

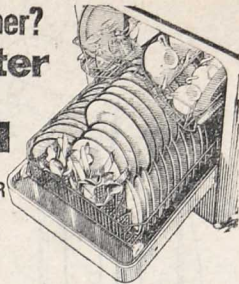


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# She'll get the future we give her

This little  
girl is  
an immigrant



That's all a lot of people want to say about her. They see the way she dresses and the colour of her skin and they make up their minds that we'd all be better off if she were back where she came from.

But to her family, her teachers and the other children—black, brown, or white—she is above all a person; a lively human being with a distinct personality, AND LIKE ALL HUMAN BEINGS SHE HAS FEELINGS, —FEARS, WORRIES AND JOYS.

The immigrant 'problem' does exist. But it is a problem involving human beings and we would do well to remember this. Any solution must take into account the dignity and happiness as human beings of all

those involved, white and coloured.

This requires that people on both sides make a real effort to understand each other. It means that they must talk together as friends they must be willing to see the other person's point of view.

**IMMIGRANTS MUST REALISE THAT THE PROBLEMS THEY CREATE FOR THE PEOPLE THEY COME TO LIVE AMONGST ARE REAL.**

Englishmen must be

more ready to see the difficulties of those who come from different cultures and backgrounds.

Neither side must give way to the irrational fears and hates whipped up by the extremists, whether they be the followers of Enoch Powell or of the Black Power movement.

The process of understanding needs help. It cannot succeed without the removal of practical difficulties in

the fields of education and housing.

Proper provision must be made for teaching immigrants the English language and English customs. They must also be properly housed. This means the spending of large sums of money.

Those of us who believe that the immigrant population has a real contribution to make to the developing life of this country say that the money MUST

be found. it is an important part of the answer, and soft words from the government won't make up for the lack of it.

Time is short. It's no use pretending that the longer we wait the nearer we shall get to a position of racial harmony.

**THIS LITTLE GIRL DESERVES A FUTURE —AND SHE'LL ONLY GET WHAT WE GIVE HER**

(See Soapbox)





## SOAPBOX

# He wants to put the clock back

But it's  
no good  
hurling  
abuse ..

ENOCH POWELL



ENOCH POWELL'S views on the racial problem have the general backing of the majority of people in this country. That is an impression we get, especially in areas of high immigrant population.

Mostly people support Powell not because they are inhuman or intolerant but because they are afraid—afraid of the future that their children will have to live with, a future put in peril by racial hatred.

The basic English question is: "Why should I be made a stranger in my own land?" And this is a fair question to be asked by someone who has suddenly found himself surrounded in his street by comparative foreigners whose speech he can hardly understand and whose customs and interests puzzle him.

The basic immigrant question is: "Why should I be treated as a second-class citizen because my skin is dark and because I have come from overseas?" This is a fair question to be asked if one realises that the grand old days of the British Empire which made this

country rich and powerful gave these people the right to be English citizens and to treat this country as their own. We need to recognise that both sides have a case.

It is quite ridiculous to condemn as Racist anyone, be he English or immigrant, who speaks bluntly about the potentially explosive situation which the mixture of races in our society is creating.

We do condemn the person who tries to solve a complicated problem with slick answers loaded against one side or the other. It is for this reason that we condemn both and equally Enoch Powell and the Black Power Movement. A complicated human problem can never have an easy answer and there will be much sweat, and tears, but we fervently hope no bloodshed, on the road to racial harmony.

But make no mistake about it, the extremists will win if the people of good will remain inactive.

Many people who instinctively back Enoch Powell

would see, if they took a long sober look at the facts—of which one is the need for immigrant labour in this country—that he is oversimplifying the issues; trying to put the clock back and closing his eyes to the needs and challenges facing our country.

But at least this is a positive reaction. He is attempting to do something practical, however misguided, about a growing problem. There is little point in hurling abuse at Enoch Powell if that is the only contribution that can be made to the situation. If thinking people remain inactive, if the Government only pays lip service to aiding the hardest areas with the biggest problems, then Enoch Powell will be proved right.

THERE IS NO TIME LEFT. BOTH SIDES MUST ACT. BRITAIN CAN LEAD THE WAY TO A NEW KIND OF SOCIETY, BUT NOT BY SITTING ON ITS BACKSIDE WAITING FOR TOMORROW TO PROVIDE THE ANSWERS.

## Violence

GWEN BENNETT

Dear Sir,

The article on "Violence" in the December issue of your paper is brutal, uncomfortable, provoking, and entirely necessary. It is necessary especially for those of us who are alive today and have been fortunate enough to be spared the pain and distress of physical violence in the relatively peaceful conditions in which we have lived most of our lives.

There is, however, one assumption in this article which I think needs to be questioned. That is, the assumption that violence is the fault mainly, or entirely, of the men in this world, and that women are not at all to be blamed, because they are child-bearers, home-builders, and family-makers. Women it is assumed, are all peace-loving creatures, destined to look on appalled while the men fight each other.

This idea undoubtedly stems from the nursery myth that little boys are made of all kinds of nasty things like "puppy-dogs' tails," while little girls are compounded of "sugar and spice, and all that's nice."

But this view of humanity is a gross and dangerous distortion of the facts, and it is high time that some competent psychologist gave us a new picture of reality, by writing a popular paper-back book on how women and their attitude to their children have often been, and still often are, the main cause of the violence which they so often condemn in men.

It is not yet sufficiently widely realised that violent men are the children of their mothers as well as their fathers. And there is little doubt in the minds of today's psychologists that an impatient, or unstable, or inconsistent mother is a very definite cause of antisocial behaviour in the child in later years.

It is a surprising psychological truth that even an unguarded look of revulsion of a mother towards her baby can cause a wound so deep in that baby's personality, that it may result in that same child taking revenge on society many years later in an outbreak of violence or immoral behaviour.

Perhaps some brave psychologist will take up this challenge and help us to see this problem of violence from a more balanced point of view. I am convinced that such a point of view must include opening the eyes of those women who still think that men are responsible for violence in this world, while remaining in ignorance of their own contribution.

Rev. Martin Tunnicliffe,  
47 Shustoke Road,  
Shard End,  
Birmingham, 34.

We usually like our letters short but our guinea winning letter of the month deserves the full length treatment.

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at fault,  
as well  
as men



Acting as if  
it were true

Dear Sir,

In your full page feature on the Coventry Mission (We looked at a Mission—December edition) you say "it would seem that this sort of Mission is not the way to reach the outsider." How right you are.

The only person who'll reach the outsider is the individual Christian he meets. Christianity fails today because we have confused quality with quantity.

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act as if what they believe is true.

Having said this I would also like to make the point that although there may be a lot the matter with Christians there is also a hell of a lot wrong with the outsider. He needs to be changed as well as the Church.

Peter Sampson.

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# BETTER CHANCES BETTER CLIMATE, AND A NEW LIFE

by Dorothy O'Neill

Brian Britten, and his family, formerly of Marlborough, Wilts, on the 10 acre plot of bushland which he has bought near Perth, W. Australia; they are clearing the plot before Brian, a bricklayer, builds their house there.



For £20, my husband and I, with our three children, are being taken on a voyage across the world. And that's a lot cheaper than a Rose or Chichester expedition, and more comfortable!

Yes, we are among the 75,000 migrants expected by the Australian Government to land on their shores during 1968-69, under the Assisted Passage scheme. This is a record figure, the highest since the hard winter of 1962-63, and represents the summit of a steady increase in immigrants since 1960, when the figure was 33,839. Altogether, since 1947, when assisted passage emigration to Australia began on a large scale, about 2.2 million people from about 40 countries have settled in Australia, and about half of these have come from Britain.

Why this steady increase in migration? Australia's Minister for Emigration, B. M. Snedden, speaks of sunshine, home-ownership, and "room to move," plus prospects of a prosperous future, as being the beckoning causes. Sociologists of the future will no doubt see these factors as the "great Australian dream."

How substantial is the dream? Statistics issued by the Australian Government reveal that a high proportion of migrants permanently settle in the country, so that for the majority, we can assume that the dream is being realised.

The latest information is that over the last six years the highest figure of returning settlers is 16% of the intake, leaving 84%, most of whom will be happily settled, though there may be some who would like to return and cannot afford to do so. Furthermore, of those who return, to Britain, a considerable number re-apply for a second assisted passage within about one year.

## SHORT STAY

The Australian Government has been at great pains to discover facts and figures about those migrants who leave Australia after a relatively short stay. A Report has recently been published by the Department of Immigration in Canberra detailing various surveys made into the reasons why immigrants return home. "Returnees" have been interviewed on board ship, and before leaving by air. Also some have been re-interviewed in the United Kingdom after a period of several months. To enable a more objective picture to be built up, contacts in Australia were made with housing, welfare and employment agencies, and the information added to that given in the shipboard interviews. In addition to this, seminars comprising 200 people from all over Australia have been held to obtain community views on the principal causes of immigrant dissatisfaction.

With what results? A most complex pattern of reasons has emerged, in which, surprisingly enough, economic factors do not predominate.

In the main, folk have not left Australia because they have been dissatisfied with housing or employment or social services, though all three have often been components of dissatisfaction. More often, couples have left the country for personal reasons. Among these, homesickness has played its part, as has the failure to adjust to the new country by those who did not fully weigh up the pros and cons of emigration before leaving home shores.

Sometimes emigrants have returned to further their professional careers, or have been recalled by their U.K. employers. Others have come back to be married, or because of a broken engagement in Australia. Then, there are, of course, a number in the younger age group who only went to Australia for a working holiday in the first place, and who, after two or so years, go on to another country such as New Zealand.

How does the Australian way of life compare with that in Britain? Both the Australian Government and folk who have emigrated and settled in the country stress that there is an "apparent similarity of institutions, customs and habits," which can be very misleading, for there are really wide differences.

## 'DOWN UNDER' TAKES A RECORD NUMBER

Australia is not an extension of Britain, but an entirely different country. It is a new country, 34 times the size of the British Isles, with a dry, hot climate. Size, climate, and sociological "newness" are the basic differences, and they have an immense effect on the way folk live down under.

A disadvantage for intending migrants to reckon with is the fact that Australia has no national health service such as exists in this country. Instead, a Government sponsored scheme of health insurance, involving voluntary payments and the option of belonging to approved health insurance societies, takes its place. So that in the case of illness, financial help from the Government as well as from the insurance company is available. The same principal applies to hospital and home nursing services, which are of the highest standard.

## PRE-SCHOOL

Educational standards do not appear to differ substantially from those in Britain. Children begin their school life at the age of three in pre-school centres. They then go on to the primary schools, and at the age of 12 or 13 proceed to secondary schools of the comprehensive type.

There is no 11-plus examination. Selection is made on the basis of general ability tests and school reports. On leaving secondary school, students may go on to university or technical, or other colleges, and Government financial help is available for this further education.

At present, the majority of migrants are settling in the eastern states of Victoria and New South Wales, but the smaller States, i.e. South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland, are catching up fast. We are going to South Australia, and we hope to settle in the region of Adelaide.

## DISCONTENT

"Why are you going?" ask friends a little curiously, the implication being that we are being driven out of the country by a present discontent. But this is not so for us.

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## Foot on the brake — and nothing happened!

HAVE you ever put your foot hard down on the brake and gone right down to the floorboards? No—it didn't happen to me, but to a friend in a rather elderly mini some time ago.

As luck would have it, his car was standing still in his own drive at the time, but it mightn't have been...

A cracked or corroded pipe in your hydraulic system, and your brakes are useless—nine times out of ten, just when you most need them. It's a frightening thought, and the fact that they are usually so reliable and effective makes matters worse. What protection have we?

Regular inspection of brake piping helps — particularly of the flexible pipe near each wheel. But not all piping is accessible, and corrosion usually hits hardest in the hard-to-get-at places; in traps from road dirt and water. So what's to do?

Answer: just what my friend was doing when his foot went down to the floorboards. Every once in a while, when you get into the car put your foot down hard on the brake pedal—really hard! If the brakes fail there and then, thank God you've been saved from an accident.

And if they don't fail you can be pretty sure that a sudden emergency application is not going to find you brakeless.

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Brian Favell.

## My Kingdom for a horse?

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First you had to buy a horse and, of course, you'd want a guarantee with it.

"It is advisable on receiving a warranty to insist on the words: 'Warranted sound and free from vice'."

This piece of advice to the prospective purchaser of personal transport appears in a little volume subtitled 'A Handy Book of the Principles of Law and Equity.' The 'handy' little tome which runs to some 500 pages and cost six shillings and eightpence was given to my grandfather in 1878.

Preceding useful information on Libel and Licensing Lewis is the chapter devoted to Horses and Horse-dealing. It begins by defining 'soundness' as Perfectness and an entire freedom from disease, complaint or suffering of any kind and full possession of good health.

The next page and a half explains the meaning of unsoundness and proceeds to list the 56 diseases which constitute it. The catalogue of woe is a Scrabble-players delight! The defects range from Bog-



By ERIC LAWSON

spavin, Farcy, Laminitis, Malenders, Pool-evil and Quidding to straightforward, common-or-garden Whistling.

The prospective seller was doubtless relieved to note that neither Broken-knees nor Warts constituted unsoundness; nor did Cutting, Clicking and Over-reaching—whatever they may be.

Having satisfied himself as to the soundness of the animal in wind and limb, the intending purchaser was faced with the little problem of its 'vices'. There are a

mere eleven of these ranging alphabetically from Bucking, through Crib-biting and Kicking to Weaving and Wind-sucking.

As if all that were not enough; should the deal happen to take place of a Sunday with either buyer or seller being a professional horse-dealer then any warranty which might be given was invalid. If both were amateurs then the contract was enforceable.

Comparable with horse-dealing, buying an old banger from a back-street car-dealer is about as hazardous as negotiating for a tea-cosy at a parish bazaar.

## Why it's useless to imprison this kind of gambler

"When I was 15 I was taken to a dog track and I discovered there was a system whereby you pushed 2s. through a window, got a little piece of pasteboard, and when you took this to another window a bit later a friendly lady would give you 8s," Peter said.

"It seemed a good way to make a living. By the third race I was hooked: this was going to be my life for 25 years."

Each time Peter left prison his determination to give up gambling lasted until 2 p.m. the same day—the first race. Between the ages of 25 and 40 he spent nine years in prison or hostel; his first marriage ended in divorce; since leaving the Army he had lost 11 jobs.

### DOORWAYS

For eight months he slept in shop doorways or on park benches, eating

occasionally but always with enough money to gamble.

"To a compulsive gambler, money for gambling is quite different from money you buy food with," he said. "I was once outside Harringay Stadium with £150 plus enough money to get in and for a tin of beans. I bought the tin of beans and gambled the £150.

A turning point came when he last came out of prison, aged 40. He had spent four years inside and his future wife had waited for him. "Not many wives wait through a four-year sentence. Joyce waited for me and she was not even my wife. I came out saying I would never gamble again—I could not do this to her. Again it lasted until 2 o'clock."

This was his lowest point. He had lost his position in life, the respect of people around him, his self-respect, his personality.

With the help of his wife, Peter went to Gamblers Anonymous. Its group

therapy, he said, brought him back to life. He spoke unemotionally, his eyes twinkling in a face that creased easily into an engaging grin. He was cheerfully repentant of his former life and anxious to be constructive.

### USELESS

It was useless fining gamblers, he said, because if they had enough money for the fine they would try to double it before paying. Prison, too, was useless; it enabled the gambler to resume his life outside, and there were even opportunities inside to gamble, if only for useless tobacco, which was confiscated if a prisoner was discovered with more than his allowance.

His solution was some form of detention that would allow a compulsive gambler to emerge from his gambling. He told me that he hoped a hostel system would be possible; the Church Army has a hostel for compulsives generally, including alcoholics and drug addicts

## SEE WHAT I MEAN?

## What will be will be

"Yes," said Harold to Fred when they'd got on the bus. "Like I say, 'what will be will be.' We was just meant to miss the 7.20. Nothing we could do about it. We'll just clock in late."

"You make us sound like some sort of robot. Pushed around without a will of our own. That's just not true," replied Fred.

"I'd have thought you'd have been the first to say we can't change what's laid down for us—you being a churchgoer an' all. Y'know—God's supposed to have a plan and that's all there is to it."

"E's got a plan all right. But that's not the same as Fate. I don't believe things are fated to happen. We just ain't robots. Life'd be a darned sight easier if we were. But we ain't. What about when the gaffer asked you to do that overtime last week-end?"

"Well, what about it?" queried Harold.

"It was up to you to 'Yes' or 'No', wasn't it?" challenged his mate.

"Well..."

"And yer said to me, 'I promised the missus I'd take her out, but we could do with the cash,' you said. So what did you decide to do? — Turn in on the Saturday. Yer could have said 'No,' but you didn't. Good fat packet, of course. But it was *your* choice."

"So what?"

"Well, there's lots of things like that. Things that's up to us."

"We didn't choose to miss that bus, though" laughed Harold.

"No, but who chose to have that extra bit of shut-eye?" said Fred. "If you see what I mean."

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Sarah Vowles, 19, Newfield Road, Sonning Common (Section One).  
Sarah Williamson, 43a, Church Road, Caversham (Section Two).

# A QUESTION of BALANCE

*THE Victorian attitude to life has gone for good and there cannot be many people who would want to defend, for example, the type of Sunday that is still remembered by the older generation. But pendulums can swing too far in the opposite direction. Just as Victorian ways followed the laxity of Regency days so it looks as though we are reverting once again to Regency standards of morality. Does this mean that we shall see the next generation reverting to a crude form of Puritanism?*

I believe that we have to aim at achieving a proper balance and if we are to do this we need to have a right understanding of freedom and authority. As more people come to-day to reason things out for themselves they increasingly resent the imposition of an external authority: but this does not mean that they are unwilling to impose upon themselves forms of discipline for which they can see a meaning. The more frequently Church leaders say "You must" the less are they going to be heeded. But people look for genuine guidance, and if they are convinced of the value of a particular practice then they will accept it.

It is for example merely useless to say "You must go to Church every Sunday". But certain things need saying about worship, and when these are properly understood, then I believe that a great many more people will be prepared to impose upon themselves the discipline of regular worship—though they are likely to look upon it as a joy rather than a burden. Space here is too limited to do more than suggest certain things that are not understood.

In the first place most non-worshippers do not realise how much both the forms and times of worship have changed. The Church of England with her new service of Holy Communion has a really congregational service in which all can and do take part: once again we have begun to understand that Holy Communion is a fellowship meal: The Church of Rome has in recent years replaced Latin with English as the language of worship as well as making other changes: and Free Church worship has also changed much. Nor is it realised that the hour of worship has been altered. More Anglicans in Caversham worship between 9.15 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. on Sundays than at all the other times of worship combined.

Secondly worship is still thought of by most people as an isolated and individual act. But Christian worship has to be understood as something which is the common act of the Christian community, Christ coming to his people in a special way in Holy Communion (the word means "a sharing in common"). And so a Christian has to have a relationship with other Christians through common worship. A Christian comes to realise that worship is an essential to him as water is to a fish.

But it is a sad fact that there are some 7 million confirmed members of the Church of England who have abandoned the practice of worship—and there must be a considerable number of Roman Catholics and Freechurchmen who have done the same. In Caversham alone it is probable that there are at least 2,500 confirmed Anglicans who have ceased to worship—a startling figure.

Among these 2,500 people are many parents who have asked for Christian baptism for their children, and in some cases sent them to Church schools. I know that many such people see the Church as a clumsy and inefficient organisation divided among itself into the different denominations. And our very divisions make many people resent the way in which Church leaders claim authority for their statements. But the Prayer Book collect speaks of God's service as "perfect freedom". Perhaps when we have begun together to work out the meaning of that phrase we shall have begun to get the right balance between freedom and authority, and as we do that more people will find a new meaning in membership of the Christian Church.

Others who have given up active membership of the Church find it difficult to accept the content of the Christian Creed. Let them remember St. Thomas. He found it difficult to accept the fact of Christ's Resurrection but he did not cut himself off from the other disciples: and because he was with them a week after the first Easter Day he experienced for himself the Risen Christ. To those who like St. Thomas would like to believe but find it hard to do so I would say this—"We in the Church of God are aware of our failings. We know that changes have to be made, and we know that there is always a tendency by some people to resist change. But some of us are genuinely trying to think things out, though in doing this we owe a loyalty to the Church of which we are a member. Come and help us as we do this.

It is YOUR help that is needed.

*John Grimwade*

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# ARTHUR WISE

Now that the January term has started the familiar figure of Arthur Wise is no longer to be seen coming out of his home in York Road four times a day to see hundreds of children safely across Caversham Road on their way to E. P Collier School. After retiring from Suttons where he worked for many years Mr. Wise (with his beret) has been a familiar sight for some seven years in Caversham Road. Now he feels that the time has come for him to retire a second time; but he is still to be seen crossing Caversham Bridge with his wife to



—Walton Adams.

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# CAVERSHAM LIBRARY

ASKED to name the most popular and widely used building in Caversham, the chances are you wouldn't even think of the public library. Yet well over 9,000 people enter it frequently, including over 2,000 children.

In the course of one day, Sylvia Jones, the branch librarian, and her assistants, provide us with anything up to 1,000 books, the record issue in one particular day being far beyond this. Records are constantly broken; in 1946-47 the yearly issue was 84,006 and by 1967-68 it had shot up to 214,012.

## FORSYTE SAGA

Television has been blamed for much, but Sylvia is inclined to think that it has stimulated reading. The range has increased enormously; travel books and biographies are now no longer the only popular non-fiction reading. Demands for the classics have increased; 'Forsyte Saga' is very much in demand at the moment.

We take this service very much for granted. Few people outside the library world realise just how high a standard the Reading library maintains. It is a common thing for the British Council to send overseas library students here, and several years ago the Reading librarian, Stanley Horrocks, was asked to help to organise a library service in Nigeria.

## Opened 1907

Although Caversham library was first opened in 1907, it was not until after the amalgamation of Caversham and Reading, that it became a branch of the Reading library, and there is no doubt that as such it is able to provide a considerably better service. Mr. Horrocks, together with his deputy, Mr. Lee, and the lending librarian, Mr. Stuchbury—

the reference librarian, Miss Phillips, and the children's librarian, Miss Woolford, is as much at the service of Caversham as of any other part of Reading. Together with their backroom boys and girls and a host of junior assistants, they see that many of the facilities offered at Caversham are kept up to standard. The schools service, for instance, is organised cent-

rally and Miss Woolford is particularly proud of the assistance they provide for Caversham and other schools engaged on projects.

## The start

Not that we start with schools; the library starts to service us from the age when the fortunate ones enter nursery schools. Unfortunately their resources do not, as yet, admit of the same service to play groups, but while this problem and the question of grants is being considered, I did hear a suggestion that the parents of each child at a play group might like to offer one book per year towards a joint service.

## Avoid Saturdays

Apart from schools, over 2,600 children attend the Caversham library as individual members. Barbara Young, in charge of the junior section, is always willing to help with selection. She would like to remind members that the opening hours for children are now 3-6 p.m. Monday to Friday (excl. Wednesday) and on Saturday from 9-30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2-15-5-30 p.m. During holidays these hours are extended. But, like Miss Jones, she would be very grateful if more borrowers could avoid Saturdays, when they are rushed off their feet.

## Limited resources

I know many people regret the passing of evening meetings for children but, as Miss Woolford points out, resources are limited, and with the average attendance of under 20, and the number of young readers over two thousand, it was felt that for the moment the expenditure on such a small number was not justified. But the project has not been abandoned entirely. In the meantime she would point out that one new service offered for children, is a separate quarterly booklist. And parents are reminded that lists always include books suitable for reading to the very young.

At the other end of the scale, Caversham supplies books direct to our local old people's homes. And for

those elderly people who find small print impossible, there are now the very admirable Ulverscroft large print editions.

## First class service

With her assistant Mrs. Carruthers, affectionately known as Maggie, the part-time assistant Mrs. Sidwell from Caversham, and Mr. Humphries the attendant, who lives at Elizabeth House, Miss Jones gives us a first-class service. Besides the lending library there is a small reference section and a reading room. And for those of us who complain that we don't know what is going on in the town, each branch carries copies of the council meeting minutes.

## Excellent relations

Miss Jones, who with her



Miss Jones helps three year old Jenny Barker to select a book.

sister Charmian has worked for many years for the Reading library, is very enthusiastic about her work. She tells me that, not surprisingly, relations with the public are excellent. Most borrowers respond to reminders and very few abuse the service. Her only request is that the public should realise that the library car park unfortunately is—as is not quite clear from its approach—for library staff only. It holds only three cars and frequently the van which calls with supplies has been unable to get in. She agrees that it would be wonderful if they had both a car park and public toilets, but most of these buildings alas, were erected in the days when

neither was considered a necessity. Now there is no room for expansion.

## Gratitude

So next time you wander in with an armful of books perhaps you could spare a moment to consider the very wonderful work these people do. It is not always realised that the turn-over of junior staff is very high. It takes anything up to seven years to qualify and the pay in the early days compares very unfavourably with what these youngsters could earn in other places. Let us express our gratitude for those who, either because they love books or they love people, stay the course. Either way it is our gain.

# READING Life Saving Club

I wonder how many of you knew about the formation of this very important Club in the summer of 1968.

Certainly I didn't until I happened to be talking to Arthur Howard of Grove Road. And it certainly wasn't surprising that I should have heard about it then, because Arthur has put an enormous amount of time into this project.

Not that he would claim the kudos for himself. Indeed, he was anxious to mention such people as Miss Johnson of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, Mr. Anstey, Manager of the Central Swimming Pool and Mr. Owen, Inspector of the Thames Valley Police Authority. Many other names cropped up during the course of the conversation because a great number of people in Caversham have always been concerned with seeing that chil-

dren are taught to swim and with the prevention of river accidents.

This club now meets every Wednesday at the Arthur Hill Baths, Kings Road, from 7 to 9 p.m. Anyone who can swim 100 yards is welcome to join; all methods of life-saving are taught—until I read the book which Arthur kindly lent me, I had no idea that so much was involved.

Membership stands at about 60 at the moment, but the Club is anxious to recruit new members during the coming season and anyone interested should contact Arthur at 55 Grove Road (Tel: 71150). Incidentally, he is rather anxious to find someone to take over some of the administrative duties—a worth-while job for someone who cannot take

part in the swimming, but is keen on the idea. Money, too, is a great need at the moment, since the membership fee will not cover all the items that the club will need in the future.

It is hoped eventually to form a Life Guard Corps to cover the river frontage during the summer months—many parents will heave a sigh of relief if they ever do manage it.

Arthur is particularly anxious to pay tribute to the assistance given by the Thames Valley Police Force, but it is hoped that eventually the club will have its own qualified instructors. Already 22 awards have been won, so it looks as if it won't be long before they are in a position to do so.

So please, if you have got youngsters of your own, and you are concerned about the dangers of the river, do see if you can spare time to help, or spare a few shillings towards a very worthy cause.

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# CAVERSHAM Guider in Kenya

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE FEBRUARY, 1969—THREE

MEMBERS OF the Guide Movement in Caversham were delighted and proud to hear a few weeks ago that one of their Guiders Margaret Harden, has recently re-opened a School Guide Company in Karbare Girls' School, Kerugoya, Kenya. This School is 16 miles from Fort Hall and 70 miles from Nairobi.

Margaret was a keen Brownie and Guide and was Assistant Brownie Guider with the 4th Caversham (St. Andrew's) Pack. She also gave valuable help at Guide Camps. Margaret went on an Outward Bound Course in Wales about four years ago and this has helped her to cope with the conditions at the School.

She left for Kenya at the end of August, with two other girls, all Church Missionary Society, to teach Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. There are 317 girls, ages ranging from 13 years to 20 years at the School. In a letter received by Mrs. Nutt, her former Guide Guider, she describes her surroundings:—

"The School is at present under reconstruction and should be ready in the New Year. Six of the present classrooms are mud and wattle and the walls between the rooms do not reach the ceiling. I am sure you can imagine how the sound carries. However, we get used to the noise and the rats which run along the tops of the classroom walls!

"The area round the School is very beautiful. On a clear day we see the top of Mount Kenya with snow on it. Around the house we have flame trees, lemons, oranges, pawpaws and bananas. All the trees were planted by the Missionaries at the end of the last century and we appreciate the shade and the fruit they provide.

"Life here is rather like life in Camp. I sleep on my bed, but in a sleeping bag. The tap and toilet are outside. We cook on three gas rings. The kitchen is cupboard size, but we have a meat safe. We prepare food and wash up on a table outside

the house, for all the locals to see and don't they stare! Lighting is by hurricane lamp and two butane gas lamps. For all this, we are very happy!"

In a letter to the Guiders and all interested in the Movement, she described the Guide Company. (They have not started the New Programme Overseas).

"When we decided to re-open the Guide Company, we found 140 girls were interested—some of them have already been enrolled at their intermediate schools. We have formed two Companies—36 on Monday and 36 on Wednesday.

"The meetings are similar to those at home—drill, inspection, games, teaching of testwork and singing. In the four weeks up to now, they have all finished their Tenderfoot Tests with only the meaning of the Kenyan flag to be covered. They are all so eager. The local District Commissioner, Mrs. Laritha, lives only five miles away and we hope that she will be able to come and enrol them soon, as it will be some time before I receive my Warrant as the Company has to be registered first.

"Most of the girls come from very poor families so they cannot afford subs, so, for the time being, they will wear on top of their school uniform a tie and badge. As the tie will cost 3/- each, we bought 22 yards of material so that the girls could make their own at 1/- each. We have also bought 72 woggles for their ties at 33/- and a World Flag for 40/-, which will be flown for the first

time tomorrow afternoon at the Parents' Day. Looking into the future, it may be possible for some of the girls to afford their own dresses but not all of them.

Test cards would be useful and the next expense will be 72 enrolment badges for 45/-.

"The girls here are so excited at the support of Guiders and Parents in England. I hope to send some pictures of our Companies so that you can see what we get up to. All the meetings are held out of doors on the School games field. I do not know what will happen when the rains come, which will be soon!"

It is wonderful to know that through one of our own Guiders from Caversham, the Guide Movement is growing in Kenya and giving such happiness to these girls.

Many friends and members of St. Andrew's Church have shown great interest and on 7th November at St. Andrew's Hall, Mrs. Harden, helped by friends, the Local Association and Guiders, held a very successful Coffee Morning with a Bring and Buy Stall and £27 15s. 4d was raised to send to Margaret to help with the expenses of her Companies.

The 2nd Caversham Company, of which Margaret was a member, will exchange news letters and also help to raise funds. In the near future it is hoped to receive coloured slides from Margaret and have a Film Show for the District and see Margaret and her Companies enjoying all the fun, interests and companionship of Guiding.

## A personal link with Zambia

The link between the Anglicans of Caversham and Zambia is now more personal for the congregation of St. John's. Twenty-two-year old Christine Gillett of 150 Henley Road has been working as a nurse at Lusaka Central Hospital since November.

Parts of the hospital are modern—but the non-fee paying wards are mostly in the old buildings which are grossly overcrowded. In a recent letter home Christine said:—"In the children's wards there are often even four children to a bed or cot. The diseases and the malnutrition would make your heart bleed. In the surgical and medical wards we often have to put mattresses on the floor in order to admit patients. Many are very poor with a few worn-out clothes, and most of the women and children are shoe-less".

"Outside the city there are many townships of mud huts and tin shacks. A lot of money is spent on beer, and there are frequent fights between husbands and wives".

"When I see the suffering the Africans put up with—I'm sure the British would never grumble again if they could see it as well".

Christine is working hard, but she enjoys her time off-duty. She and the other nurses have been invited to parties by British people living in Lusaka, and they also watch TV—"It's mostly in English, but the reception is poor and there are many breakdowns".



Christine Gillett.

## BUSES

Caversham bus services, always good as a topic of conversation, became a major talking point when the new services and timetable came into effect. The "cattle trucks", as the suffering travelling public calls them, are defended by the management on the grounds that they are the cheapest and most effective way of moving large numbers of people.

It is difficult to refute the facts and figures they present in support of their case, but though journeys over the maximum distance obtainable for the fare paid are doubtless cheap, distances less than the maximum fare stage are not.

Hard feeling has been caused by fares being increased where buses have to make a diversion along a one way system, sometimes causing the passenger to pay more in order to be deposited further from his destination, or where a different road has to be used in order to simplify reversing. Small points like these give rise to irritability but should not be insurmountable. Delays caused by traffic congestion

and too many people travelling at the same time are not matters for which the transport department can be held responsible but they could alleviate some of the lesser burdens.

Why cannot time tables, both general and those applying on bank holidays, be available on the buses instead of a trek to Mill Lane being necessary?

Why cannot passengers buy books of tickets in advance? Why were the stops on the new routes not publicised so that one did not need to wander helplessly about on cold dark nights wondering where ever the stop was?

Caversham Residents' Association has put some of these points to the transport management and we intend to continue to press for an improved service. At a recent public meeting, Mr. R. Jenkins admitted that Caversham had the least satisfactory service so perhaps we are next in the queue for any future improvements. A good and efficient public transport system could bring order to our chaotic streets and transform town life.

The Committee of the Residents' Association is meeting Mr. W. H. Tee, the Town Clerk, early in February to discuss matters of interest to Caversham people. Anyone who has any topic they would like us to raise should contact the secretary, Mrs. Latham, 10, Surrey Row, as soon as possible.

M.C.

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# The Third World War

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A few coppers in the Oxfam tin helps to provide essential emergency relief in badly stricken areas and gives people in the rich nations an outlet for their concern to help in the fight against world poverty. But this only scratches the surface of the problem.

We are realising more and more that charity is no substitute for hard political decisions about the relations between the rich 15 per cent and the poor 85 per cent. Collection for starving children is valuable, but it doesn't face the root causes of world poverty.

We need a political campaign. Public opinion must be mobilised in a united community campaign to persuade the government to play an active, creative and generous role in the world war on want. International institutions must be strengthened and financed to act as the vehicles for joint action by the world's governments.

## FOOD AND HEALTH

The Food and Agricultural Organisation and the World Health Organisation of the United

Nations are struggling with limited staff and funds to give advice, technical assistance and research facilities to the poor countries. Last year, there were 70 million more mouths to feed in the world and food production did not increase at all. Every year many curable diseases, virtually extinct in the rich nations kill, cripple and infect millions in the poor world.

## AID

Britain gives in overseas aid about £170 million a year (when repayments, interest charges, etc., have been deducted from the official figure of £227 million). This is less than half the tax subsidy we pay to our farmers. Yet the rich nations of the West add to their national wealth each year an amount equal to the total wealth

less on other things. The cost of one Polaris submarine would teach 5 million people to read and write.

## TRADE

The rich nations buy food and raw materials from the poor nations. But over the years, the prices the poor countries have received have steadily declined. In many regions, this fall in prices has reduced the foreign exchange earnings of the poor countries by an amount equal to all the aid received from the rich. In the same way, the rich have saved on cheaper imports an amount equal to all the money they gave in aid. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is campaigning for fair and stable prices for the basic exports of the poor countries who, at the moment, are at the mercy of market forces operating in favour of the rich, strong nations. U.N.C.T.A.D. is having little success.

Food, Health, Trade, Aid. If these problems are to be tackled internationally — we, the peoples of the world, will have to raise our voices and demand action by our governments. Joint action, through international co-operation against the common enemies: starvation, disease, poverty.

ALAN SPENCE.

Six groups are meeting in Caversham as part of the Reading Campaign for World Development. Alan Spence, Reading Area Field Officer of the United Nations Association, stresses some of the facts they are facing

produced in a year by Africa. Repeated calls by the United Nations for a modest increase in aid from the rich of 0.4 per cent of their national incomes have been ignored; the rich say they can't afford it because they have balance of payments problems! We can afford it if we spend

"Mankind has not faced up to the reality that he controls his own destiny nor to the fact that it is possible not only for parts of the human race to fail but for the total human race to destroy itself."

(Robert Theobald—British socio-economist).

"During last week's debate on Overseas Aid in the House of Commons there were only 40 or so present, yet only a few minutes previously 200 or more had rushed in to hear a statement on the blowing up of Birmingham's water pipes" (New Christian, December 12th, 1968).

"In 1967 Britons spent £40 million on slimming aids. Between 1965 and 1967 our spending on tobacco and alcohol increased by the exact amount of our aid programme, £204 million" (New Christian, December 12th, 1968).

## MORE THOUGHTS OF A ROVING REPORTER

Before the Christmas festivities are entirely forgotten, I should like to pay tribute to one person whose courage and cheerfulness was particularly striking — Mrs. Davis, the matron of the Arthur Clarke Home. As our readers will remember, her husband died earlier in the year, and though he was obviously very much missed during the Christmas preparations—he was so wonderful at organising, decorating, etc. — Mrs. Davis did her very best to see that the residents did not suffer. Indeed, it was a very gay place when I called just before Christmas; so, I am told, were the other old people's homes in Caversham.

And, incidentally, I couldn't help admiring at least two of our local shopkeepers who, this year, had to carry on without the help of their husbands. The problems of a widow are many; when they are combined with those of running a business they must be doubly difficult, and these two—and there may be many others—coped admirably and cheerfully.

At the moment we are being bombarded with adver-

tisements for holidays, which reminds me that I have just heard that Beryl Anstead, a young mother from Sheridan Avenue, was the runner-up to Miss Pontin, the holiday camp beauty queen, last year. Our congratulations to Mrs. Anstead who, I am told, teaches ballet to youngsters at Balmore Hall every Monday.

Christmas, as usual, brought to the fore our very difficult traffic problems in Caversham. I can't help thinking that the 'lay-by' outside the new shops in Church Street is a particularly stupid piece of planning. Not wide enough, or large enough, to serve any useful purpose, it does block the view for any motorists turning out of Hemdean Road.

I understand there is a strong possibility that swimming classes for children at schools which do not have their own swimming pools, may be cut out altogether for economy reasons. In a river town like Reading this strikes me as sheer lunacy;

it is of vital importance that all our children should learn to swim. So I cannot help hoping that parents will raise hell, if I may use the expression, if this threat is put into practice.

We should like to extend a special welcome to Walton Adams, the photographers, who have just moved into Caversham. As you may have noticed, we are very much indebted to them, and to John Anderson, for many of the photographs that appear in the 'Bridge.'

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# "Sabrina Fair"

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, FEBRUARY 1960—FIVE

I prayed that the French millionaire would turn out to be a fake, but it was not to be. He was the genuine article according to the script. Not so on the stage, though.

I am talking, of course, about Caversham Park Theatre December production of "Sabrina Fair," a comedy by Samuel Taylor, at St. Laurence's Hall in Reading. The play was produced by Jill Burland, a veteran of the C.P.T.

The story centred around the chauffeur's daughter (Diane Summerfield) who returned home from New York after a five-year stay in Paris. The Larrabee family, her father (Fred Millward) worked for, was a highly prosperous business partnership combining the head of the family (Pip Parry) and two sons (Cecil Hole and Ted Parry-Edwards). One a bachelor and the other a divorcee, the two sons, each in their own way, found themselves attracted to Sabrina, "the modern Cinderella", while their father and mother (Connie Edwards)—not to mention Sabrina's father—tried to avert a "socially incom-

patible" situation. The solution might have been found in the appearance of the French millionaire (Richard Howard) who followed Sabrina all the way from Paris—but nobody bothered to ask Cinderella's opinion. So, the twist came in the chauffeur's disclosure of his successful investments which put him in the five-figure elite, providing Cinderella with a magic wand. And that was pointed to Larrabee's elder son. Last barrier overcome, they lived happily ever after.

## IS AN ACCENT REALLY NECESSARY?

It must have been a difficult decision for the producer to accept the American accent. I wonder whether a play, portraying a Scottish family, would require Scottish accent? Some years ago, I saw Sir Laurence Olivier and Co. in the "Semi-detached", speaking a "foreign language" which most of the audience did not understand half way through the first act. It turned out to be Birmingham accent and genuine at that. I think it is unfair to the actors to impose on them an accent

they are not familiar with. I liked Muriel Lord though.

The other point I would like to make is the make-up. Although I found Cecil Hole well cut for the part, I wished Pip Parry and Connie Edwards were made older to create a credible relationship. Alternatively, Linus Jr. should have been played by somebody else. Sabrina was good within her limits, meaning that she was more of an "English rose" than an American, let alone an American Parisienne. She was no Audrey Hepburn.

All this sounds like a lot of criticism, but I think that the audience was well satisfied and that Caversham Park Players are richer for their new experience. I am not convinced, though, that constant change of producer is a good thing. If allowed, a producer can learn by his mistakes and further productions may bring the best out of him—or her.

The C.P.T. is now preparing "The Anniversary" by Bill McIlwraith. It will be staged at St. Laurence's Hall on 19th, 20th and 21st March. Producer: Richard Howard.

P.G.



BOB HORNER

A scene from "Sabrina Fair."

## ROUND THE CLUBS

### The Jubilee Club, Mapledurham

The Christmas Party was held at our meeting on December 9th and although we had a very happy time, we were sad at saying goodbye to Mrs. Waller, the Club Leader. She has done so much for the older people in Mapledurham, and will be greatly missed. As an appreciation members gave Mrs. Waller a gift token.

The afternoon began with a visit to the Church School, next door to the Parish Hall where our party was being held. The children gave us a performance of their Nativity Play; it was beautifully done and they must have worked very hard to give us all such a happy half hour.

Then came the party tea complete with crackers, a glorious cake, a little gift for everyone and a huge box of chocolates to share round.

We were sorry that two or three people were away because of illness. The raffle for the boxes of chocolates so kindly given by Mrs. Collin's son realised ten pounds. This together with two pounds eleven and three pence collected at Mr. and Mrs. Waller's Carol concert helped to take us to Oxford to see 'Babes in the Wood.'

### Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

"Fashion" was the subject of the talk at the December meeting of the Guild and was given by "Lana", Beautician and Fashion Editress of "Woman". She was thanked by Mrs. E. Fitzmaurice for a very helpful and entertaining talk.

Mrs. A. Smith, the new chairman made a presentation of a pot plant to Mrs. E. White, the retiring Treasurer, in recognition of five years' service. A

raffle was organised and the prizes given by Mrs. Starkey, in aid of Guild funds. Three new members were welcomed.

### Blagrove W.I.

The Blagrove W.I. held their Birthday and Christmas Party on 3rd December at the Memorial Hall. Mrs. Sholl welcomed all members, including one new member, and several visitors from neighbouring W.I.s.

An appetizing tea was provided by the committee who were the hostesses and the Birthday Cake was made by Mrs. Sholl and cut by the oldest member, Mrs. Enfield.

The speaker was Mrs. Vickery who gave a very interesting display on Christmas decorations. The handicraft stall was well patronised. The flower of the month competition was won by Mrs. Batstone.

### Maplewood W.I.

As usual Maplewood members and their President, Mrs. Ridley have been involved in a variety of activities. A very successful Group meeting, which took place on 29th October, was attended by 108 W.I. members in St. Andrew's Hall. The Concert organised by those who also belong to the League of Friends of Reading Hospitals raised over £30. On November 9th members, helped by a number of their husbands, ran a Jumble Sale taking over £50. In December Mr. G. Hawthorne illustrated his talk on "Around Berkshire" with colour slides and during the Social time carols were sung.

The Birthday Social was on 21st January 1960 when the Drama Group gave an entertainment.

### Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

The speaker at the December meeting was Mr. B. S. Bush who spoke about the Decimal System, the history of decimal currency and the benefits we, not only as individuals but as a nation, may expect when we

come to the final change-over to Decimal Currency in February 1971. The competition for an arrangement of twelve buttons was won by Mrs. Cade with her entry of a veteran car.

The Drama group have started rehearsals for their new production "The Showdown" and the Music Group will be meeting at Mrs. E. Black's house for record evenings.

### Rosehill Women's Institute

The President Mrs. Sizer opened the December meeting and welcomed two new members. After the business, the meeting was then handed over to the members. The speaker was Mrs. B. Lewis her talk was called "Countrywise" and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Competition for a "Home made Toy" was won by Mrs. Currie, runners up being Miss G. Stevenson, and Mrs. Bayford. The toys were being sent to a Children's Hospital.

### Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild

Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild held its first Dinner Dance on December 2nd at the Grosvenor House Hotel. Over one hundred members and guests enjoyed an extremely happy evening, and the Committee hope, with the Guild's approval, to make the Dinner an annual event.

The Guild Christmas Party was held in St. Andrew's Hall, and members greatly enjoyed the performance of "The Poisonous Miss Zephyr" staged by the Guild's Drama Group. Congratulations are due to Producer Mrs. Idenden and her cast of nine ladies who delighted their audience with a polished and well rehearsed production, and their success was repeated when they performed the play a second time at a tea-party organised by the Guild for the ladies of Warren House.

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# Round the Anglican Parish

## PRIEST FOR CAVERSHAM PARK

At their January meeting the Church Council gave approval to the purchase of a house at Caversham Park, the Diocesan Church Extension Committee having generously made a grant of £3,000 towards this. The Rev. John Crowe and his wife hope to be able to move into a house in Blackwater Close during February.

## ABBEY GIRLS FOR OXFORD

Of recent years a number of boys from different districts in the parish have gained places at Oxford and Cambridge. This year the girls have taken the lead, and taught by Mrs. Jill Packer, Susan Gillings from St. Barnabas and Anne Shepherd from St. Andrew's have been awarded places at Somerville and Lady Margaret Hall respectively to read chemistry. Anne Shepherd has also been awarded a place at Newnham, Cambridge.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

The dates of the annual district meetings have been arranged as follows — Mon. March 10th, St. Andrew's; Tues. March 11th, St. Peter's; Wed. March 12th, St. Barnabas; Thurs. March 13th, St. John's — all at 8 p.m. The Annual Parochial meeting will be held in Balmore Hall at 7-30 p.m. on Thurs., March 20th.

**STATISTICAL SURVEY** Numbers are not everything in the Church of God yet it is of some interest to give a few basic statistics at the end of each year. There were 64 baptisms during 1968 compared with 68 in 1967. Confirmation candidates increased from 33 to 58 and weddings from 58 to 78 (the highest number since 1962). Apart from St. Peter's where there was a small increase there was a substantial decline in communicants in the other districts, so that the total for the year fell by 2,216 to 32,459, the lowest figure since 1962.

Christmas communicants throughout the parish totalled 1,174 against 1,328 last year and 1,483 in 1966. Rather strangely it was at St. Peter's where there was a sharp decline in Christmas communicants, St. Andrew's being the only district to have an increase on that day.

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## St. Peter's Carolers

£33 was raised by two other aspects of home mission have also received grants. In addition to this the Christmas Day collections amounted to just over £100 and were divided between Christian Aid and USPG.

**The Feast of the Purification.** This feast when we commemorate the presentation of Christ in the Temple as a child, falls this year on a Sunday (Feb. 2nd). It is hoped to make this an occasion when as many children as possible are brought to the Parish Communion. Members of the Mothers Union will be making a corporate act of Communion at this service and members of St. Peter's Wives are particularly asked to be present with their children.

**Budget Promise fulfilled.** £500 was included in the Budget for the Church Overseas or beyond the parish and at its December meeting the District Committee were able to allocate this sum. Most of it has been sent to the USPG but Shelter, Reading Moral Welfare Association and

**Ash Wednesday.** Feb. 19th 7 a.m. and 9-30 a.m. Holy Communion 8 p.m. Parish Communion.

## St. John's News

### Distant Friends.

During recent weeks, news has been coming in from several St. John's people who have moved to other parts of the country. It would be very good to hear from others too. Robert and Doreen Cooper, who used to live at 33 Donegal Close, are now living in Alsagar, near Stoke on Trent. Rob is on the staff of the Teachers' Training College there, and is very happy in his work. Their two sons, Simon and Julian, and the neighbourhood children are a great help in his child studies. Doreen, while happy in her new neighbourhood, misses the Sung Eucharist, finding traditional Mattins much less satisfying. They have a vast Sunday School, run almost entirely by very young Sunday School teachers, and although she feels she ought to help them by contributing from her experience as a day school teacher, she cannot while Julian is still so young.

It was nice to see the Gardeners over Christmas. At Marlborough Brian is helping again with the administration of the Chalice. Bob and Susan have said how much they are enjoying life in and around the country town of Chichester. There the pace of life is much less hectic, and it suits them down to the ground. Less so the Church life, which is slower still and when anything does happen this is during working hours so Bob can't take part. However they have made friends with their neighbours, so they are beginning to feel quite at home.

Karl and Sonia Gregor and their son Jan are now living

in Wistaston, Crewe. Karl was disappointed with his first job, but now seems settled with a firm of chemists, who seem to look after their workers very well. Jan has made a number of friends at school, and is technician to a "group". At present, the Gregors are renting a bungalow while waiting to complete the sale of their house here.

Ian and Valerie, the Harris family formerly of 290 Henley Road, are now living in Cheltenham. It took them five months to find a suitable house and then it needed decorating from top to bottom—it still isn't complete. However, the garden was well furnished—with sinks, and a lorry load of asbestos sheeting. Excellent—no pruning or danger of their being killed off by the frost.

From the other end of the world, Australia, Joyce Bailey sends her greetings to her friends at St. John's.

### ANONYMOUS DONATIONS

The treasurer wishes to acknowledge two donations of £1 and one of £30 which he is sending to Christian Aid together with other sums contributed by St. John's people during the year.

### RACHEL IN GOSBROOK ROAD

A truly ecumenical company gathered in the Methodist Church, Gosbrook Road, for the St. Laurence Players' presentation of a nativity play that would have warranted an "H" certificate had it been a film.

The title was "Rachel Mourning," and the Rachel of ancient prophecy was personified in a character played by Miss Rene Attwell, who wrote and produced the play. In the opening scene, with background effects of the Slaughter of the Innocents at Bethlehem, Rachel's baby son was killed by having his head dashed against the front of the pulpit. The soldier who executed the baby was played by Brian Wynn, of Kings Road, Caversham, and also in the cast was Mrs. Esme Barlow, of Chiltern Road.

Like last year's presentation by the same company, the play was concerned with the guilt of Herod. The peace of the church was shattered by harrowing curses from a bereaved mother and her neighbours. Leslie Aburrow, who acted the parts both of Herod and of Joseph. There was a note almost of panic in their voices as he and Mary sought for a place for her imminent confinement.

The imaginary Rachel had the last word as she longed for some purpose that would make sense of the tragedy and wickedness of the time. It was left to our hind-sight and our faith to supply the answer.

Mrs. W. Evans (East Caversham, 33 Derby Road, T1755).

## Double Triumph for Caversham

Two-hundred-and-eight Scouts in 46 teams from 24 groups took part in the Reading district six-a-side knockout football competition in November.

75th Reading (Caversham Free Church) were the winners of the junior section, and 3rd Reading (St. Peter's Caversham) won the senior final. The standard of football was excellent, and the standard of sportsmanship was also good. It is hoped that the competition will become an annual event.



Evening Post.

Senior section winners, 3rd Reading (St. Peter's Caversham). Team left to right, back row, Patrick Sturman, Rodger Coombs, Peter Stratton. Front row: Simon Nicholls, Nicholas Tarrant and Denis Frost. Junior Section winners on page 7.

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## Flower stand at St. Andrew's

A new and adjustable wrought iron flower stand has been presented to St. Andrew's. It was personally made and designed by Mr. E. Packer, father of the Priest in Charge, and was first used for decorating at Christmas. The size and adaptability of this stand are exactly what was wanted and we are very grateful to Mr. Packer for it.

Since the January issue, in which details were given of the November excursion to Stepney, the District Committee has decided to devote the 1969 Summer Fair to the Wellclose Square Fund. It is hoped to make £400. Two points deserve mention at this stage. First, publicity. To some extent the 1968 Summer Fair was so successful because of the wide and general appeal of Oxfam. This year making the cause known and catching the interest of the locality is not going to be so easy. Second, new ideas. Better administration and new thinking helped a lot last year. There is still room for more of both! Anyone reading this who would like to make suggestions or offer services in this connection is invited to do so, by contacting the Priest in Charge.

On Tuesday evening February 4th there will be a Sunday School Open Evening in the Church Hall. On this occasion hopes and plans for the future will be explained; there will be a display of models and equipment and everything will be done to give a clear picture of the regular work of the Sunday School. It is hoped that as many parents as possible will be there. Members of the congregation who are

not parents are asked to take this notice as an invitation. Please come and see what is being done in your name.

Those responsible for it are aware of the need for improvement in the Sunday School and any ideas to that end will be gratefully received.

After Evensong on Sunday, February 9th there will be a relay of hymn singing to the Reading Hospitals.

## Mapledurham Parish Council

The monthly meeting of the Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 12th December, 1968; Mr. B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

Further consideration was given to the Chazey Heath Play area, and information relating to the Mapledurham Estate's requirements for permitting the Council to use the land was considered and accepted. The Council also considered estimates for fencing off part of the land and accepted one of those submitted. It is hoped the Lease with the County Council and the Estate can now be prepared and that the land will be made available for use for those living in the area.

The Council learned with regret that no provision has been made by the Oxfordshire C.C. in the 1969/70 road programme, for improvements to be carried out to the road between Lilley Farm and Mapledurham School. The Council will continue to press the County Council for this situation to be reversed, but in view of the restricted financial allocation made for road improvements, the Parish Council does not foresee any immediate improvement in the situation.

The Council were informed arrangements had been satisfactorily completed for the street lights to be alight in the early morning in the Parish. No difficulties had been found in making this possible.

Among planning applications considered, one was received for the use of premises in Chazey Road to be used as a small nursery school. The Council also received several letters from local residents objecting to the proposal. The Council agreed to inform the County Planning Authority at Oxford that such a change of use of this property would be considered an intrusion of a commercial venture into a solely residential area.

The Clerk informed the Council he understood a meeting had taken place between Messrs. Gants and the County Council concerning the improvements to road conditions in Geoffreyson Road and Hilltop Road. The County Highways Committee were insisting that Messrs. Gants should improve the road surface before handing over the road. If this is not done, the County Council will take a stronger line of action.

# Experiment at Emmer Green

During December an

experiment was made at the Family Eucharist at St. Barnabas. An altar was placed near the chancel step, and the choir sat in the front of the nave on two Sundays and at the back of the church another week. This innovation created much interest among the members of a congregation who contribute too little to the singing during worship. Everyone will have an opportunity to discuss this experiment at the Annual District Meeting on March 12th. It may be necessary to try out certain arrangements for a further period before any decision can be made either about a new altar or the best place for the choir. Certainly a greater sense of unity is needed between choir and congregation, and to help the congregational singing there will be a practice for them after the Family Eucharist on the fourth Sunday each month.

Advent Folk Service. On December 8th the members of US (a club for 11-16 year olds) presented an Advent Folk Service written by themselves entitled "The Difference". The difference between the teaching of Christ and the world as people find it was portrayed in folk songs and readings. The service culminated in an act of commitment made by

everyone present.

Nativity Play. The children of the Sunday Club presented a nativity play on Christmas Eve. It was produced by Miss Ryder and Mrs. Cooper. It was a very polished performance which amply rewarded the hard work it involved for many people. Despite falling snow the play attracted a large congregation and a retiring collection raised £7 for Christian Aid.

Sunday Club changes. The Sunday Club which meets at 9-15 a.m. on Sunday mornings takes the place of a Sunday school. At the Club children participate in their own act of worship and take part in various activities. They then have refreshments with the adults at 10-15 a.m. after the church service. On the first Sunday each month the children, instead of attending the club, go to the Family Eucharist with their parents: at this service there is a special children's address. When so much good religious education is given in day schools the Church, rather than duplicate this, concentrates on teaching the children to worship, and this can only be done effectively when the whole family is in the habit of worshipping God. Mrs. Cooper, with the help of many teenaged assistants has led the Club for two years. She has now

had to give up doing this: appreciation of her work was expressed when she and the other helpers were entertained to dinner recently at the White Hart, Nettlebed. It is hoped that a new leader will soon be found. From February the Sunday Club will only meet on the second and fourth Sundays in the Hall as there will be a family service on the third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. Parents are asked to come and support their children at this on February 16th.

More retirements. Mrs. Baker who has run the Brownie Pack for over a year has moved to Purley, and the Brownies welcome in her place Miss Deidre Cowling, a student nurse at Borocourt. The team of four ladies who organize the St. Barnabas Playgroups have lost the services of Mrs. Goodworth who has helped in this way for over two years: she will now be seen by many at the doctor's surgery in St. Barnabas Road. Mrs. Sheila Ward has taken her place on the Committee. To Mrs. Goodworth and Mrs. Baker many parents owe a debt of gratitude.

From coffee to wine. The Coffee Pot recently held a wine and cheese party at which wives entertained their husbands. The ladies who arranged this, and especially

Mrs. Audrey Smith in whose house the function was held, are to be thanked for arranging a most successful evening.

Biafran Appeal. The people of St. Barnabas gave freely to the cause of world poverty during December. £50 was sent to the urgent appeal on behalf of the Biafran War Victims and a retiring collection on a recent Sunday raised a further £7.

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## RANDOM JOTTINGS FROM AN R.C. LAYMAN

Owing to inefficiency on my part, and nothing else, I mistook the copy date for last month's issue and that is the only reason why, if anyone is interested, this column failed to appear. I did therefore miss the opportunity to wish all my readers (if I have any), a very happy New Year.

### CARDINAL BEA

Before another month goes by, though, I cannot let the death of Cardinal Bea pass unremarked. He died on the 16th November last, aged 87. He was a truly remarkable man and a most engaging personality. What fun his biographer is going to have, and I hope someone is already busily at work.

It is not granted to many to do the most important work of their lives after the age of 70, but this is just what both Pope John and Cardinal Bea, who has been described as "the Shock Trooper of the Pope," managed to do. Regrettably there are some who think these two between them opened Pandora's box. It is certainly true that the relationship between the R.C. Church and other denominations can never be the same again.

At the age of 79, Cardinal Bea suggested a Commission on Christian Unity. This crystallised Pope John's thoughts on this subject and within five days the Secretariat for Christian Unity had been formed with Bea at its head. Before Vatican II, Cardinal Bea took three strong personal stands on

"contacts with others" against opposition from the Vatican's Holy Office:—

(1) He initiated the visit of Canterbury's Archbishop Fisher. This was the first official contact since the Reformation.

(2) Cardinal Bea sent observers in 1961 to the World Council of Churches' meeting in New Delhi. This was against the wishes of Cardinal Ottaviani, Secretary to the Holy Office.

(3) He managed to secure official approval at the Preparatory Commission for the attendance of non-Catholic observers at all general sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

The R.C. Church can hardly go backwards after all this. It may not progress as fast in ecumenical matters as some of us might wish. But for those of us who chafe, it is comforting to look back at the changed attitudes and changed atmosphere which have evolved in the last twenty years. There are, however, some who feel the Church has gone too far too fast. I would urge them to direct their imagination to one section of the community, namely the R.C. partners in mixed marriages. Let them try to understand how much this section of the Catholic community must yearn for ever greater advances in unity. These are the people who are truly grateful to Pope John and Cardinal Bea for what they achieved, and it is this section of the Catholic community who will surely

always be in the forefront of the R.C. Church's efforts in the ecumenical field.

### RUSCOMBE CHURCH

As a corollary to the above, the Anglicans have kindly made the lovely old church at Ruscombe, near Twyford, available to R.C.s for the celebration of Mass at 10-15 each Sunday morning. This is a gesture so enormously appreciated that the place is packed out each week.

Could this have happened in the pre-John/Bea era?

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## February Sunday Services

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

#### St. Peter's

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9-15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.  
11-00 a.m. Matins (Holy Communion 3rd Sunday).  
12-15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday).  
6-30 p.m. Evensong.

#### St. John's

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9-15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
6-30 p.m. Evening Service (2nd Sunday only).

#### St. Andrew's

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9-15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
11-15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6-30 p.m. Evensong.

#### St. Barnabas

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9-15 a.m. Family Eucharist.  
6-30 p.m. Evensong.

#### St. Margaret's, Mapledurham

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays).  
9-15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.  
6-30 p.m. Evensong (1st and 3rd Sundays).

### SALVATION ARMY Prospect Street

3-00 p.m. Young People.  
6-30 p.m. Adults.

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11-00 a.m. Morning Service.  
6-30 p.m. Evening Service.

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6-30 p.m. Evening Service.

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## MAPLEDURHAM SCHOOL NEWS

Mapledurham School opened again on January 7th with 30 children on the roll. From the applications received for the post of Infant helper the managers have appointed Mrs. Nutt of 11 Kidmore Road. I am very pleased to welcome her to the school, and hope she will enjoy working with us.

Last term ended with various Christmas activities. The children invited members of the Jubilee Club into the school to their carols and nativity play on December 9th, and gifts of calendars and sweets were exchanged.

We were very pleased to welcome many parents and the school managers who attended a similar afternoon on December 11th. On this occasion the children gave their farewell gifts to Mrs. Waller who has asked me to include this note in the school news:

*"Thank you to all the children and parents who gave me such lovely gifts—a travelling rug and a book token—and of course a big thank you to the children who had worked so hard in secret to make the cards, calender, string box and plant holder. I have enjoyed all the time I have been at the school. It has been a wonderful experience and I am grateful to Miss Kift for giving me the opportunity to join the children nearly five years ago, and also to Miss Hawthorne who has encouraged my efforts with our first recorder group. I have also learned a lot with the children and will remember them all with love."*

Doris M. Waller.

On December 12th we went by coach to the nativity play and carols at Kidmore End Primary School, by kind invitation of Mr. S. Jones.

The school party was held on December 18th. I wish to thank all parents who so generously contributed to the splendid tea which followed games in the Village Hall. Thanks are due also, to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Coppen for the smooth organisation of the tea.

Through a contact of Mrs. Waller we heard of St. Margaret's Home School in Nazareth. As a token of goodwill our school made a Christmas folder of pictures and greetings to those other children overseas. We were delighted to receive a postcard view of Nazareth and greetings in return, and hope to keep in touch throughout the year.

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THE CHURCH of England Children's Society wants £1,000. They are not alone. A number of church members in South East London decided that this cause was worth supporting. The talking over, the action committee laid its plans and now they are being worked out.

The volunteers are being led in their venture by Anthony Sharp, Lay Organising Secretary for Southwark Diocese for the C. of E. Children's Society. A Saturday-morning look at one aspect of this 1968 appeal is worthy of commendation.

Shoes and slippers, dresses, aprons and material all to be had at competitive prices, and Mr. Sharp with a tape round his shoulders ready for instant measurements.

At the time the picture was being taken, the organiser had two capable assistants in Mr. C. Perkins representing St. Mary's Church, Newington Butts, and a lad from Clifton Youth Club. Reinforcements arrived in relays on that and the following Saturday.

## PROVED IT

They proved that men and women of St. Michael's and All Angels; St. John's; St. Giles'; St. Jude's and St. Mary's Churches all of Southwark and Camberwell strenuously working together could achieve remarkable results. Maybe they did not need to prove it to themselves, but they certainly proved it to the uncommitted.

Glyn Dalton

## DYNAMIC

This young dynamic organiser (at the right of the barrow in the picture) was driving himself and encouraging others, to sell wares from a 'coster' stall in East Street, Southwark, where people were filling their baskets with the bargains to be had in this old-established street market.

## Taken for a ride ?

MOST OF US have been taken for a ride at some time. We have eagerly sucked up all that was told us, and perhaps forked out our hard-earned money. Only to find a deceiver laughing behind our backs.

Does it really matter that much? Isn't it better to be taken in than to be a cynical know-all who doubts everything and everybody? Mustn't they be rather miserable?

I remember a prisoner out on parole put on a journey to a Northern Hospital, to complete his treatment.

"He'll never get there," sneered the cynics. He'll abscond on the way."

But his ward sister believed that he would keep his promise.

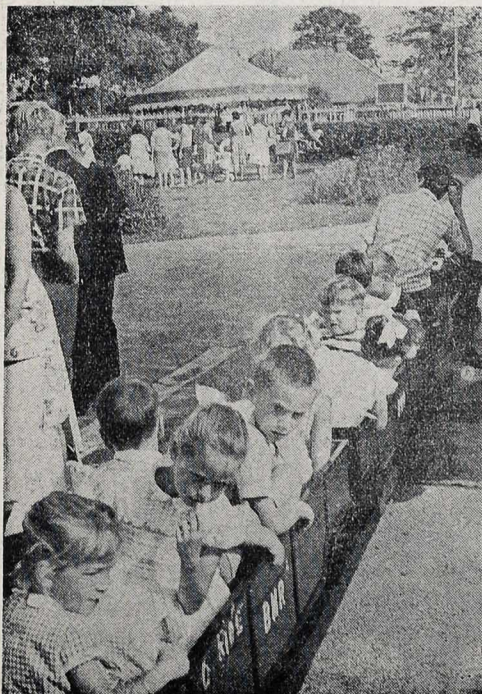
That evening he hadn't arrived. There were secret smiles. Sister had been taken for a ride.

A few days later Sister received a letter. The patient had arrived—rather late—but he'd made it.

"I knew you trusted me to go and get cleared up" he wrote "Nobody ever trusted me like that before. I couldn't let you down."

It could happen to us—to be the first person who had trusted somebody — its worth risking even though we may be 'taken for a ride.'

Margaret Connolly.



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## TELEVISION - BY DIANA DEWES

TELEVISION takes off our rose-coloured spectacles. It brings society's less savoury problems into the light.

The play 'Cathy Come Home,' the tragic story of one young family's homelessness and final break-up, is disturbing.

Society's problems are disturbing. Television is constantly investigating them. The cosier the armchair, the more ghastly they seem.

'Cathy' was repeated twice by popular demand. People heard about it and watched it and it made them talk and think about the homeless and overcrowded probably for the first time in their lives. It was a Wednesday Play.

### HONEST

The Wednesday Plays have been criticised as sexy, blasphemous and sordid; granted, they can be, but at the same time they are



Carol White, who played 'Cathy'

# Switch off — or start thinking

honest, revealing and courageous. They serve the community as social documents, along with news items, interviews and documentary films.

'Cathy Come Home' scrutinised homelessness, slum housing conditions, ineffectual authorities and overcrowded hostels for mothers and children. A hard core of statistics, facts and figures prevents the story from being mere sentiment: statistics verify the story, and the story makes them live.

The truth is unpleasant. It can be switched off, or faced up to. Cathy makes lots of people talk and think and ask themselves questions.

Do the housing officials and councillors and hostel wardens really behave so unsympathetically and 'officially'?

Do Cathy and the homeless deserve sympathy and practical help?

Should they be written off as lazy, ne'er do wells?

Provocative plays, controversial plays, defiant plays—when they have been seen on television people look afresh at their

surroundings. They look again and look with different eyes at the day to day world. They see unattractive truths.

'Cathy Come Home' performs a service to society. It creates an awareness of Cathy in the street—the type of young mother who is often seen with her children in their old pram, pathetically short of help and money, and desperately tired and confused. It takes the hard-hitting treatment of 'Cathy Come Home' to attract notice and concern for her: concern because she has been shown publically to be bullied and bewildered.

### DILEMMA

All kinds of human difficulties have been highlighted by television. 'Mrs. Lawrence will look after it' is a play concerned with the dilemma of the half-wanted child, parked out with the child minder. It

reveals the sad back-ground of each of the young children who are put in Mrs. Lawrence's care. 'A bit of crucifixion, Father' is concerned with the unwanted unborn child and the Roman Catholic Church's attitude to contraception and abortion.

Television pinpoints them, and many other problems, and the eye becomes quicker to pick them out and to see them sympathetically in real life:—the girl without a wedding ring in the ante-natal clinic, the heavily pregnant woman who already has several children, the man who hangs around the public lavatories, the older man who scavenges in the bus ticket bins.

As television regularly reminds us of problems such as these, the outlook changes and the world is viewed in a different more realistic light—without the rose-coloured spectacles.

# FAMILY

## TEACHING CHILDREN TO LOVE AND BE LOVED BY ANIMALS

By Edyth Harper

AS SOON as a child is old enough to learn, it is old enough to acquire animal sense. Many accidents, fears and phobias could be avoided if proper treatment of animals is instilled into tinies.

From the beginning teach the child NOT to rush up to strange dogs. Breeds differ. While Boxers are child lovers, Labradors love family life, Terriers are more likely to seize a toy for a game than submit to being patted or mauled. Encourage firm stroking, in the right direction, with known dog-friends. Discourage irritating little pats, pulling of tails or ears or general mishandling.

Eating the dog's dinner, or trying on its collar are equally to be discouraged! Feeding any dog without permission or handling its bones should be severely reprimanded.

Cats are not notably fond of children and will usually escape from childish attention but if cornered, can teach a sharp lesson with their claws. So

all children must be taught to treat Puss with respect or nasty wounds can result.

### OWN LESSON

A peck from a caged bird will teach its own lesson but country holidays and walks give golden opportunities for lessons in treating animals in general. While encouraging the nervous and restraining the over-bold, adults can draw up a code of conduct which must be kept.

All gates must be shut and no field entered without making certain a bull is not out of sight behind a hedge. If cattle or horses are in a field, it is wiser not to go in without permission. Most cows are quiet enough but a cow in calf can turn nasty if a dog is in range. Horses, too, can kick or bite.

Teach a child how to offer a tit-bit to a known-to-be-friendly horse. Also teach it to keep well away from its heels and approach the animal quietly, talking to it at the same time. The human voice has a great power in the animal world.

### A BOON

A fearless love of and sympathy for animals is a boon to any child whose attitude is affected throughout life by early experiences.

Never show irritation or disappointment if your children are not at once as devoted to animals as you are. A boisterous dog, a peck from a cock can terrify a nervous youngster but with proper supervision and encouragement a wonderful bond of understanding can develop which will last all the child's life and bring great happiness.

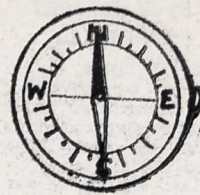
'Teach a child how to offer a tit-bit to a known-to-be-friendly horse.'







Junior Compass  
by Brenda Holloway



## Why not a transfer fee for managers ?

Revie: what price for his transfer?

THERE is a recurring theme that runs through football, revealing itself in the fortunes of a club even to the extent of players conforming to a regular pattern.

When Bill Shankly of Liverpool sought a winger, he instinctively turned to Preston North End, and came away with Peter Thompson.

Centre forwards of international class gravitate to and from Bradford and Everton every generation. Birmingham City at any given time can be sure to have at least one international goalkeeper on their books.

Believers in the continuity theme were therefore prepared for the emergence of a successful Arsenal team under the guidance of former physiotherapist Bertie Mee.



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Sport, by  
Ernest  
Adkins

A team manager is not just a manipulator of men, he is also a creator, and in this he can only succeed in a climate free from interference and insecurity.

At a time when all players are under contract we still hear of managers bound by a gentleman's agreement.

It is time all those on the admin side of football were employed on a proper contractual basis.

This would ensure more careful selection by both parties in the first instance. Also giving the manager the security he needs and protecting the club against losing his services.

### TRANSFER FEE

Quite mistakenly in my view clubs seeking a transformation turn to the 'hard' men to achieve a miracle.

These so called trouble shooters inject a shot of new life into a team, but the results are short lived. There is a number of these 'tough guys' who join the circuit of football, then fade away.

If they left the game tomorrow Jock Stein, Matt Busby, Bill Nicholson and Harry Catterick would be remembered not for their toughness but their organising genius.

And why not a transfer fee for managers, under such a system what price Don Revie of Leeds United.

A man who has unobtrusively produced a team any member of which could be rated in the £100,000 category.

Why do clubs in their search for the right man confine themselves to the ranks of the ex-pro footballer?

It's an interesting thought that Bertie Mee, the current saviour at Highbury, would not even have been considered for the post of team manager by any other club.

## Magician in the house

HAVING a magician in the house means keeping a dove for a pet instead of a budgie, and some brisk work on the sewing machine running up silk handkerchiefs, vells and eastern robes.

Being a magician's mother needs adaptability and loads of tact. Our magician was just five years old when he started his tricks. Unfortunately, when Tony waved his magic wand, Dad's last packet of cigarettes re-appeared in SHREDS. Another packet cost him a week's pocket money.

However, this didn't deter our Tony. Hour after hour, day after day he practised until he became really efficient. Christmas and birthday present money was used to buy tricks, so that, when he was allowed ten minutes on the stage at his scout concert he had plenty of variety to offer his audience. They clapped so heartily that his "SHOW" lasted half an hour, and later two scouts booked him for further appearances.

That night he came home determined to become "A Real Magician." Every moment of spare time in the years that followed was devoted to this burning ambition.

His dad was proud of him but insisted that Tony should train for the civil service when he left school because even famous magician's don't rate fabulous pay. Dutifully, Tony swatted for his A levels but every leisure moment he practised magic and enlarged his repertoire of tricks.

EUGENE BROUGH



Tony, with a rather advanced 'trick'.

## Getting the bird

Start a bird book

Many birds start mating in February. In parks and gardens and in the countryside cock birds are spreading their feathers and strutting and flying around excitedly to attract their special girl-friends. Watch carefully this month and see how many kinds of birds you can spot. A bird book from the Library will help you to find their names.

Next, get a small notebook—or make one by folding sheets of white paper and sewing them together down the fold. Print the name of each different kind of bird you spot across the top of a page, using one page for each kind of bird. Under each heading enter some notes about that bird—where it lives, how many times a year it mates, the colour and number of eggs the hen bird lays. Draw a picture of each bird, or cut out any pictures you can find in old magazines, and paste them in your book.

Keep a few pages at the end of the book for special notes.

### Listen

Listen carefully for the birds' mating calls. If you have a garden and a tape-recorder at home, you could ask a grown-up to help you rig up the tape-recorder on a fine sunny day so that you could try and record some of the bird calls. You'd have to be terribly quiet and sometimes wait quite a long time before you were lucky enough to hear the calls.

## Can you get these birds ?

Here are four jumbled names of birds mentioned in the Bible. Can you discover what they are?

ROWSPAR; VOED; WASLLWO; EGAL.

Now check your answer

SPARROW; DOVE; SWALLOW; EAGLE.

## Did you know ?

THAT "getting the bird" is something actors and actresses hate? It's a slang expression meaning that the audience hiss at the players because they don't like the show.

THAT you can read about swallows and sparrows in verse 3 of Psalm 84? Print this verse in your bird book.

THAT an old legend says that the Robin got its red breast when it went to help Jesus on his way to the cross? The soldiers had mocked Jesus by making him wear a crown of thorns that they'd made. The robin noticed that one of the thorns was scratching Jesus so badly that the blood was running down his brow.

The robin flew swiftly to the rescue and pecked the thorn away, and his breast was stained red with the blood.

You could put this note in your bird book.

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By MARGARET  
CONNOLLY

THE MOTHER of the small boy sat twisting her handkerchief as she waited for the doctor to come from behind the screens. She raised swollen eyes to his face and saw that he was smiling.

"It's going to be all right, Mrs. Smith. Peter is going on fine. That blood transfusion he had when he arrived here has made all the difference. You'll soon have him home again."

"Thank you Doctor and everybody," murmured Mrs. Smith thankfully.

"Well, it's the unknown helper you must thank," he answered briskly.

Mrs. Smith looked puzzled, "Who?" she asked.

"One of the million or so people up and down the country who give their blood about twice a year," he answered, "What should we do without them?"

#### FIND OUT

Mrs. Smith remembered a neighbour of hers—she must be nearly 60, who had mentioned once that she was a blood-donor. Of course one never gave it a thought until something like Peter's accident happened. She made up her mind to find out about it.

About a fortnight later Peter was home, and his mother and father as well as his older brother and sister aged 18 and 21 had written to the regional office to ask for the form to enrol them as blood-donors.

The blood of hundreds of thousands of donors saved the lives of many thousands of civilians and military casualties during the last war. The unknown men and women helped to establish a Service which, as the National Blood Transfusion Service, has since built up a nation-wide network of 13 Regional Centres.

#### BANKS

Each centre is responsible for the recruitment of its donors, for taking their

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

# Blood for Life

blood, and for maintaining "blood banks" at the Centre and in the major hospitals which in turn supply the smaller ones around them. When donors of very rare types of blood are needed they can then be quickly obtained by reference to a central register compiled from all the Centres in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, of which each Centre has a copy.

Among other things, the former prepares blood grouping sera and deals with problems concerning

blood grouping. The latter prepares dried plasma and many special products from plasma, such as fibrinogen, which is used to treat conditions in which there is a low blood fibrinogen concentration, and gamma globulin, which is valuable in preventing certain infectious diseases and in treating patients suffering from a disease in which the body fails to make its own gamma globulin.

#### GOOD TIME

Who can be a donor? Anybody between 18 and

'65 in normal health and who have never suffered from jaundice. How does the service work? Just write to your Regional Transfusion Centre and ask for a form. You can find the address in your Telephone Directory or at your local Post Office. There are 13 centres in the country.

The centre will send you a form, and then you will be notified in good time as to the time and place where the mobile team will visit. It's the matter of a prick followed by ten minutes of your time, and then a twenty minute rest with a cup of tea.

If you are employed by a big firm and there are enough donors, then the team may visit you at the place where you work. But don't forget that there are donors who have been doing this for 25 years and more and feel none the worse.

What happens to the blood? It is taken in bottles in a refrigerated van to the Regional Transfusion centre and stored in a Blood Bank. Within three weeks this blood is usually taken to one of the surrounding hospitals, being matched up, as



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a rule to the group of the patient. If it has not been required in that three weeks it is separated and dried, in which form it can be reconstituted with distilled water.

#### PLASMA

This is used for people suffering from burns and scalds and similar conditions which need the plasma to control shock and make up the volume of circulating fluid in the body.

We hear quite a lot about Rhesus babies, whose blood

may be completely changed. We know about "hole-in-the-heart" patients, on whom the operation taking blood from up to perhaps 12 donors, is often highly successful. Then there are accidents of all kinds, on the road, in the home, at work, which may result in loss of blood or severe burning, and require a transfusion of some kind.

Few of us will ever give an organ or part of an organ to save a human life, but most of us can spare a little blood. Why not?

## Show stars make a record for refugees

JULIE ANDREWS, Tom Jones, Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra and Barbra Streisand are among 16 famous entertainers who have made a third "World Star Festival" record for the United Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees. Its sales will benefit refugees throughout the world.

Says Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the UNHCR: "We wished to produce a record which would appeal to all the present generations and be a milestone in the production and sale of popular records. We therefore invited, and obtained, the benevolent participation of a group of artists whose records have sold nearly 100,000,000 discs during the past four years."

#### INTERESTS

"I have been assured that no firm could ever have brought these artists together because of the many interests involved. I am therefore all the more grateful to the artists, the composers, the musicians, and the record companies who have generously donated royalty free their talent and their artistic property for the cause of the refugees."

Besides those named above, others taking part in World Star Festival are



Tom Jones: his song, too.

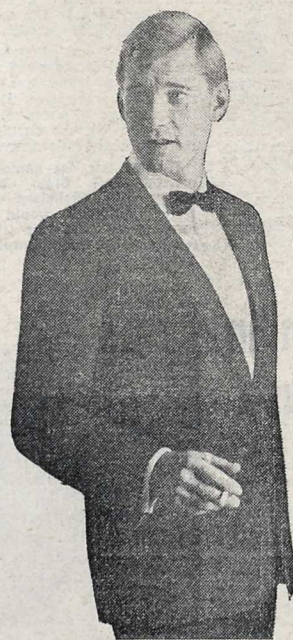
Herb Alpert, Shirley Bassey, The Bee Gees, Ray Charles, Paul Mauriat, Diana Ross and the Supremes, Simon and Garfunkel, Sonny and Cher, Dusty Springfield, Dionne Warwick and Andy Williams.

In addition, the disc to be distributed in the USA and Canada will include recordings by Glen Campbell, Vikki Carr, Mel Carter, and the Ray Conniff Singers.

The record will have been ready in time for Christmas in the USA and Canada, but in Europe not until March this year.

#### PROJECTS

The UNHCR's first long-playing record earned \$1,500,000 for refugee aid; the second, an international piano festival, realised more than \$200,000. These profits enabled \$790,000 to be used on behalf of "old" post-war refugees in Europe, \$100,000 for refugees purposes in Burundi, Congo, Tanzania, and Uganda, \$40,000 for refugees in the Arab world, \$220,000 was spent in Asia, and other sums were devoted to a variety of purposes for assisting refugees in various parts of the world.



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