. Where do we get the word 'holiday' from?
5. Where is the Costa Brava?
6. Where is Mr. Harold Wilson's family holiday house?

1. Robert Butlin, son of Sir Billy Butlin.
2. £50.
3. Blackpool.
4. 'Holy day,' as most holidays were once on saint's days.
5. The Mediterranean coast of Spain, immediately south of the French border.
6. St. Mary's, Scilly Isles.