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CAVERSHAM BRIDGE

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CHRISTIAN AID
FIGHTS
WORLD POVERTY

THEIR HAPPINESS IS TEAM SHAPED



Voluntary helpers and friends made it possible for these smiling arthritic sufferers to attend a special service in Westminster Abbey.

'THEY', will have to do something about it! People often say that when faced with someone who is hopelessly ill, disabled or deranged.

And 'THEY' often can, and do, do something about these problems. Charitable organisations by the score as well as the Health Service are able to care for suffering people professionally in homes, hospitals and hostels on a scale which has never been possible before.

We can arrange for sick relatives and friends to be cared for in this way and we can be confident that the

nursing and facilities provided will be better than anything that could be arranged at home.

It is often right to put such problems into 'THEIR' hands. But too often 'THEY' are asked to shoulder what should be a family responsibility.

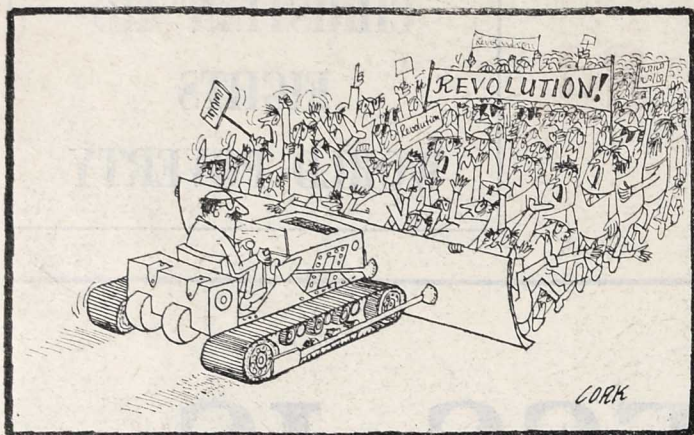
As the state and charity organisations are more and more able to relieve families of long-term, back-breaking nursing, it becomes easier for sufferers to be forgotten by friends and relatives who are only too glad to leave it to 'THEM'.

But 'THEY', however dedicated they may be, have their limitations. We, the healthier members of society, can continue to care for those needing professional nursing and care in institutions, by regular and painstaking visiting, by thoughtful giving of gifts and arranging of outings - and not only for our close relatives.

Indeed, these are things we must do if the suffering are not to suffer a worse pain - that of knowing they are forgotten, unloved people, cast on a human scrap heap.

(See article 'Caring for the Elderly')

GOOD FOR A LAUGH



Good Intentions —and realism—

SOAPBOX

If the autumn is the season of fruit and fog, the new year is without doubt the season of good intentions.

For most of us the resolutions made on January 1st each year have the excitement and glamour of a new car. This is it. At long last we really are going to stop smoking, spend more time with the children, watch less telly, save more money, be less bad tempered, get to work on time, stop gossiping, take a greater interest in what is going on in the world—or whatever else we think would be good for our soul. Our good intentions are parked outside our door—all bright and shiny, and very attractive.

OLD SLOPPY WAYS

But by the middle of March (and very often long before) our gay new resolutions are scattered around like the rusted, clapped-out wrecks in a car-dealer's scrap yard. An embarrassment to the owners and of no use to anyone else—and we go back to our old sloppy ways for the next nine months or so.

We may be defeated—but we are at least a memorial to the supreme optimism of the human animal. We never give up believing that we are capable of better things. That we have all the equipment necessary to clamber up the mountain to that spot on the other side where we can see quite clearly that the grass is greener. Every time we fail we look forward to the next attempt, certain that we'll win through. All we need is another chance. Another new year. Another clean page in the exercise book.

BUT PERHAPS WE REALLY NEED SOMETHING ELSE. PERHAPS WE NEED AN EQUIPMENT CHECK. PERHAPS WE JUST HAVEN'T GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE THE KIND OF PEOPLE WE WANT TO BE.

NOT SKILLED

Certainly if we take a look round the world it doesn't seem as if mankind as a whole is very successful in carrying out its good intentions. The United Nations Charter is as good a resolution as you'll find—but nobody seems to be very skilled at keeping it. We know what we want—we just don't seem to have the equipment to get us there.

Can we really believe that humanity has the answer, that individuals in the world can MAKE THEMSELVES better and better? Do all those who reject the need for God as a poor, superstitious delusion without evidence find any better evidence for putting their faith in man?

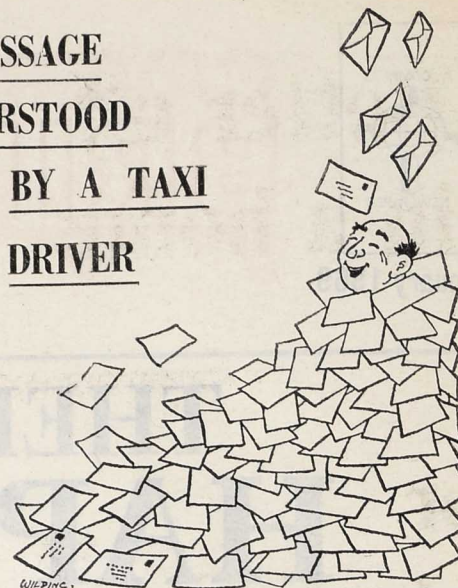
What is needed is less optimism and more realism.

WHY THE MESSAGE WAS MISUNDERSTOOD

BY A TAXI
DRIVER

Dear Sir,

October Soapbox obviously isn't an AA member. Their magazine recently published information that the 'sorry' signal he wants is already in use in France. It's three fingers raised horizontally—'E' for 'Excuse.' They also published a letter



from a driver who tried the signal on a taxi driver, who chased him half way through London, presumably having misunderstood the message.

Personally, I find that pressing one hand to the forehead, then holding it up as if to fend off blows seems to get my apologies across. I agree, though, that a really good signal would do wonders for road safety; it will need Highway Code adoption though. Why not?

Alastair Mackenzie,
28 Barkway Road,
Royston, Herts.

This is the Letter of the month. Mr. Mackenzie receives a guinea prize.

She likes us!

Dear Sir,

I liked your October edition, especially your front page which was just right to go inside our new community newspaper. Several people in our street have also cut out the bit about the new money for reference purposes. In an intensive canvassing campaign resulting in a circulation of 2,500 copies a month it was a help to have articles which were interesting to all our potential readers.

Lucy Villiers,
104 Carter Street,
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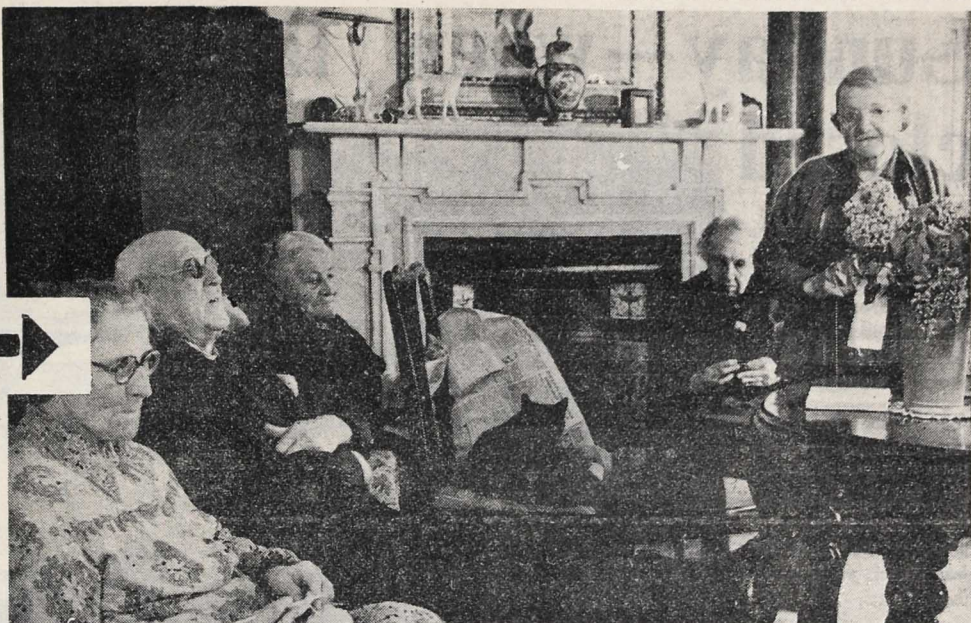
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Better off in a home

or
at home?



They'll get by with a little help

by Marie Spinks

OUR senior citizens are increasing in numbers, and with medicine making further advances, they will soon form an even larger percentage of the population. Many are capable of looking after themselves, but others cannot live alone, then the question is, "Where shall they live? Which son or daughter should offer a home?"

At this point, Christian charity and common humanity often hide themselves under the following familiar excuses;

"We really do need a break from dad. It's somebody else's turn to have him for a bit."

"Aunt Mary ought to have mother. Her family's grown-up and she's got nothing much to do."

"I would love to have my parents, but with the children around I'm afraid the house is too noisy for them."

Poor mum and dad: after bringing up a family in self-sacrifice and love, they are now on offer like an unwanted gift. We are all aware that some old people are not always models of sweetness, but most fit into the average home quite easily. The best plan, with the least strain on all sides, is to let the usually widowed parent have his own self-contained apartment. A warm, well-lit room, preferably on the ground or first floor, with its own cooking facilities, gives independence with unobtrusive supervision, plus ready help when needed.

REPAIRS

Often, an elderly man or woman can go on living in their own home if the home is made suitable. If the family cannot cope, the Citizens' Advice Bureau, or the information officer at the Town Hall will

know of the various task forces and youth organisations who will carry out necessary repairs and decorations.

Such things as seeing that all lino is flat and nailed down, and the windows made to open and shut easily should be done. A low powered electric light fixed up on dark stairs and passages is cheaper, in the long run, than a broken leg.

A safety gas cooker avoids many accidents. These cookers, which cannot be turned on accidentally, can be had from the local gas showroom. In cases of need, the social security service may be able to help with the payment.

When a person is well and active, loneliness will sometimes crush his vitality, even making him disinterested in looking after himself. Shopping and cooking are neglected, and the home degenerates into a dingy, cold centre of solitary confinement.

Families should get together, planning for members to take turns at visiting their own aged. After all, much love and concern is put into helping young John to qualify in his chosen profession, and coaxing daughter, Jane, through her 11 plus. What about sparing a little warmth? And John and Jane won't miss it, especially if they, too, are included in the trips to see grandad.

When an elderly person is living far from relations, those same youth

organisations who help make a home habitable, will also have youngsters willing to befriend the lonely, calling on them, perhaps giving a hand with domestic chores, or often just giving a listening ear. Then the charming ladies from the W.V.S. provide the well-known Meals on Wheels service, ensuring a fair share of good, nourishing food.

If physical defects make life difficult, medical attention will open up an amazing number of channels of help. A whole range of equipment, such as walking aids, can be had from the Red Cross Society on loan, or got through the National Health Service with a doctor's certificate.

DEAFNESS

Old age doesn't mean stupidity, but deafness makes social life very difficult. A suitable hearing aid, and often a new pair of spectacles, can make all the difference between isolation and enjoyment of life. It isn't unknown for the aged to be house-bound solely on account of bad feet. Chiropody has put many back into circulation. Done privately, this service is rather expensive, but arrangements can be made for having it free.

Most towns have Senior Citizens' Clubs where good meals at a low price can be eaten in company. Once suitable friends have been made at these clubs, the older person wonders why youth thinks it's having all the fun.

Going into a home is sometimes the only answer, especially when a deal of nursing care is necessary. But this need not be a permanent move. With modern methods of rehabilitation, many a patient can be restored to a reasonable activity and health. A home ought to be the last resource. However kindly the management, a lot of people living together means rules and regulations. How much nicer to sit on a park bench in the sun, leaving dinner until later on, instead of being tied to fixed times for meals.

NOBODY?

If mum or dad really do need the facilities of a home or institution, they will still need their families. As many outings, especially car trips, as possible, should be offered, as well as weekends away, where this is practicable.

What about those old folk who have nobody? The same voluntary organisations that visit private residences will also be pleased to call regularly at a home or hospital.

Anyone feeling they would like to spare a few hours each week bringing the outside world to the isolated should apply to the W.V.S., or their own minister. Young people can always ask their Scout, Guide or Youth Club leader for suitable addresses.

WITH ALL THE HELP THAT CAN BE HAD, PLUS A LITTLE PRACTICAL CHARITY, GIVEN IN HUMILITY AND SYMPATHY, WE MAY ARRIVE AT THE POET YEATS' LAND, WHERE, "EVEN THE OLD ARE FAIR, AND EVEN THE WISE ARE MERRY OF TONGUE."



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Sunday — when the old world closed

AS YOU LET in the clutch for that Sunday afternoon spin in the family four-seater remember how lucky you are to be living in the enlightened twentieth century.

Little more than a century ago Sunday travel was looked upon as a desecration. Nobody travelled on that day unless they were absolutely bound to for fear ill-luck would befall them.

Business travel was an offence against the law. In 1820 a Radnorshire waggoner was fined for 'pursuing his worldly calling upon the Lord's Day.' In 1859 a Hereford coach firm's announcements contained the statement that 'None but the Mails travel on Sunday.'



Cars jammed among the rush hour traffic

SWINE

Ten years later a man was fined a pound with eight and sixpence costs for driving a herd of swine through the town of Builth

in Breconshire on the Sabbath.

A traveller who was robbed on a week-day could claim against the Borough or Hundred in which the offence was suffered. He could cause the locals to raise a hue and cry and if his property was not recovered the loss had to be made good to him.

An act of 1678 deprived the Sabbath traveller of this indemnity. Thus highwaymen often worked on Sundays in the knowledge that the few travellers profane enough to be using the roads would have business of extreme urgency and would probably be well worth robbing.

CONFESSION

John Clavel, a captured highwayman, in a doggerel verse confession entitled A Recantation of an Ill-Ledde Life warned his readers against Sunday travel. 'God on the way oft meets with him,'—in the form of a highwayman, he said.

In 1969 you've never had it so good—if you can afford the road taxes. In times past you might have crept surreptitiously into the garage to gloat over your expensive mode of transport, but you would not have dared to drive it out onto the road.

Six days could hear your engine labour—but never, no never on a Sunday.

Eric L. King

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CAR SENSE

Cars
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suited
to the
snow
- are
drivers?

Most of us know something about the art of getting about on hard packed snow, but fresh stuff is quite another thing. We're not used to it: by the time we get on the road in the morning the snowploughs have been busy, or the buses and the heavies have ironed it flat.

And let's face it — today's cars are not suited to deep fresh snow: it takes big wheels and plenty of ground clearance to cope easily, but if we haven't got a vintage car or a Land-rover and if there's a sudden heavy snowfall, what's the drill?

The main rules are simple: keep rolling at all costs; don't spin the wheels, and carry a spade. If you do get stuck, try juggling with throttle and clutch to start the car rocking: get it moving like a pendulum, further at each swing, until you break clear.

If it doesn't work, start digging—it'll save you trouble in the long run. Dig in front of all four wheels, straight ahead. Full lock gets you absolutely nowhere in these conditions.

Don't take chances about clothing: a heated car is one thing, but digging underneath it in a blizzard is quite another. You don't want to be another figure on "deaths from exposure" statistics.

A final tip: if your car has rear wheel drive, reverse into your garage. This will give you a good grip for the first ten feet or so; enough to get you rolling even if your drive is on a slope.

Brian Favell.

YOU CAN'T PROVE EVERYTHING

See what I mean?

"Yes," said Harold to Fred when they'd got on the bus, "Some of them scientific things our Pat brings home from school fair make my hair stand on end."

"What's she doing now then?" asked Fred.

"Oh, I dunno—last night it was all about these 'ere computers and things."

"Well, kids know so much nowadays. Full of science and what-not, they are. Good job some of it's useful."

"Course it is," came back Harold. "Look at what the scientists do. New things all the time. And it all starts with that analysing and proving, like at school. No point in bothering about things you can't prove, I say. Stands to reason."

"Hang on," countered Fred. "That's going a bit far. There's a lot of things you can't analyse and prove."

"Name me one." Harold was confident.

"Well trust . . .," started his mate.

"What d'yer mean 'trust'?"

"You have to trust people, don't yer?"

"Like who?"

"Like mates—you know, friends. Like us. Ever since you did that double shift for me when the nipper had that accident—well, we've sort of trusted each other. We know we wouldn't do the dirty on each other. At least we think we do. No one can actually prove it. It's like believing in God or falling in love. You can't be certain till you've tried it."

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FRIENDLY PLACE

OPINIONS may be divided but many newcomers to Caversham have remarked to me on the friendly welcome they have received on coming to live here: neighbours have called and helped in practical ways without delay, and shopkeepers have taken trouble to be friendly. But a community is never the same two days running: our population is both always changing, and always growing, and perhaps not all parts of Caversham are necessarily equally welcoming. If however we have established a reputation for friendliness we must do all we can to maintain it. Undoubtedly the Bridge scheme of social service has had a part to play in the growing friendliness that prevails. Christians, old and young, have through this scheme been able to serve people in quiet and unobtrusive ways.

January is the month when Christians the whole world over set aside a week for prayer for Christian unity. Because the Bridge scheme, together with this newspaper, is a practical expression of our unity it has become the custom to hold a meeting during this week, of all those who help with the Bridge scheme or help distribute this paper, so that we can take stock of the situation and see how improvements can be made. Details of this meeting and of the special services during the week appear on this page; this meeting is also a good occasion for those who do not help in either of these ways but would like to do so, to come along and learn about this work.

We shall once again, during this week, be worshipping together on the Sunday night. This year we go to Caversham Baptist Free Church where a distinguished Methodist, the Rev. Donald Lee, who is chairman of the Southampton District will be our preacher. It is planned to hold ecumenical Bible study groups throughout Caversham this Lent and he has been invited to preach to us on January 19th about corporate Bible study. In Lent 1968 it was most exciting the way so many ecumenical coffee groups sprang up in so many roads throughout Caversham, and it is to be hoped that this Lent even more people will be taking part in group Bible study. This is something in which Christians of all traditions can happily join, and our common study of the word of God ought to lead us a stage further on the path to unity.

In the meantime let us remember that there are still many people who are lonely and who have not yet felt that they are members of a living and friendly community in Caversham. The work of the Bridge scheme will never be complete so long as there is a single lonely or needy person in our midst. And if you happen to be one of those who thinks Caversham unfriendly, perhaps you should ask yourself the question "What am I doing to serve the local community?" Perhaps YOUR help will make all the difference—so come along to St. Andrew's Hall on the evening of Thursday, January 23rd and add one more to the ranks of those who want to ensure that Caversham really is a friendly place.

John Grimwade

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

THE ROAD TO UNITY

"In order to unite with one another, we must love one another."

In order to love one another, we must know one another. In order to know one another, we must go and meet one another."

Cardinal Mercier the great apostle of Christian unity said this fifty years ago.

What are YOU doing about this?

NEW LOOK FOR CHURCH HOUSE

No 57 Church Street commands a fine view of Prospect Street. Owned by the parish of Caversham and known as Church House it has been the place where Caversham Horticultural Society, Caversham Residents Association and many other organisations have been accustomed to hold meetings. Recently it has been completely re-decorated: a separate room has been partitioned off to make a kitchen, and new furnishings, we understand, are on the way. In the past it must be admitted the large upstairs room had become rather dismal. Now, if you want a meeting place for about sixty people, it is one of the most attractive rooms in Caversham for the purpose. The thriving community life of Caversham will no doubt soon be making very good use of this centrally placed room.

TO HIRE

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st. 7-30 p.m.

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Preacher:

THE VERY REV. ROBIN WOODS

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— ♦ —

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd. 8 p.m.

SERVICE AT CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS
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— ♦ —

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23rd. 8 p.m.

MEETING FOR ALL BRIDGE SCHEME HELPERS AND
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- * Replace zip fasteners
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- * Wash, dry blankets
- * Wash men's boiler suits or overalls
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- ★ The aim of the scheme is to promote good neighbourliness and to encourage each of us to help others. Some need aid in sickness or emergencies; - others, continuing friendship.
- ★ There are in the area, great resources of skill, knowledge and good will. These, properly directed, make life a lot easier for many people.
- ★ The organisers operate a system which we hope makes full use of these talents and your readiness to help. They want to see that needs are met by the right people at the right time.
- ★ We do not compete with the official Social Services. Our aim is to co-operate with them and fill in the gaps.
- ★ Anybody may join the scheme - or ask help from it.

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HOW IT WORKS

A master list of helpers showing details of what help is offered is kept by the Central Organiser. Duplicate copies are kept by the area organisers for cross reference purposes. There are five areas: Mapledurham; North, East, South and West Caversham.

Requests for help may come from you directly, or from neighbours, distributors of the "Caversham Bridge", or clergy. They go first to the Central Organiser who allocates the job to the Area organiser generally, otherwise to the helper most conveniently placed.

The scheme has been running for three years. At the present moment a full revision of the lists of helpers is taking place, checking whether help is still available from all who volunteered earlier. (Please return a form if you are willing to help, and help us get our lists completed). Newcomers and those who may change their minds

and feel they have something to offer now will surely want to offer their services. No helper will be called upon too frequently. Not all offers of help will be taken up immediately, but it will be of great value to know we can call upon you if necessary.

Will you please study the illustrated questionnaire on the opposite page? When you have decided, fill in the form and return it to,

the distributor who brings your
"Caversham Bridge"

OR to any of the organisers of the Scheme,

OR to your priest, pastor or minister.

WHO TO CONTACT

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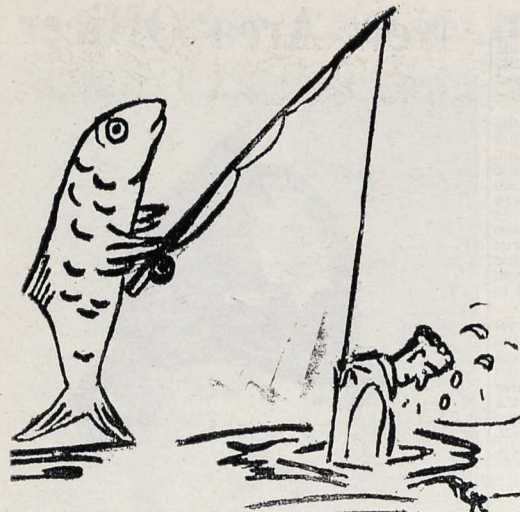
EXPLANATION

On this page are some ways in which you can take part in the BRIDGE SCHEME.

Before you start ticking the boxes please turn to the centre-page and read carefully the explanation of the scheme.

When you have decided that you would like to help, and have indicated your choice, please return this whole page to any of the people listed at the foot of the centre-page explanation. Your answers will be carefully indexed for immediate reference.

If you would like to use any of the services offered PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE to contact the organisers.



In an emergency only . . .



- Provide transport ☐
 Deliver and collect children from school ☐
 Do shopping ☐

Or I am also willing to



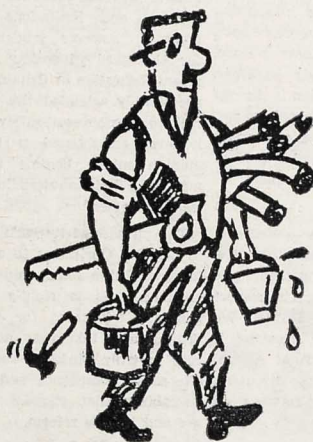
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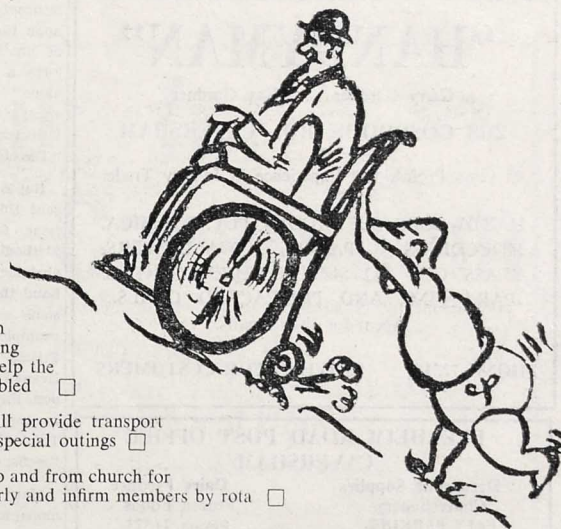
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ANGLO-METHODIST REUNION

Dear Sir,
WHILST ONE rejoices at the progress towards Christian Unity, in that both parties are concerned to fulfil Our Lord's prayer that "they may be one," it does seem to me that the real differences have been almost entirely ignored.

Whatever may be said towards the Sacraments, the fact remains that these matters do not occupy the forefront of Methodist thinking. For them the primary doctrine is that of Faith in the atoning death of our Lord. Their attitude to Sacraments and Ministry, and indeed the Church itself, is conditioned by the doctrine of Justification by Faith. An interesting addition to this doctrine however has recently been made by some Methodist theologians who now speak of "Justification by faith through grace." I am not sure of the meaning of this addition, but it could mean an approximation of what Catholics believe about justification. Those Methodists who have dissented from the findings of the

Unity Commission — and they include some of their best men — are acting perfectly logically. They fear an excessive sacramentalism in the proposed union for sacraments in their view, are not necessary for salvation. Faith alone is necessary. Whilst perhaps the majority of Methodists agree with them, many are ready to enter into communion with a Church in which two sacraments are regarded as necessary to salvation. For those who hold the doctrine of Justification by Faith as the all-important Christian doctrine, the Church is not much more than an association of like-minded people; its form of Ministry is merely one of convenience, depending upon the members themselves; whilst the sacraments are regarded as alright for those who like outward signs, but as means of grace but rather as signs or assurance of grace already received through Faith. The general impression I have is that Methodists (in spite of all that has been written) do not attach the importance to baptism that we do, because they really believe that they are justified by faith without it.

You may say "What is Justification." Answers to this question have filled many books, for it is the one burning controversy of the Reformation period. Literal meaning of the word is "To make righteous or just." The teaching of the Church of England is that the process of justification begins at baptism in response to faith in Christ. In other words it is chiefly through the sacraments received in repentance and faith, that

we are made righteous.

Faith means much more than just saying "I believe Christ died for me," it means belief and trust, and above all self-surrender to Christ and all this is necessary to the profitable reception of the Sacraments.

This doctrine of Justification was seized by Luther and developed by others as a means of 'short-circuiting' the necessity for Church, Ministry, Sacraments. Hence the Salvationists' quite logical statement: "There is nothing that you can get through a sacrament that you cannot get through faith." I wonder how many of our Methodist brethren would subscribe to that statement?

The Archbishop of Canterbury writes in his book "Introducing the Christian Faith" in the chapter "Concerning Unity": "In the 17th chapter of St. John it is recorded that Christ prayed for a unity of his disciples. If you are trying to be a Christian, I am sure you

are concerned about that. But notice also that, in this same prayer Christ prayed that his disciples might become holy, sanctified; and he also prayed that they might learn truth—'sanctify them in truth.'

Unity, truth, holiness: the three are inseparable. Because of its connection with truth, Christian Unity cannot be based on theological vagueness or indifference. And as for holiness the implication is that we are drawn into that togetherness with one another which Christ desires if we are also being drawn into that togetherness with Him which is our call to be saints.

Re-union, then, goes with recovery of truth, and with the reconnection of lives. Each of these is urgent in its demands upon us. None of these however can be faster than the others; and there is a divine urgency and a divine patience.

BRIAN WOOLGAR.

"LEAVE IT ALONE"

Dear Sir,

The November and December issues of "Caversham Bridge" carried excellent articles on drug dependence, for which the readers of the "Bridge" are greatly indebted to Mrs. Mair.

Clearly the advice that Mrs. Mair, and indeed all of us, would give to any young person about drug-taking would be "leave it alone." Don't be dared, kidded or flattered into trying it, for kicks, for the experience, or to be sociable. Leave it alone. "Just once" sounds harmless, but the first occasion is the one that spoils the record, makes the second possible, and opens the way to the downhill path of greater and more frequent indulgence.

This golden rule — "leave it alone"—is the rule that the Nonconformist Churches urge upon their members in respect of another drug—alcohol. We have a name for "leaving it alone," which is Total Abstinence, which gave rise through a humorous accident to the word "Teetotaler."

But it would be wrong to present this as a Denominational issue, for many of my fellow Methodists are not total abstainers, and on the other hand there are in all Churches some who abstain. When, for example, fifteen young Irish Priests were lent to Cardinal Heenan for special work in London, thirteen of them proved to be members of the "Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart."

Many organisations were promoted in the nineteenth century to advocate temperance—that is moderation—in drinking, but these reformers found that moderation was no antidote to drunkenness (because the first drink impaired will-power) and so they began to adopt the pledge of total abstinence as the only safeguard, and today Temperance Societies (of which the Reading Temperance Society is one of the most active and progressive in the Country) no longer advocate temperance, but Total Abstinence. The call, as with the drugs that Mrs. Mair was discussing, is to "leave it alone."

As Mrs. Mair pointed out, some people want certain drugs to be legalised. Some indeed, would go further and

make them socially acceptable. It was argued in a television programme that cannabis—hemp—marijuana is less harmful than alcohol, which has always been legally and socially accepted.

Legal prohibition of the production and sale of alcohol has been tried in America, and seemed to produce evils greater than those it was intended to remove. In some countries some controls and limitations are accepted, however grudgingly, for the good of society, and recent legislation in Britain has successfully extended the principle to promote road safety, but however enlightened public opinion might become there must be a limit to restriction by legal processes.

The purpose of this article is to urge all Christians to apply to alcohol the same voluntary abstinence as is rightly and generally advocated for other drugs, and so take away, at any rate in truly Christian society, the social acceptance and respectability that disguise danger and impede reform.

The man or woman who abstains cannot become an alcoholic, for obviously the alcoholic when he or she first took a drink had no thought of becoming addicted. The man or woman who abstains will face sudden temptation with full moral faculties, whether the temptation is to promiscuity, theft, or violence.

The man or woman who abstains for Christ's sake will be creating a helpful environment and will never in this context incur His condemnation who said "It would be better for a man to be thrown into the sea with a millstone round his neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble."

On this issue as in all others, there will be tolerance between Christians who disagree. Many fine Christians believe in Moderation but not in Total Abstinence. One must admit that one's mind is conditioned by one's early training in a Methodist Band of Hope, as are one's opponents' minds by the social acceptance of alcohol in their own circles, but the weight of evidence that is piling up, the weight of evidence, for example, on drink and driving, on drink and promiscuity, on drink and violence, is all on one side.

And moderate drinking is no safeguard. To the committed disciple comes the stern command: "If thine eye offend thee, cut it out."

Yours etc.,
J. M. CLARK.

New Area Officer



P.C. White

Walton Adams

A Somerset man, P.C. White has succeeded P.C. Ford as the area officer for the eastern end of Caversham. No stranger to these parts he came to East Caversham when he joined the police force in 1955. A married man, with two schoolboy sons, he now lives at Emmer Green. Formerly in the Coldstream Guards he served for three years in the Holy Land and one of his ambitions is to take his wife there sometime for a holiday.

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ROUND THE CLUBS

Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild

At the Annual General Meeting of the Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild, held at St. Andrews Hall on November 21st, the following officers were elected:— Chairman: Mrs. V. Birtwhistle; Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. M. Dawes; Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Payne; Vice-chairman: Mrs. M. Hill.

Mrs. V. Kitcher, the Guild's first Chairman who had been on the Committee for the whole life of the Guild until this month, was elected the Guild's first President, and both she and the retiring Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. C. Strange, received presentations with expressions of appreciation from all the members of the Guild.

In her annual report the Secretary said that membership now stood at 131, and in 1968 eleven meetings had been held with an average attendance of 70. The programme had been varied, ranging from talks on the BBC Monitoring Service; English Porcelain; and the History of Light Opera, to a Medical Brains Trust and a talk by the winner of the "Young Journalist of the Year" award. Activities had included visits to a TV Show; to a drama production at Broadmoor Hospital and to an "At Home" at Littlewoods store. Members had also visited Royal Ascot and Hambledon Vineyard and winepress.

The Arts and Crafts Section had had a busy year, with classes in dressmaking, collage and tatting. A Federation Exhibition in the Town Hall in June was well supported and five gold, eight silver and seven bronze stars were won by members' entries.

The Drama and Music Sections had both been active, and both the Choir and the Drama Group had entertained the Guild with performances much appreciated by members.

The Social Studies Section had "A look at Modern Living" as their theme for the year, and in addition to regular monthly meetings visited St. Benedict's School, Reading Telephone Exchange and Basingstoke New Town.

The International Section also held monthly meetings with speakers of high calibre and in addition members attended the International Slough Festival and sent a delegate to the Human

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild was held on November 21st when the Officers and Committee were elected for the ensuing year.

The Hon. Sec. gave an account of the activities of the Guild during the past year, which were very gratifying in view of the fact that the Guild is a small one with a membership of about 50 and an average attendance of 35.

In order to keep the finances on a sound basis it had been necessary to curtail contributions to charities but some donations had been sent to the Jim Butcher holiday home at Hayling Island and the Reading branch of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

The various Sections had worked well together and the Guild was a very happy and lively one.

Miss E. Baker, the chairman, thanked the members of the committee for the co-operation they had shown during the year. Community singing followed while the votes for the new committee were being counted. Mrs. Morgan, the returning officer announced the results as follows:—

Chairman: Mrs. A. Smith. Vice-chairman: Miss N. Brown.

Secretary: Mrs. P. Tiffen. Treasurer: Miss E. Baker. Mrs. Starkey thanked Mrs. Morgan and her two tellers, for coming to officiate and presented each with a floral spray. These ladies judged the competition for a Christmas table decoration which was won by Mrs. J. Featherstone.

There was a collection of gay cushions on display, made by members attending soft furnishing classes.

Among the visitors was a student nurse from Guyana, Miss Shanta Ramid, who was being entertained by a member, Mrs. B. Stratford, who is interested in the East and West Friendship Council.

Rights Conference. The Group are represented on the International Federation Committee; have entertained Commonwealth visitors through the Victoria League, and have helped at the International Friendship Club.

After the business was over a successful Bring and Buy Sale was held, and the Guild Choir entertained most pleasantly with several items from their repertoire.

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

The speaker at the October meeting was Mr. J. Bannon, husband of one of our members, who gave an interesting talk on the work of the Meteorological Office.

At the November meeting the officers to serve for the coming year were elected, and colour slides of the Guild outing to Slimbridge were shown.

On November 7th the Drama group joined with the Woodley and Whiteknights Guilds and each group presented a play.

Members of the Arts and Crafts group spent an enjoyable evening on November 26th at the Berkshire College of Agriculture, Burchetts Green when Miss W. Vowles gave a mouth-watering demonstration on "Cooking with wine."

The next Guild meeting will be on December 10th when Mr. B. S. Bush will be giving a talk on "The Decimal System."

SUE RYDER HOMES

"These are they" a film showing the work of the Sue Ryder homes for the survivors of Concentration Camps will be available from January 22-29th for showing to organisations in Caversham. Anyone who wishes to make use of this film is asked to contact Miss Faull, 8 Balmore Drive, Tel: 75420.

Rosehill Women's Institute

Mrs. Sizer (President) welcomed two new members at our monthly meeting.

Mrs. Currie gave a report on the Autumn Council Meeting which she attended as our Delegate.

An interesting talk was then given by Mrs. Bluring (a member) on her visit to Japan, and coloured slides were also shown.

Competition for home-made calendars was won by Mrs. Cook.

Blagrove W.I.

The November Meeting was presided over by Mrs. Sholl with a good attendance. Mrs. Griffiths gave a report on the Group Meeting. The speaker from the Flour Advisory Bureau on "Modern Meals and Modern Life" was very interesting. Mrs. Plumridge read the letter of thanks for the donation given to The League of Friends raised by the members' meeting.

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

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

A loud cheer went up all over Caversham when the Inspector's report on building in Buggs Bottom was received. No building at all is to be permitted. Most of the objectors will not find themselves in agreement with the Inspector that the fairly small number of houses envisaged would not have a serious effect on living conditions in Caversham for with the heavy pressure there already is on transport, educational and drainage facilities in the area, even a small increase could be the last straw that caused the final breakdown. However, on basing his recommendation for refusal on the grounds that the view would be irreparably spoilt he has given a reason that will still hold good if at some time in the future the at present inadequate facilities may be improved. Not that we can afford to be complaisant for there are still many envious eyes cast on that highly desirable site.

SURLEY ROW

We also asked about arrangements regarding retrospective planning particularly in regard to the two storey garage in Surley Row. She agreed it was hideous but explained that it was due to the kind of human error to which we are all subject, that it got past the Planning Committee. We are still not convinced that it was the right decision to allow it to remain instead of ordering the whole thing to come down but Mrs. Lovett assures us that she insisted on the principle that this application should be treated in the same way as any other application and not be given special consideration because it came from the Housing Committee. So any unworthy thoughts being harboured along those lines must be banished.

BUGGS BOTTOM

When the Resident's Association met Alderman Mrs. Lovett for the discussion as

PRESS NOTICES

Another question concerned press notices of planning applications. The Com-

mittee is only obliged to give these when the building concerned falls roughly into two categories, sport or recreation, such as a cinema or what might be described as offensive usage such as a slaughter house. The local committee does in fact advertise any other application that they feel is likely to arouse strong feelings but they are under no obligation to do so. There seems to be a large gap in the law here as an unscrupulous or negligent council could push through a large development completely altering a town's character without anyone knowing anything about it till it was too late, and be legally within their rights in doing so.

NEED FOR REFORM?

We were left wondering and not for the first time, at the end of this very useful discussion, whether the present system of local government does not place too heavy a burden on Town Councillors who want to carry out their duties conscientiously when there are anything up to half a dozen committees on which they are required to sit. There seems need for reform here. It is easy to make accusations of bungling inefficiency but it is a miracle that anything is achieved under the present system.

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ST. JOHN'S FAYRE

The Fayre, which was opened with a nice touch of humour by the Rev'd John Crowe, who was ably supported by his wife Una, continued all afternoon in the same happy and good humoured way. Various comments were passed that both it, and the goods on sale, were better than in previous years — certainly the proceeds were. We all but cleared £150 profit, which is more than half as much again than in the previous three or four years.

One of the organising spirits behind these annual Fayres has been Mrs. Doris Gillett, and the fact that they have been such happy and worthwhile occasions has been due to a great degree to her leadership. However she now feels that the time has come for a change; a change of leadership, and a change

of activity for her. So next year's Fayre of November 8th will be under new management, and probably in a new place.

STEWARDSHIP

Last year, the Stewardship Committee composed a special evening service for Stewardship Sunday. Comparatively few people were in church to take part then, but those who were were highly appreciative. "One of the most moving services I think I have ever taken part in." And some suggested, it should be used again, so that the rest of the congregation should be able to benefit from it.

So this year part of it, a meditation on some words of St. Paul, was revised for the occasion, and then given before the Sunday Eucharist by three members of the lay committee, who had composed it. Once again, people have been saying how helpful they found it.

This raises the question, whether room should not be made within our central acts of worship for more explicitly creative contributions by members of the congregation. No doubt, if it was thought necessary, suitable means could be found to make clear, which were the trained and authorised spokesmen.

A HOT CHRISTMAS

At least one member of St. John's is more likely to be complaining of the heat than the cold this Christmas. Mrs. Joyce Bailey flew out to Melbourne in Australia to spend three months with her son, who has recently settled there. She should just miss their hottest time of year, which is very uncomfortable, and be back to enjoy what might be our coldest, which is also very uncomfortable!

An Affair on the Heights

Reporting of past events is often a rather dreary exercise, but the Christmas Fayre at Caversham Heights Methodist Church is worthy of note if only because it was such a happy affair. The opening—by Major and Mrs. N. Coslett—set the tone of the event from the start and it continued to be a delightful occasion. At the end we had a very informal but completely hilarious concert given by some of the men of the church.

The wedding took place in November of Maureen Hickox and Harry Emblen. Maureen, who is well known in this area, made a very pretty bride. We would like to send them our best wishes.

Sunday school is an out-moded name these days but, call it by whatever name you will, the training of our young folk to take their place in the world as Christian men and women is surely one of the most important facets of our church life.

The pattern of this work in the Heights Methodist Church is centred on the morning service when for the first part of the service families sit together and worship together; half way through the service the children leave to go to their own lessons and it is quite a moving moment as children all over the church quietly get up and walk down the aisle. At no other time does one see the Sunday School quite like this and one is conscious of the responsibility which is ours.

A great debt is owed to those who are prepared to miss the morning worship to teach and train these young folk. It is difficult to express thanks but we try to say it to those who have heard and responded to the call to this particular task in the Master's service.

Len Ash Retires

Mr. Len Ash, a member of Caversham Heights Methodist Church for over 22 years, moved away to Brixham in November.

Mr. Ash, whose charming personality and steadfast faith have been an inspiration to us all, started preaching as a boy of 16 in the Newbury Circuit, where his father was a Local Preacher before him.

Those of us who remember Rhoda, his wife, who died in 1961, do so with great affection. Her shining faith and loving-kindness endeared her to all who knew her.

In 1962 Mr. Ash retired after 46 years as a signaller with British Rail. The lives of many hundreds and thousands of people must have passed safely through his hands in all those years. This marvellous record was only broken during the time that Mr. Ash was serving in the army from 1916 to 1919.

Mr. Ash has reason to be proud of his three married children, Ray, Daphne and John, all of whom have in different ways dedicated their lives to the service of Christ.

Gardening is Mr. Ash's chief relaxation, and we trust that he will find time to spend many happy hours in his "new" garden at Brixham.

We pay tribute and grateful thanks to a truly Christian gentleman and wish him another 22 years of healthy, active and joyful service to our Lord.

New Light at St. Barnabas'

ST. ANDREW'S

Another major step towards the renovation of St. Barnabas Hall has been made now the large new windows have been fitted. And what a difference they make! For the first time since 1899 when this building was erected as the Church, direct sunlight floods across the floor. During coffee after Church on the first occasion with the new windows it was most noticeable that people were distributed right across the room instead of being huddled near the door as they used to be before. Let us hope that new light will bring new life to this old building.

The young men who serve so faithfully at the Family Eucharist throughout the year were taken out to dinner at the White Hart, Nettlebed one evening in November. The gesture of treating them to an excellent and filling meal showed them our gratitude in a way that young men appreciate.

The members of the Coffee Pot enjoyed their November Meeting when Mr. John Crook described his impressions of Australia. He and his family have recently come to live in Emmer Green after spending two years 'down under'. Judging by his collection of colour slides it is certainly a place which challenges and inspires.

The Men's Forum heard a most moving account of the work of Borocourt Hospital, given by Mr. Wright the Chief Nursing Officer. This hospital, situated five miles north of Emmer Green, helps people whose brains have been damaged and are therefore sub-normal. Of the 550 patients, eighty percent are there for life, because the attention they need is far greater than any normal family can give them. We learnt of the many problems associated with the care of such people, and heard how difficult some parents find it to accept and look after a severely sub-normal child.

Mr. Wright would like to receive offers from people who are prepared to visit this hospital, perhaps once a month, and share some of his staff's load by taking an interest in one or two patients.

On Sunday evening February 2nd a specially composed service of hymns and other music will be broadcast to all the hospitals of Reading from our Church.

Last November a coach load from St. Andrew's went to see Miss Angela Butler in Stepney. At the time Angela was Warden of Church House, Wellclose Square—the hostel founded by Father Joe Williamson for social work among women. The visit began with a brief and moving talk by Angela about her work. She spoke of her dealings with drug addicts, unmarried mothers and women faced with the most appalling moral and spiritual problems. This was followed by visits to the local church—St. Paul's, Dock Street, to a disused Variety Theatre and to a recently constructed adventure playground.

One or two of our younger members ventured into an abandoned warehouse often frequented, among others by meths drinkers. At the time this warehouse was empty. We then had tea in Church House to the accompaniment, downstairs, of a local pop group which, again, appealed to our younger members. Finally we went to the Parish Church of St. George in the East, Stepney. This is a most attractive building. It has an eighteenth century classical exterior and yet a church, a church hall and four flats are all contained beneath its one roof.

The purpose of this visit was to build stronger links between Caversham and Stepney. Angela still looks upon St. Andrew's as her home church and she is more than grateful for any interest and support which we can give her. On January 6th Angela is moving to Birmingham where she is going to open another house on similar lines. There she will be working in the parishes of St. Mary, Moseley and St. Paul Balsall Heath. When in Birmingham her links with Stepney will be maintained and both houses will continue to be financed out of the Wellclose Square Fund.

PLAYGROUP

Since last September there has again been a Playgroup every Wednesday morning in St. Andrew's Hall. We are grateful to the Women's Group for opening this and in particular to those members of the Group who have actually done the work. There are no vacancies in the Playgroup at the moment. All enquiries should be made to Mrs. Dennis, 4 Conisbore Avenue.

Baltimore Hall Improvements

Members of St. Peter's District Committee found themselves unable to consider all the items on the agenda at their November meeting, and among other things, the allocation of missionary giving for 1968 had to be deferred to the next meeting. Concern was expressed at the state of Baltimore Hall, as after sixty five years' use it is apparent that substantial improvements are now urgently necessary: in particular the flooring is in a very worn state. It was decided that certain organisations which until now had been allowed to use the hall without charge would have to be asked to make some contribution, and when the District Budget is drawn up for 1969 an attempt will be made to allocate some money for

necessary improvements. The Committee also met representatives of Toc H and discussed with them the need for improvements in the Toc H building, and it is hoped to put these in hand shortly.

St. Peter's Wives

At their annual meeting in the newly decorated Church House Mrs. Joy Saunders was elected chairman in succession to Mrs. Barbara Lightowler who had completed her two year term of office. Mrs. Lightowler was warmly thanked for the wonderful work she had done as chairman, and the group has grown considerably while she has been chairman. Mrs. Fulbrook, the secretary also retired from the Committee, and the Group owes much to her for her work in this capacity.

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FAREWELL TO STEP COTTAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Waller left Mapledurham in the middle of December, and moved down to a cottage in Kingston St. Mary near Taunton. They will be greatly missed. Their ten years at Step Cottage enabled them to make a wonderful contribution to the life of the community, especially to the young and old.

They came to the parish in April, 1959 and lived in a caravan while Roy improved and decorated the cottage. Roy's ability with words—he worked at an Advertising Agency in Reading—enabled him to write and produce "The Mapledurham Pageant" which was presented on St. Margaret's Day, July 22nd 1962. Doris, with the help of others, made nearly all the costumes. They were also responsible for organising many memorable parish parties—"social evenings" with a difference. "We started", said Roy, "with a 'Victorian Evening'. We hired or made the clothes and had Victorian food and entertainment. We entitled another evening 'Cafe Continental'. I remember Eric Wood, the Vicar, coming as a skier."

Doris will be remembered for her warm friendliness with young and old. For the last five years she has been a most capable and imaginative Infant Helper at Mapledurham School. For three years she was President of the Women's Institute, and it was the 50th anniversary of the branch's foundation which resulted in her leading the way in forming an old people's club for the parish. "I thought we ought to do something more than putting up a seat. I felt something should be done for the old people. These last few years with young children at the school and with the old people have been a wonderful experience."

One of the last things that Roy and Doris organised was the annual Carol Evening at Trench Green Hall that they started a few years ago. A presentation on behalf of the parish was a sign of everyone's appreciation for all they had done during their ten years in Mapledurham.

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Albert Tufnell — alias Thimble — left his pretty bride Shirley to wait in vain at the village altar to teach her domineering mother a lesson. It almost worked but for a telegram from Albert's superiors advising him to postpone the wedding. It upset everybody—except the prospective mother-in-law that is. It even unsettled the good-hearted best man Carnoustie and the placid father-in-law whose ferrets were to him by far more important than the legal tangles which almost checked Shirley's second attempt to be joined in holy matrimony.

"Watch it Sailor," performed by the MAPLE-DURHAM REPERTORY ASSOCIATION at the end of November, introduced the public some new faces which was most refreshing. The play is dominated by young characters—so well portrayed by Heather Mumme (the bride), Michael Gandon (Albert), Gillian Lidbetter (the bridesmaid)

and Richard Govett (Carnoustie)—and this had also a pleasant reflection among the audience which has been so far noticeably middle-aged. It has undoubtedly caught the imagination of some young people in the area and I hope —to echo producer Kathleen Lacey's wish—it will become a more permanent feature in the MRA future productions. The cast also included Kathleen Bubb (Shirley's mother), Albert Wake (Shirley's father), Eileen Wake (Shirley's auntie), Yvonne Taylor (a neighbour) and Patrick Ross (Lieut. Commander Hardcastle). Richard Govett's scottish accent was a major effort and Eileen Wake had a most satisfying part.

ENJOYABLE

On the whole it was an enjoyable performance although it tended to drag at times through abiding too strictly to the text. By cutting out some repetitive passages and by making everyone react more swiftly, the producer could have enlivened the show considerably.

P.G.



A scene from 'Watch it Sailor'

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St. John's

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St. Andrew's

Oct. 20—Simon Burnell.
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Simon Lake.
Christopher Laycock.
Kevin Lovegrove.
Benjamin Payne.
Michael Platt.
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Nicholas Robinson.

St. Barnabas'

Oct. 20—Nicola Warner.
Nov. 17—Simmon Satchell.
Susan Moore.
Nov. 24—Michael Norris.

MARRIED

St. Peter's

Oct. 12—John Caraco and Mary
Cunningham.
Barry Jarvis and Joan
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Oct. 26—John Fitzwilliam and
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Nov. 30—Graham Willets and
Felicity Nutt.

St. John's

Oct. 5—Raymond Williams and
Maureen Sunderland.

Oct. 12—Reginald Barnes and
Maureen Bicknell.

St. Andrew's

Oct. 6—Alan Shepherd and
Doreen Robinson.
William Harrell and
Cicely Atkins.

Oct. 12—James and Sally Webb.

St. Barnabas'

Oct. 5—Peter Cooke and
Patricia Downes.
Hugh Haynes and
Diane Sansum.

BURIED

St. Peter's

Oct. 17—George Jewell.
Nov. 13—Rachel Adin.
Dec. 3—Margaret Eppstein.
St. Margaret's, Mapledurham
Oct. 14—Elizabeth Jackson.

YOUTH AT THE HELM

The 1st Reading Y.M.C.A. Sea Scouts who have their boat house on the Warren are one of the very few troops in the county that are recognised by the Royal Navy. Owing to the number of boys that have been on the waiting list for some time another section has been formed, and they meet at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday mornings and at the boathouse on Wednesday evenings in the summer. Any boy wishing to join should contact either Mr. A. J. Bingham, the Group Scout

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The Revd. B. Salmon, vicar of Cramlington, told us: "We already publish a welcome leaflet from the Council of Churches which provides new-comers with an introduction to the locality and what is going on. Our newspaper will make a follow-up contact with them.

"We want to keep our regular church goers informed of what is going on, and also to reach out with Christian comments and local news to those on the fringes."

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COMPASS - N. HARROW

NORTH HARROW is a typical suburb on the Middlesex side of London.

The new edition of Compass there is circulated by the local Church of England parish and has replaced a magazine which had a circulation of just over 1,000.

The Revd. D. W. Chisholm, told us that they hoped to double their magazine circulation with a newspaper and that there are already a band of 100 regular distributors. He says, "We hope that Compass will enable us to stop our Parish journal being 'the Church talking about itself to itself'. We shan't only report church news but also what is happening in other aspects of life in the parish."

It is hoped that a copy of Compass will be left each month in such places as hairdressers', doctors', and dentists' waiting rooms.

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THIS MONTH WE WELCOME FOUR NEW PAPERS TO COMPASS GROUP AND TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THEM.

COMPASS - WORKSOP

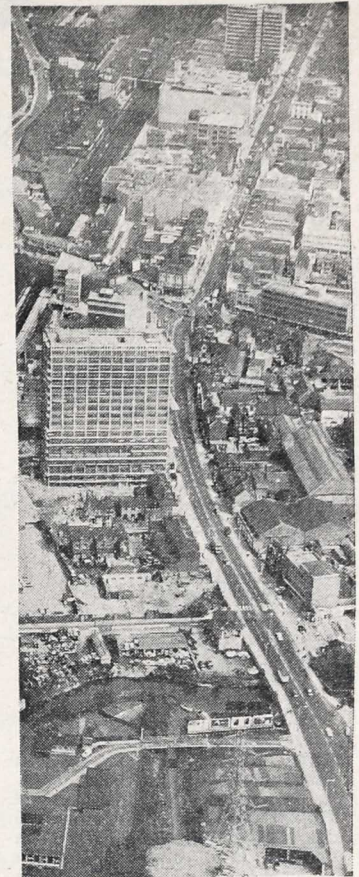
WORKSOP lies roughly half way between Nottingham and Doncaster, and numbers amongst its beautiful buildings the Priory Church.

It is the members of this church who are producing the new edition of Compass Worksop Priory.

In a letter to his parishioners, the Revd. P. Boulton, the vicar of Worksop, pointed out that the old parish magazine in content and circulation had been chiefly confined to regular members of the Priory congregation. "What we want to do now is to make Compass encompass the whole parish by the extensiveness of its interest, its content, and its circulation."

In other words this new publicity medium of the popular-size tabloid paper will serve the parish as did its predecessor of 100 years ago.

It is hoped that this edition of Compass will provide the beginnings of a paper for all the parishes of Worksop and eventually for all the Christian churches.



The area in which the Ilford edition of Compass will be circulated.

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COMPASS - ILFORD

ILFORD is in an area known as London over the border. It is a large suburban part of Essex where the Church has to face the major task of communicating with people who aren't members.

The Rev. A. J. Allsop, vicar of St. Alban's Ilford, the Parish that will be producing this edition of Compass says, "So often the church's voice is only heard by its active members, and this does not do very much to further its purpose."

He hopes to do something about it through the newspaper. "I do not see Compass as primarily aimed at the 'regulars' nor do I see it as primarily aimed at 'Outsiders' — I hope that it will serve both; my aim is to use it as far as possible to bind together the regulars—to make them aware of the importance of communicating with others; I aim also to speak to 'outsiders' of what the church stands for without ramming it down their throats—to show them that the church's real interest is with people and their problems and to try to show that God cares."



A school in Cramlington



Spanning the years with the Forsyte family

The "Magic Box" has brought Buffalo Bill and Red Indians to our firesides. "Oldey" films—silent ones and "Talkies"—re-played on T.V. make the eras of Charlie Chaplin and the Marx Brothers, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers part of our experience. The clothes they wore, contemporary to the time of making have become familiar to us through television.

Some viewers will remember wearing the short-skirted styles of the twenties—and others the broad shouldered suits of the forties. Others remember, farther back than even silent films, grandma and grandpa with Edwardian side-whiskers and boaters, striped blouses and frilled parasols. For the younger generation it has all become part of history. But television, often in serial plays, makes former days and ways relive for us.

FAMILY

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FAMILY Twelfth night - and it's Packaway Day

Christmas gifts are put away. New hankies have been used; new brooches or scarves worn. Bath salts and talcum powder have been tried out; chocolates sampled. Most of our thank-you letters have been written, some of them on new notepaper or decorative notelets. Nearly all of them consist of stereotyped inanities:

"We hope you had a good Christmas."
"Thank you for my lovely present."

BAUBLES

Once again the baubles have been taken from the dried up tree and laid gently in cotton-wool for another year. (What nostalgic memories their fairy tinklings evoke!)

The shrivelled ever-

greens have been put out to burn and the home-made crib dismantled. Mary in her blue robe; Joseph with his dark beard and stout staff; the shepherd lad carrying a lamb; the ox and the ass; the angels with silver wings and rather grubby gowns. And the Babe himself, cradled in a manger that once held mustard and cress.

SYMBOLIC

All are put away in the depths of a cupboard together with their wooden stable. One feels that this action is all too symbolic for some of us. Do we indeed only bring out the Holy Family for twelve days each year, to be hidden away for the remaining three hundred

and fifty-three?

We have taken a last look at the cards and reluctantly packed them up to be sent to some deserving charity. One or two special ones, perhaps, are retained. New addresses have been faithfully copied into the address book.

MEMORIES

Apart from nutshells and crumpled paper, what remains?

Memories of warm greetings exchanged; of food, fun and fellowship shared with those nearest to our hearts.

And almost inevitably a vow. Next year we will do all our shopping early and have time for all the things we never manage to do!

MARION HOLDEN

Story of mini soldiers



LOOK THROUGH any child's treasure chest. You can be pretty certain to find among the toys inside it, at least one or more toy soldiers.

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The Roman Empire fell but the tiny armies fought on down the centuries. Peasant children had roughly carved infantry but the 15th century, My Lord's heir waged war with soldiers made by craftsmen working in gold, silver and bronze. Naturally these were carefully stored and today exquisite examples can be seen in museums at Paris and also Munich.

FELL OVER

Many of these toy soldiers were partially mobile models worked by pulling on strings

included knights on horseback, hinged at the waist. Obviously he who struck the first blow won, as his opponent fell over. Every development among armies was reflected in miniature warfare. The use of gunpowder made toy cannon necessary. Some of these were made of valuable metals. Princes had silver cannon to deploy. Poorer children had just as much pleasure scheming victory with wooden models.

SUPERIOR

Toy soldiers made in Germany were superior to those made elsewhere. Demand spurred imagination and German craftsmen produced finer and finer models. Children love colour and they are quick to spot mistakes so the makers were exact in their reproductions. Uniforms of the period were carefully studied and reproduced down to the last painted buckle before the wearers were boxed in sets of a dozen or half-dozen.

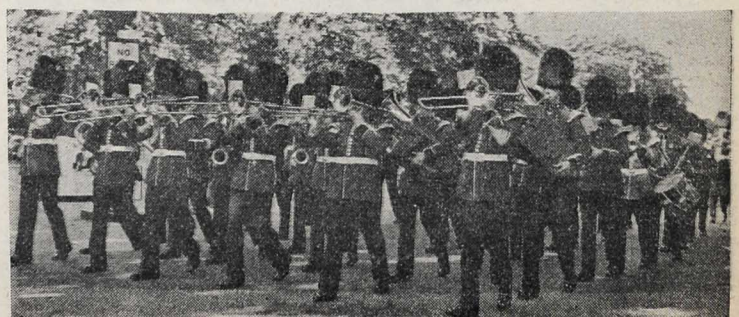
In 1760 a tin-smith of Nuremberg called Hilpert produced the early 'tin' soldiers or 'flats' so much sought after by collectors today. Actually the soldiers were made of lead, poured into moulds under two inches in height; the two flat-sided figures were joined together before being painted. Hilpert was so successful that he quickly became a rich man. Of course others followed in his wake.

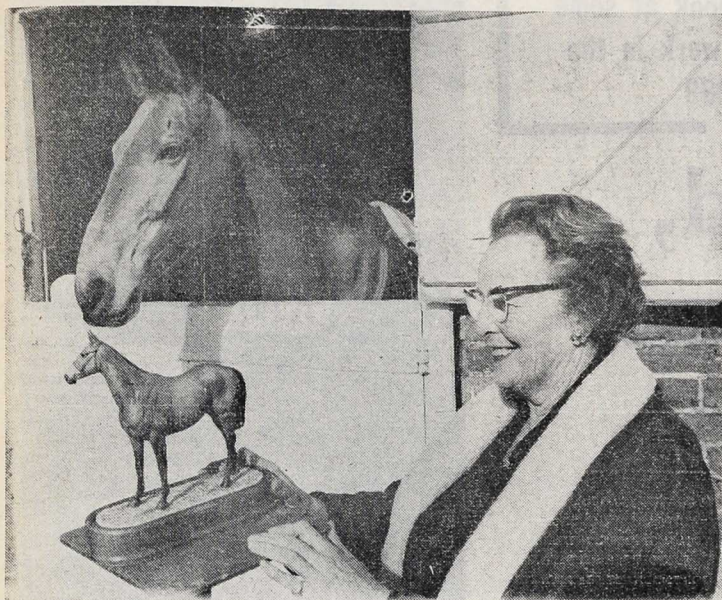
In 1868 William Britain invented a different kind of toy soldier. His models were lighter to move around, as although bigger, they were hollow inside.

COMPARE

It pays to compare any soldiers in your household with live models. In most cases, there will be no difference in detail but when colours fade or there is some slight alteration in uniform careful study and a paint box can repair any errors.

EDYTH HARPER





Arkle—with Doris Lindner. She shows him the model figure produced for the Worcester Porcelain Company. Only 500 models were made, and then the mould was broken. The figures sold for 79 guineas each.

Horses and old war-horses, farewell

SO MANY of our sports stars even those with whom we had a love hate relationship took their final bow during 1968 that in retrospect, the period is tinged with nostalgia.

It was always difficult to think of Arkle as an ordinary horse, or even as a horse at all. If he hadn't been one of the best steeplechasers of all time, he could quite easily have been a family pet.

Many horses have reduced me to tears, but for totally different reasons Arkle was a crying horse.

AWARENESS

Coupled with his obvious ability as a jumper, his courage, gentleness and apparent awareness of the passing scene, endeared him to millions of people who had never had a wager on a horse in their lives.

Never a very prudent thing to do anyway, to bet against Arkle winning a race in Ireland (his birth-place) was something akin to sacrilege.

When this noble creature broke a leg he pushed politics off the front page of newspapers and a nation went into premature mourning. The harsh light of reality tends to diminish our heroes, but Arkle is of the stuff the storybooks are made of.

HOLDS COURT

He recovered sufficiently for some to think in terms of racing him again, but his public wished it otherwise and he now holds court in the green fields of his homeland.

Two old warhorses of another kind turned themselves away to graze in 1968. I refer to that famous double act of F. S. Trueman and G. B. Statham. The realisation that our favourites grow old along with the rest of

us always comes as something of a shock.

The county cricket scene without Trueman and Statham is unthinkable, to

Sport, by Ernest Adkins

those of us who remember their early days with Yorks and Lancs and then with England, their retirement means the end of an era in cricket.

EXTROVERT

The complete extrovert, Fred Trueman frequently over-played his hand, but in the process he took more

test wickets than any other bowler past or present, and provided after dinner speakers with a wealth of subject matter.

Grossly underestimated in his early years and prematurely discarded by the selectors, Brian Statham was the 'straight' man of the act.

Quite untypically he upstaged his more flamboyant partner right at the end by choosing the Yorks-Lancs 'Roses' match in mid-season for his farewell performance.

Bowling as beautifully as ever, he returned the best bowling figures of the game.

It is a measure of their individual and collective greatness that their successors, as good as they are, look of gimpy stock by comparison.

A JOB FOR THE MEN, TOO?

BY TRADITION, very young children in infant school or nursery groups are in the charge of women. But there is some discussion in the teaching world just now that this may not altogether be a good thing.

Some teachers are saying that the urban infant in Britain today is too female-dominated and does not see enough of his father.

Some educational authorities are beginning to consider recruiting male teachers for their infant schools and persuading them that being in charge of five-year-olds is not a dreary "baby-minding" task, as indeed it is not. As most infant teachers (female) will agree, the aver-

age five-year-old today is a highly challenging and lively young person.

There is also the growing prevalence of broken homes and fatherless families. Some children do not have a man around the place at all.

Mrs. Carol Gowan, who runs a group of pre-school play groups in Kent, has just been on a study tour of America, and she reports that the trend in kindergartens there is to have a few kindly grandfather figures around as assistants. She is now considering introducing the idea in her play groups here. And why not? Quite a good way for an energetic "senior citizen" to augment a small income. Joan Best.



Junior Compass by Brenda Holloway



Can you solve this?

Take a letter from each line of the following verse. The seven letters will form the name of an instrument that helps sailors. One clue to help you. The first letter is C.

My first is in CASTLE and also in CAVE.
My second's in ROBBER, but isn't in KNAVE.
My third is in HELMET, but isn't in HAT.
My fourth is in PETER and also in PAT.
My fifth is in APPLE and also in PEAR.
My sixth and the seventh the same letter share.
This letter in PAASAGE you'll find appears twice;
It twice comes in PUSSY, but isn't in MICE.
My whole guides the sailor by day and by night.

HERE'S THE ANSWER
ssadwoj

Can I help you?

Just as sailors need a compass, so some other people need special things to help them find their way. Can you fill in these blanks?

The blind man taps with
. on the road help the motorist in the dark.
The coal miner has a to shine in the darkness.
. at the crossroads show the hiker the way.
All travellers ought to carry a . . . to show the roads.

Answers below

Sort this out

Of course you know that the Bible is a collection of different books. There are history books in it, some law books, and at least one songbook.

Here are some ways of describing what the Bible has to say. The letters of each description are jumbled. Can you sort them out?

YLOH TRIW; TEH PRISCUSETR; HET DROW OF GDO

Answers below

This is what a Bible songwriter says about it:
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Make your own jumble

Jumble each word of the songwriter's verse and print it on a piece of paper. Then ask the different members of your family in turn if they can put the letters in the right order. Take care they don't see the answer first! Give them 5 marks if they get every word right; 3 marks if they get more than half right; but only 1 mark if they make eight mistakes.

Something else to do

Draw a map showing how to get to the nearest bus stop from where you live.

VERY IMPORTANT NEWS

OUR OWN CLUB

A Happy New Year! Junior Compass is celebrating 1969 by having its own Club. Members will receive a copy of a secret code, and every month we will print in code in Junior Compass a special secret message for Club members. The Editor has promised to publish the names of all new members every month.

And something more! The name of the Club is COMPASS CLUB, and starting next month you will be able to collect special emblems printed in Junior Compass and get a free ballpoint pen in exchange for four emblems.

MORE ABOUT THIS NEXT MONTH. MEANWHILE FILL IN AND SEND US THE APPLICATION FORM PRINTED BELOW TO GET ENROLLED AS A MEMBER.

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Answers to puzzles:

Can I Help You? Stick; cats-eyes; lamp; signposts; map.
Sort These Out. Holy Writ; The Scriptures; The Word of God.

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THE Royal National Life-Boat Institution was founded in 1824. Although there had been life-boats before that date some provided by private individuals, and others by Lloyds, the marine insurance company.

Today the RNLI maintains about 150 life-boats around the 5,000 mile coasts of Great Britain and Ireland. The work, which is maintained entirely by voluntary subscriptions, costs in the region of £2 million per year. Since 1824 the life-boats have saved over 20,000 lives.

Originally, of course, the life boats were sailing boats. To-day they are highly sophisticated vessels, powered by twin diesel engines and equipped with radio—and some of them with radar—loud hailers, deck floodlights, searchlights, line-throwing pistols, and other devices.

FIBRE GLASS

The boats vary in size and construction, some being made of wood, others of steel, while experiments are being made with fibre glass. All boats will right themselves, should they capsize.

Comparatively recently the institution has developed a fast, and two man inshore rescue boat. They are inflatable, made of tough nylon material and

From month to month in **PROJECT '69** we shall bring you a bang up to date look at some of the organisations that are at work in the service of mankind in 1969

Modernised, but life boat service still depends on courage and skill

powered by an outboard motor, making the craft capable of speeds up to 25 knots.

They are designed for rescue work close inshore in the summer months when increasing numbers of people get into difficulties when climbing cliffs, swimming, or in small boats and rafts.

Today life boats are launched over 1000 times a year, more than twice as often as was the case 30 years ago. The great increase in pleasure boating

is partly responsible for this.

Life boats are manned by crews of eight under a coxswain. These men, apart from a full-time mechanic, normally earn their living in other ways and are summoned to service by the firing of two maroons bursting into green stars.

NYLON

The traditional yellow oilskins and brown life belt of these crews have now been replaced by a two piece nylon suit, proofed

so as to resist water and oil. A new type of life-jacket has also been introduced, less cumbersome than its predecessor and which will automatically bring a man who falls into the sea face upwards.

But however excellent the equipment of the boats and their crew the essential ingredient for any rescue is the courageous seamanship of the men who put to sea often in the worst of conditions to save life and, where possible, valuable vessels.



Photo: courtesy Eastern Daily Press.

Since inshore rescue boats — small inflatable craft — were introduced by the RNLI in 1963 they have saved over 1,500 lives of the Institution's total of 90,000 lives rescued since 1824 when the life-boat service came into being.

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Rector joins the jet set

A MAN who was recently inducted as Rector of Bileston, Suffolk, is a member of a rather exclusive club.

Shortly before his retirement after having completed nearly 28 years service as an RAF chaplain, the Rev. Lionel Pratt flew at over 1,000 mph in a twin-seat RAF Lightning fighter.

By flying at this speed, he became a member of the 1,000 miles per hour Club. His membership is unique in that he is the only clergyman represen-



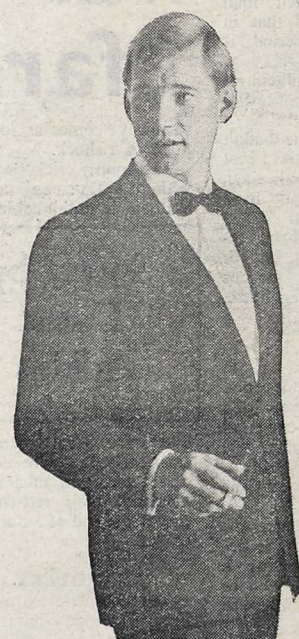
ted among the club's 1,200 members, which includes such famous people as the Shah of Persia and King Hussein of Jordan.

The flight took place over the North Sea. Before approaching the Dutch coast, the aircraft had to slow down so as not to damage local greenhouses.

After the flight Mr. Pratt was presented with the club's tie and scroll. He jockingly commented that he has probably been faster and nearer to 'head office' than most.

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