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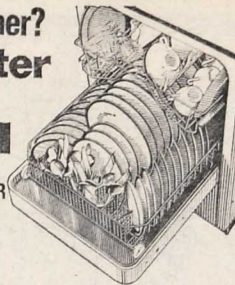
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and the thing you need above all is the
love which is going to bring out the best
in you.

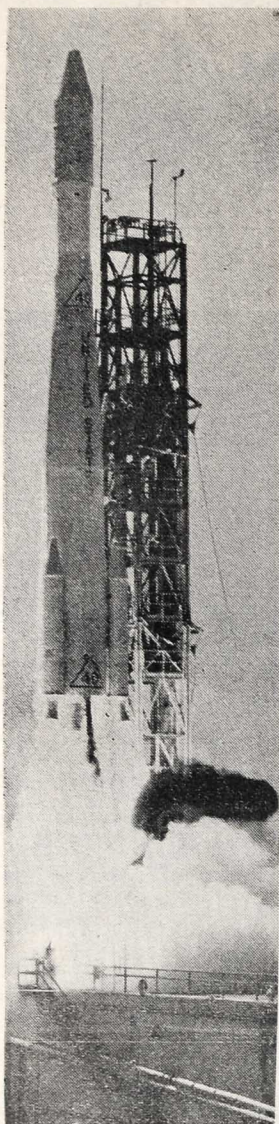
Being given **TIME** is more important than being given "things."

Being given **ENCOURAGEMENT** is better than having the law laid down.

Being given **ROOM TO MOVE** and be yourself is more important than being shielded from awkward facts and challenges.

These things are part of love and so these things you need as well, Yvonne.

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SIN-TWINS

And pride and anxiety, those sin-twins within, kid us that this is the right road to fulness of life. Our pride won't let us slacken our pace towards the top, anxiety turns our head to glance and make sure no one is overtaking us in the race—and just to make certain we run faster.

We're launched on the rat race.

Who's going to be first with a colour T.V.?

Who's going to be first on the moon?

Can I get ahead by buying a bigger house, a posher car, a fur for my wife's back?

Fashionably, we reassure ourselves, gathering the status symbols, our stepping stones to the top, comfortably around us.

Let's dare to stop—and ask the odd question of ourselves.

Is personal or national status only a matter of material achievement?

Could it be that the spending of astronomical sums on moon shots is really an escape from facing the world's more pressing, less glamorous problems of hunger and revolutionary tension?

HELP TO FORGET

Is a colour television just another item in the hectic quest for goods and chattels which we imagine will help us to forget rather than face those gnawing problems at work, in our homes and in ourselves?

Really 'making it,' really 'getting to the top,' for people or nations is more than amassing goods, fame and popularity.

Vision and humility, flair and courage, honesty and sacrifice: these are some of the characteristics of those nations and people that in the end, history judges to be 'Top Nations,' 'Top People'—like Czechoslovakia in the summer of '68, Britain in the summer of '40: like Winston Churchill, Edith Cavell, Michelangelo, Che Guevara, President Kennedy, Florence Nightingale, Jesus of Nazareth, Mahatma Gandhi.

Migraine attacks may yield to research

Millions of migraine sufferers throughout the world will welcome the latest research news which suggests that migraine is no longer a psychological condition.

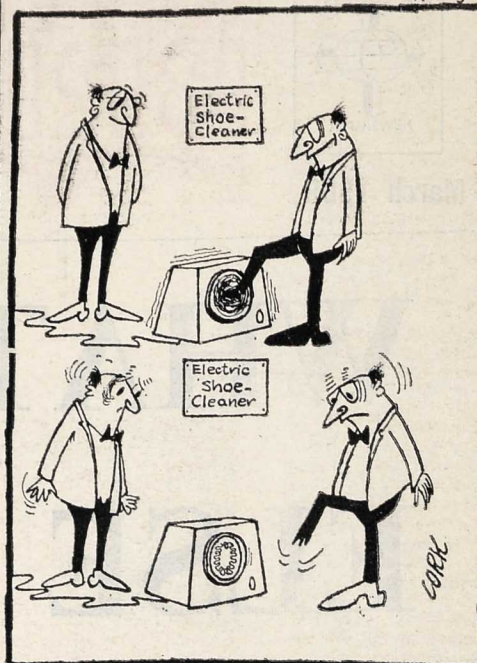
Dr. Edda Hannington of the Wellcome Trust, has been researching for two years on the Tyramine content of certain foods which is believed to cause many migraine attacks.

Dr. Hannington in co-operation with the specialists at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital in London has discovered the first means of inducing attacks of migraine naturally in a large number of patients by feeding them small doses of Tyramine.

It is hoped that this research will lead to the elimination of many attacks for millions of sufferers.

GOOD FOR A LAUGH

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TWO AND A HALF grains of heroin. Administered intravenously in a public lavatory. With a borrowed needle. And he wouldn't swap that for the best cooked meal that money can buy.

But then he's a mainliner. A junkie. A drug addict. Someone who is mentally ill.

What has the world of the junkie to do with you? People ain't born junkies. They don't look any different from the rest of us. Not until afterwards, anyhow. Most of them come from good, respectable homes. Like yours and mine.

These words come from an appeal by the Mental Health Trust to face the facts about this modern problem. How many addicts are there? We don't know. The police and the hospitals who deal with them keep very quiet about it. But we do hear of city drug squads being increased in number and new hospital departments opening. Recently Bradford City Police put on an exhibition about drugs to alert the public to their misuse and danger.

STRIDES

We must say in fairness that the 'drug problem' is the bad side effect of the beneficent drug discoveries of recent years which have allowed medicine to take such strides. Penicillin and other pain-killing or healing drugs may have more harmful associates.

Harmful, that is, if abused; and misuse and abuse are the chief concern. The drug in itself will hurt nobody in the right place, but in the hands of the 'pusher' or his victim it can wreak havoc.

Concern with drugs, as a 'problem', is an adult attitude. To bind about it salves the conscience of the older generation because they see it as part of the rebellion of youth. While the fathers drink their plums the children's teeth are set on edge with pills.

The older generation 'go on' about drugs partly because they want to 'get back' at young people for being so maddening, for liking loud music and for wearing skirts far too short of knobbly knees.

ILLEGAL

But drugs: "we can say something about that, after all they are illegal." But, as a doctor said "I would be happier if my teenage children could smoke marijuana rather than start on the road of so many of their elders of

'They come from good homes — like yours and mine...'



**... But 'if we
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addiction to nicotine and alcohol."

"Happier" I wonder? There is growing evidence that drugs are progressive and that those who start with barbiturates, Amphetamines, Marijuana and the Psychedelics do go on to the hard drugs—which kill.

But then, nicotine and alcohol also kill if they are

used to coat the lungs or impair a driver's judgment. As Peter Laurie wrote in his PENGUIN "If we had just discovered alcohol we should ban it."

Though hospitals are aware of this problem and 'cures' are possible, the ex-addict faces the problem of re-entry into Society. Can he find support for his hard won total abstinence? At Spelthorne St. Mary, the Sisters of Wantage have been running a re-habilitation centre for women and girls since 1879.

Sister Patricia recently wrote of some of her younger charges "they are confronted by a Society that is in retreat from Christianity—that upholds no authority in the family

because it has lost faith in the Fatherhood of God. They are helpless against a vast sub-culture out to violate the adolescent and to isolate him from the rest of Society."

SUCCESS

Even against these difficulties the Sisters are being a considerable success.

It is hoped to do similar work for men in the Manchester area. The project has the interest and support of the Mental Health Trust and the organisers are in consultation with the City authorities about what support they can give and whether they will refer cases to the Manchester and Salford Methodist Mission Home after treatment.

By John Banks, a member of the Compass editorial board. See "Methodist from Manchester" in this edition

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SEE WHAT I MEAN ?

**You can't
go it
alone**

"Yes," said Harold to Fred when they'd got on the bus, "Crying shame, laying old Bert off like that"

"After 22 years at the place an' all," added Fred.

"I hope he gets something else soon," Harold went on.

"Good job he's the sort of bloke as can take it. Always level-headed and sure of hisself. 'E'll be alright, will Bert."

Fred shook his head.

"I dunno so much," he said. Last night 'e said to me 'I'm right at the end of my tether, Fred,' 'e said. 'I dunno which way to turn and that's a fact. I feel lousy,' 'e said."

"Get away." Harold was surprised. "That don't sound like old Bert. Must be in a bad way."

"Yes. He's really taken it hard I bet it's the first time 'e's felt he can't cope."

"'E'll pull round, y'know—he'll have to," Harold replied. "Yer can't chuck yer hand in and go squealing for help just because things are tough. I s'pose you'd say that the Lord 'elps them as 'elps 'emselves."

"True enough," smiled Fred. "It's a pity most of us wait till we're up against it, though. I reckon we'd all cope a darn sight better if we gave God a look-in all the time."

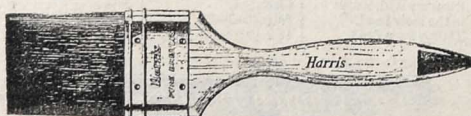
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The wonderful horses in police service

By Edyth
Harper

THE MOUNTED POLICE in London would surely figure high on a list of tourist attractions.

Canada has mechanised her famous 'Mounties' for obvious reasons, except for occasions demanding ceremony. Fortunately, we still have our police horses and their riders. It might appear anachronistic to use horses in London traffic, but they have proved their worth over and over again in controlling and dispersing crowds. Criminals in a car have even been taken into custody by a mounted policeman.

Two hundred years ago two men and two horses were the total force. Today 200 men and horses is nearer the mark. Naturally, strict training is essential to bring the horses to the excellent standards they reach.

Most were born in Ireland or Yorkshire. When three to four years old, around twenty arrive at

Imber Court each spring and autumn. Unbroken, they have to learn more than the average unbroken horse.

BEHAVIOUR

The Mounted Branch Training Establishment began around 50 years ago. New entries are first allowed to settle down, then school begins, run on a system of reward for good behaviour.

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Next another six weeks go by in the same routine, but this time with a man in the saddle. Obedience to leg control and hands

comes next, until vocal orders give place only to reins and leg control.

Noise must be treated with contempt. No trained police horse must show that he objects to drums banging, shouts, shots, or even fire and smoke. Cheering crowds, angry crowds, bands, ceremony and ordinary traffic he must take in his stride. Of course he is introduced to each of these by degrees, and so gains confidence in himself and his rider.

Besides all this, he must never tread on a prostrate human, show aggression unasked, and be capable of long, weary hours on duty. His feet are all important so special shoes are made for each horse, to be changed monthly.

A fortnight's holiday comes once a year in the country to freshen him up. The average length of service is around 16 years under veterinary supervision. Some last as long as 25 years.

Wherever they are, whatever the occasion, our Mounted Police tend to steal the show, and deservedly so, for our police horses are marvellous.

CAR SENSE

**Remember
the
unholy
twins -
fuel and
ignition**

MY FIRST car had no petrol pump — the tank was under the bonnet—and it used to get airlocks in the petrol pipe which one cured by blowing down the filler pipe!

Since then—1946—I've had mechanical pumps, electric pumps, even an Autovac; and just about every fuel trouble it's possible to have. So when my old Land Rover started playing up my first thought was "fuel system".

The symptoms didn't show up until I was overtaking a lorry with my foot well down, and the engine suddenly lost power. After that she cruised normally, but whenever I put my foot down the engine faded. "Blocked jet" I thought; so I took them out and blew them through.

No improvement.

So I cleaned the filters and checked the pump. Still no better — in fact worse, because now she was misfiring even when ticking over. Misfiring regularly on one cylinder... Clot! Why didn't I check the ignition first?

OVERSIZE

And there it was. Four worn-out plugs with oversize gaps: all much the same to look at, but one of them in fact broken down inside. Four plugs 10,000 miles old: replaced with new ones and everything was fine once more.

Moral — remember the unholy twins: FUEL and IGNITION. Between them they are responsible for an awful lot of trouble, but the symptoms of the two are often very much alike. So when there's trouble and you suspect one — check the other, just in case...!

BRIAN FAVELL.

**They've given
us their names**

**CAPT. CHARLES BOYCOTT
(1832-1897)**

Whenever we engage in a concerted refusal to deal with people, our action is usually termed as 'boycotting'. This term is derived from Captain Charles Boycott, an unpopular 19th century landlord.

As agent for the estates of the Earl of Erne in Co. Mayo, it was his duty to receive the tenants' rents. In 1880 the tenants complained that the rents being charged were exorbitant.

In consequence they decided to fix their own figure, but Boycott refused to accept it. From then on he was obstructed and ostracised by the tenants. Boycott, however, finally emerged victorious, although he needed the protection of some 1,000 soldiers.

Boycotting played a large part in the struggle for Irish nationalism, and the term has since been incorporated into the English language.

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NOT SO DORMANT

MANY people often think of the Church as a body of people concerned largely with their own self-preservation. This month let us take a glance at some of the practical things that the Church of God does in our own community.

There are two Church Schools—the large Roman Catholic Primary school of St. Anne's, and the smaller Anglican infant school at Mapledurham. And there are two homes where young and old are cared for—one for boys at St. Benet's Emmer Green, one of more than a hundred homes run by the Church of England Children's Society, and one for elderly ladies who are in the loving care of Sisters of the Community of St. Mary the Virgin at Springfield St. Luke in Surley Row.

Apart from the Emmer Green Youth Club nearly all the youth work in Caversham is run by Church people on Church premises—there are a number of open youth clubs, church members giving generously of their time in helping in this work, while the Scout and Guide Movement is strong. There are also other organisations run by the Church for young people.

A special article in this number describes the work of the play groups. These have sprung up in the past few years. At least 200 Caversham children are being cared for in this way. Church members are doing a wonderful service to the community by providing helpers in these groups which take place on church premises, usually a merely nominal charge for the hall being made.

Then of course the Caversham Bridge can take some credit for sponsoring the Bridge scheme of Social service. The report of the annual meeting on another page gives some idea of the growing help being given to many in the Community, especially the elderly. There is a large panel of volunteers who visit, cook meals, provide transport and other needs.

Across the river in Reading the Church is to be found providing the Samaritan telephone service, and numerous Caversham people help in this work. And from an office in Bath Road a team of social workers are responsible for helping many people in need: particularly do they help unmarried mothers and arrange the adoption of many children. The work of the Y.M.C.A in Reading has many sides to it, but a gap would be left in the lives of many people if it was not there, and equally valuable is the work of the Salvation Army. There is also another home of the Church of England Children's Society in Reading. Rather less known is the Deaf Centre in London Road which does a tremendous job for the deaf population of the town. It is run by the Oxford Diocesan Council for the Deaf. And of course there are many Church schools, both Anglican and Roman Catholic in different parts of the borough.

In a wide variety of ways the Church is serving the needs of people in Reading. Often it has pioneered work which later the state has come to realise is important and which it has taken over. Perhaps some of the things listed above should now become the responsibility of the state. But even if this were to be so, it would still be vitally important that Christian men and women should be doing this work and bearing witness to the compassion of Christ.

But behind these more obvious undertakings the day to day work of caring for and counselling many in need goes steadily on. The sick are visited and the dying and bereaved are comforted, and many who are troubled in mind are helped by clergy and laity alike to come to a new understanding of God's purpose for them. And all the time the Church offers to God, both weekly and daily, a round of worship. And from the inspiration brought to them in worship Christians derive the strength to serve their fellowmen.

Next time anyone asks you what the Church is up to in Caversham or Reading I hope you will know what answer to give.

John Grimwade

MARY KIFT

RECENTLY APPOINTED as the Mapledurham representative on the Caversham Bridge Board of Directors—Miss Mary Kift is well qualified to fill this NEW POSITION

For almost 8 years up to April, 1968, Miss Kift was Headmistress of Mapledurham School which has always been a focal point of the local community's life. Now Miss Kift teaches part-time at the Micklands

County Primary School Church of England work. She is happy to but is still very much schools. I was at be living in Ilkley Road involved with life in Checkendon and Wall near her parents in the Mapledurham area. ingford before coming Darell Road. In addition She is the new club to Mapledurham, and tion to her many leader of the elderly enjoyed teaching at all activities she manages people's Jubilee Club, three schools.” to deliver the “Caver- and is a member of the Mary Kift loves gar- sham Bridge” in Grass Parochial Church dening, bird-watching, Hill. Council. painting and needle-

J.Y.C.

But Miss Kift also knows Caversham very well. With the rest of the Kift family she came to live in Darell Road 45 years ago. After her education at St. Peter's Hill School and the Abbey School she taught at St. Peter's Hill School for 2 years before the last war.

During the war years Miss Kift was in the Women's Land Army in different parts of Berkshire. “I would have loved to have had a farm” she told me—“but it just wasn't possible. So, after the war I went back to teaching. I was trained at a Froebel Institute, and then taught at three



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ROUND THE CLUBS

Mapledurham Jubilee

Club

The first meeting of the New Year was held on Monday, January 13th, and most people were able to attend.

After a short session of Bingo (the members' favourite game), we heard news of Mr. and Mrs. Waller and made final arrangements for the outing to the Oxford pantomime the following Wednesday.

We could not have had a happier time when we went to see "Babes in the Wood". It was a glorious day for the coach trip to Oxford, warm and sunny, and we all enjoyed the ride, arriving in plenty of time. The show was a great success. Tea and chocolate biscuits fortified us for the journey home.

It was with great sorrow that we learned of the death of Mrs. Bell after a long and distressing illness. She was a member of the club committee, and a great help at all our meetings. With-

out fail she would bring along one of her wonderful home-made seed cakes that people so enjoyed. She will indeed be greatly missed, but not forgotten.

M.K.

Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild

The full and varied programme planned for 1969 by Caversham Heights Townswomen started off on a topical note when, at their January meeting presided over by Mrs. V. Birtwhistle, nearly eighty members heard Mr. B. S. Bush speaking on the Decimal System planned to commence in the United Kingdom in 1971.

Mr. Bush divided his talk into five parts, covering the history of the idea of decimalisation (and members were surprised to learn that decimal coinage was first suggested in 1608); the benefits of decimalisation; the choice of system (the British, it appears, prefer a "heavy" currency to the sort

favoured by some countries where the cost of even the most modest commodity is counted in hundreds); the change to be used (six coins with a weight/value relationship and one note); and finally the problems arising out of the change.

Mr. Bush presented his subject in an exceedingly interesting way, and provoked many questions from his listeners before Mrs. C. Strange proposed a vote of thanks. One fact in particular emerged from Mr. Bush's talk and that is that the British public are going to be so bombarded with propaganda about Decimalisation that we are all going to be experts in understanding the system long before "D-Day" comes!

The meeting ended with an informal half-hour in which several members of the Drama Group gave much pleasure with their most sensitive reading of a number of well-loved poems.

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

We are told five hundred thousand tons of fish are consumed annually in this country. What of the men who spend long periods at sea away from home and families in the hazardous work of supplying this demand?

At the January meeting, a colour film entitled "Sign of the Fish" was presented by Mr. W. H. Cottrell of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. This gave the members of the Guild an insight into the work of the Mission in carrying out the task of caring for the physical, social and spiritual well-being of these men.

From a small beginning in 1881 with one mission ship, the work has grown and is maintained by voluntary efforts, and is administered by devoted servants in practically every port in this country. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. E. Kalemkerian.

Members were then entertained with a recital by the Caversham Singers.

Rosehill Women's Institute

Mrs. Sizer, President, welcomed all the members at the January meeting when a demonstration was given by Mr. Wyborn and his assistant from Singer Sewing Machines Ltd.

The competition "A small article made from scrap material" was won by Miss M. Stevenson, runners-up being Miss C. Stevenson and Mrs. Currie.

Our annual rummage sale will be held at the Emmer Green Primary School on March 8 at 2-30 p.m.

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

MRS. P. RIDLEY provided an excellent start to the year with her amusing and informative talk on the development of domestic appliances and furniture from the middle ages to the present day.

Members of the Music Group enjoyed a "Sir Malcolm Sargent evening" which included a record of his last appearance at a Promenade Concert.

Emmer Green T.G. will be holding their Spring Rummage Sale on March 22nd at Emmer Green Primary School.

Blagrove WI

There was a good attendance at the January meeting which was presided over by Mrs. Sholl. The speaker was Mrs. McYear who gave a most interesting talk on "Some Customs and Customs of India" illustrated with colour slides. Mrs. Griffiths gave the vote of thanks.

The flower of the month competition was a tie, Mrs. Sholl and Mrs. Plumridge.

FRED SQUIRES

Retiring after over 30 years with the Post Office Engineering Department, is Fred Squires of Washington Road. When I called to see him the other night he had just been informed that he had been awarded the Imperial Service Medal.

No need to ask him what he is going to do with his retirement. A keen photographer, he also plans to catch up on his reading — and, for good measure, his wife Joyce has a lot of decorating jobs lined up for him.

Fred, whose father also worked with the Post Office, has seen a great many changes since he started; at that time Reading was the only automatic exchange in the district. He has a fund of stories about life with the Post Office—how they were issued with shot guns and revolvers during the war, for instance.

He and his family became members of St. Anne's Church through his daughter, Eileen, who attended the school there. He himself is a member of the nights of St. Columba.

Our very best wishes for his retirement and we look forward to hearing more of Mr. Squires and his family in the future. W.D.



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Mrs. Skinner welcomed several guests and Mrs. Brown a new member, and afterwards presented birthday posies. A sub-Committee was formed to make arrangements for the forthcoming party for spastic children.

Mr. Hawthorne gave an interesting talk about the "Life and Work of Bees". He showed slides which were greatly enjoyed by members. Mrs. Beacroft gave the vote of thanks.

There was an exhibition of work done by the Upholstery Class.

Youth pull their weight

The younger members of St. Peter's bellringers have been taking their full share lately in ringing the bells. On a recent Sunday a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, Roy Harris being conductor and the third was rung by Douglas Beaumont. Among those who have been taking part in the ringing lately are

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PLAY GROUPS

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, MARCH, 1960—THREE

MY mother often tells me how she took her youngest sister to school when she was still a toddler — still in nappies in fact. It seems that a village school seventy years ago could take in its stride a problem which today's educational authorities can't handle—what to do with the under-fives.

Now I am aware that preparing for school.

Easier to fit

A group at Emmer Green, for instance, make a point of visiting a nearby school occasionally just before the children are due to start themselves. Most school heads, aware that children from nursery schools and play groups are so much easier to fit into school life, are happy to co-operate. But it must be emphasised that in play groups, unlike nursery schools, no attempt must be made to teach.

It is true that some places in playgroups are needed to enable mothers to take part-time jobs, but let's not be hypocrites about it. For one thing, the country needs some working mums, especially those with professional training. And even in this affluent world some mothers have to go to work if they are to achieve a reasonable standard of living.

Need

But, more important, there is the need of the children. And it is generally agreed that normally intelligent children need the company of others long before school age. This is why provision of nursery schools is written into the Education Acts, why the Government only recently increased grants for this purpose.

Yet we all know that only the fortunate few can find places in nursery schools; it is to the eternal credit of many modern parents that they have set about solving the problem themselves.

For the past few weeks I have been discovering that on most week-day mornings, in halls all over Caversham children are being brought together in groups of up to 25 and having enormous fun with paints, musical instruments, climbing frames and so on. For anything up to 4s. a morning, including refreshments, these children get something that no amount of home care can give them, learning to play together and

one cannot escape the feeling that the new regulations in force are a little one-sided, vital though they undoubtedly are for the safety, mental and physical health of the children. It would be an enormous pity if any single group were to be closed for want of one extra toilet and no possibility of building another, at least without a grant.

In this area, however, the situation looks hopeful. Here we have, on the one hand, a group of very sensible people, fully aware of the needs for regulations, and—on the other—local inspectors who have always been very helpful. Indeed, when I spoke to an official of the local health department I gained the very distinct impression that she and her colleagues regard the new regulations as a way of getting the best for the children and not as a method of trying to restrict those who run the groups. With such a fund of goodwill the outlook here seems promising.

No names

You will have noticed that nobody is mentioned by name in this brief description of a wonderful body of workers. This is quite deliberate. Without exception everyone I spoke to stressed that what ever had been achieved was the result of combined effort by so many people that it would be unfair to mention them by name. Everyone does what they are best suited for. Whether it be playing with the children, making the tea, raising funds or representing the local groups in country and national organisations, membership of which is vital if they

are to get the benefit of each others experience. And their needs—in case you want to help—Well, all the groups need cash and if your own children have out-

grown suitable toys do contact a local group leader and see if they can use them. Books too—but please ask first. In most cases storage room is limited and every-

thing has to be packed away after every session. We can always put you in touch with group leaders if you don't know them personally. W.D.



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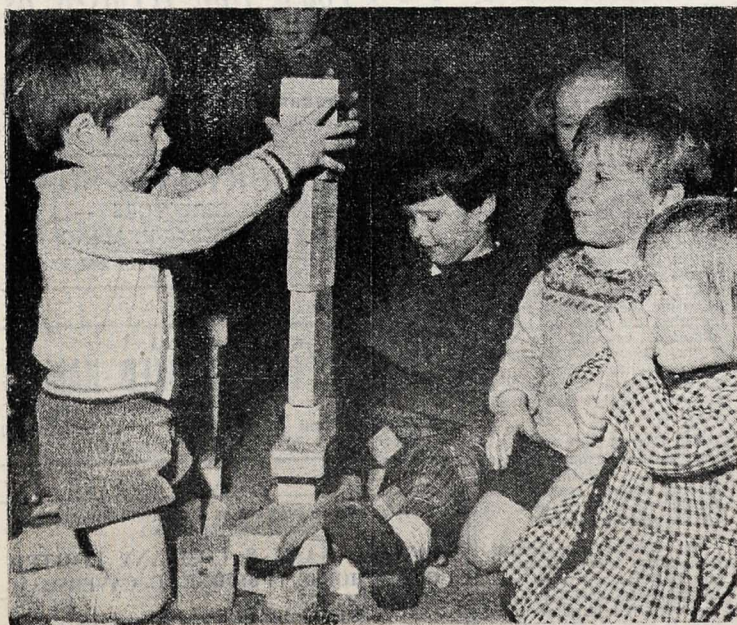
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MORE THOUGHTS OF A ROVING REPORTER

I hear that Caversham's Darby and Joan Club is celebrating its 21st anniversary about now. Run under the auspices of the W.R.V.S., this club, with a current membership of over seventy people meets every Wednesday at Balmore Hall. Outings and entertainments are a regular feature, but Mrs. Nunn who at present runs the club tells me that a speciality of this particular group is toy making. An open day is usually held in the autumn for anyone interested; new members are welcome at any time.

I mentioned last month that Walton Adams, the photo-

graphers, were moving into Caversham. What I didn't know was that Monica Anderson, who many will remember as Monica Hale when she served in her father's newsagents in Prospect Street, was coming to work in the office. Welcome back, Monica — it's nice to see you again.

And her successor in the business, Elaine Dor, was married at Christchurch in January to Timothy Yeomans, whose parents own the business. They have moved to Bristol, where Timothy works as a Rolls Royce fitter. Elaine will be missed; it was no easy

job taking over from Monica, but in her quiet friendly way she became very much a part of Caversham community in the short time she was with us, and we would like to send them our very best wishes for the future.

I hear Charlie Welfare is back in charge of Caversham's evening school. I know he has been very missed there these past months and would like to wish him a continued improvement in health and a welcome back.

The editor would like it to be known that he discovered drip-dry shirts with an imitation clerical collar, long before Derek Nimmo and the script-writers of 'All Gas and Gaiters'. And that's a show well worth watching if you want a good laugh.

Alan Saunders is safely back from his trip to Mongolia. Unfortunately he is so much in demand since his return that I haven't yet had a chance of asking him about it. He seems to have had a marvellous time so I will try to let you have details as soon as possible.

And Peter Wickham is leaving the Monitoring Service to work in television. He will not easily be forgotten. Since he came to Caversham to take over the administration side of things at the Monitoring Service he has been responsible for many improvements to the grounds and building. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing him every success in his new post.

Mr. Merrick must have serviced the cars of many readers of the Bridge in his years at Caversham Bridge Motors. Now he has set up a workshop at 198 Upper Woodcote Road and the many car owners in that area will no doubt be glad to take advantage of his skill when they need some work done to their car.

Recent months have seen some striking improvements in Church Road. Until January 1968 the two Birch brothers, Roy and Don worked in the service side of the motor trade in Salford. Then, with their respective wives, Gillian and Iris — they took over 'The Hardware Shop' in Church Road. Now they have taken over the old Caversham greengrocery next door which they have opened as 'The Garden Centre'. Working hard until midnight for most of January they modernised and decorated the shop themselves, and the flat upstairs where Don and Iris are now living.

Reflecting on their decision to have a business of their own Don said — 'It's a change to be out of the rat race, and to provide a service to the appreciating Caversham community. Having gone through a cycle of the seasons since January, 1968—with our increased space we shall be in a good position to offer a wide field and improved variety of things for the garden and D.I.Y.'

There have been big improvements next door as well. Known for nearly 40 years as a single storey building John Kitcher & Son now has another storey on top of the shop. Robin Kitcher, who runs the business told me his mother is living in what has turned out to be a very well designed flat. 'It was awkward carrying on while building was in operation, but the builders were very quick, and we are very pleased with the results' he said.

No. 2 BLACKWATER CLOSE

No. 2 Blackwater Close is now the home of the Rev. and Mrs. John Crowe, and the residents of Caversham Park can feel that a priest has come to live and work among them. It is hoped that 'No. 2' will very quickly become a focal point in the life of the community at Caversham Park—not just an Anglican house but the centre for Christian activity of different kinds. The Bishop of Reading hopes to be present in March at an informal service of dedication in the house and representatives of the Residents Association will be invited to attend.



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Mapledurham Parish Council

The monthly meeting of the Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 9th January, 1969. Mr. B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council presided at the meeting.

Various correspondence from the Oxfordshire C.C. was submitted in the Council in respect of Chazey Heath play area. The general conditions of a proposed lease between the County Council and the Parish Council have now been agreed, and it is hoped the Parish Council will have full access to the ground on the 25th March next. If this can be achieved it will be the culmination of nearly six years of negotiations on the part of the Parish Council for the occupation of this land.

The Council have received a letter from the County Surveyor stating the construction of the turning area at the bottom of the village road has been included in the 1969/70 programme of road works. Unfortunately because of limited funds available to the County Council for the improvement of non-principal roads in the County the following schemes have been deferred:—

- (i) raising of carriageway between School and Lilley Farm to eliminate flooding.
- (ii) removal of island at Mapledurham - Trench Green cross roads.
- (iii) provision of passing places between Mapledurham turn and Nuney Green.

The Parish Council will consider.

For some of this work to be carried out, but it must be appreciated the availability of the necessary money is the prime reason for the delay.

The Parish Council, together with the County Council, have for many years been pressing Messrs. Gants for Geoffreyson Road to be made up to a proper standard. At present the road is maintained by Messrs. Gant, and to many people its condition is highly dangerous with potholes and uneven surfaces. The County Highways Committee have agreed the road shall be made up under the Private Street Works procedure which would mean charging the frontagers for carrying out the necessary work. However, since the last meeting of the committee, the County Surveyor has received an assurance from Messrs. Gant that they would commence, weather permitting, within the next few weeks to carry out the necessary repairs to bring the road up to the standard expected by the County Council. The County Surveyor has informed the Parish Council he intends to keep a careful watch on the situation.

The Council have submitted their financial requirements to the Henley R.D.C. for the ensuing financial year and the Parish rate of 3d. in the £ will be the same as 1968/69.

The Council have accepted an estimate to fence off part of the Playing Fields adjacent to Chazey Road, and it is hoped the work will be done in the time to press the County Council.

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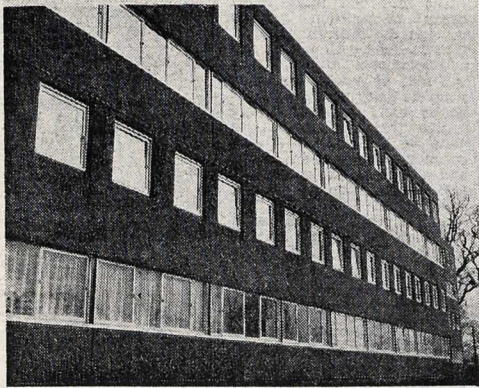
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CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, MARCH, 1969—FIVE

Andrew Risius and Ann Shepherd have visited the new Grove Hill estate on behalf of the Caversham Bridge and have this to say:

Recently, a new estate consisting of well over a hundred family dwellings, has been built between Surley Row and Grove Hill, Emmer Green. The houses are arranged in blocks with garages congregated together at the back with the result that pedestrians and traffic are separated—an important feature in view of the many children in the area.



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GROUSES, GRUMBLES AND COMPLAINTS

What goes up must come down and that is what has been happening to the smell from the peanut factory. The new filters installed last summer draw the smell upwards and it is deposited wherever the prevailing winds carry it. So instead of being concentrated only in the immediate vicinity of the factory, areas much further afield receive the full treatment. Complaints have poured into the Resident's Association and to the councillors for the ward and the Ministry of Health (of blessed memory) was also informed.

Thus it was that one cold wet afternoon in January, whilst the smell hung over the Prospect Street—Peppard Road area, a body of people called on the directors of the firm. There were representatives of the Public Health department, the Resident's Association the Chairman of the Health Committee and Coun. Bristow of Caversham Ward.

It became obvious that little can be done about the smell as long as the factory occupies its present buildings but the directors have promised to take all possible steps to reduce it. The best news was that as soon as permission is received the factory will be rebuilt on one of the town's industrial estates. As Alderman Mrs. Burrows was quick to point out, this wouldn't be regarded very favourably if it merely transferred the smell elsewhere but the directors made a reasonable case that in a purpose built factory, it would be possible to remove the smell more effectively.

So let us hope that inside a year Caversham will see or at any rate smell the end of this nuisance.

BUSES

Another grouse has been added to the long list concerning buses, with the curtailment of the Sunday services. Route 22, like 20 long before, has been completely axed and there is no bus from West Caversham until quarter to three on Sunday afternoon. When a service gets as bad as this, it becomes almost useless. If the cuts had to be made, and obviously it wasn't done for the fun of it, would it not have been better to start the service earlier in the day and stop it earlier in the evening?

SCHOOLS

There have been complaints and justified too, about the

Some families are living in maisonettes on the estate, sharing such facilities as drying rooms. The houses themselves are very comfortable and well-designed, each with its own small garden at the back and a strip of lawn at the front. However, it seemed a pity to us that Council regulations prevent the growing of plants or shrubs taller than 2 feet in the front, in order to preserve the open aspect.

Some of the residents have moved from poor housing elsewhere in Reading and are clearly very pleased with their new homes. For one couple who had been living in a caravan this was their first real home. Everyone that we spoke to agreed that these houses are an improvement on the last ones they lived in.

Everyone seemed to be pleased to be living in Emmer Green. They like the area but many of them have been given the impression that the area does not like them. We spoke to some of the older inhabitants and found a feeling of resentment at what is regarded as the destruction of the natural

beauty of the place and a lowering of the value of their properties. Those who have come to live on the estate, however, are warm and friendly and want to be accepted by the established inhabitants of Emmer Green.

One or two people had adverse comments to make. Those living in the maisonettes complained about the lack of enclosed playing areas for their children. Some thought the rent was too high. Others told us of several small faults in the organization of the estate but no doubt they will be remedied soon. Although most houses are occupied, roads and paths have still to be finished and signs indicating house numbers and road names are needed for the benefit of visitors and tradesmen. Existing post boxes and telephones and shops are too far from the estate and it is hoped that these facilities will be provided on or near Grove Hill in the near future. Some wondered whether there was not a case for a bus service which

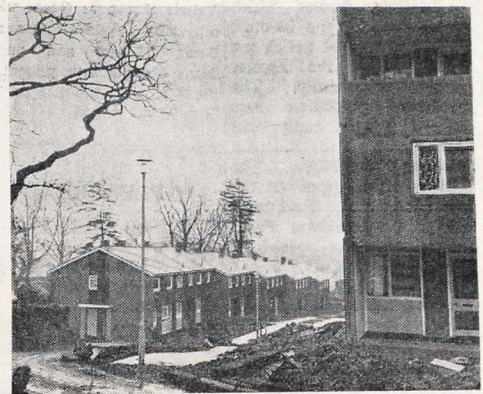
would come up Surley Row and along Grove Road.

One very fortunate aspect of the position of this new estate is its nearness to local schools lying as it does midway between Emmer Green Primary and Caversham Primary and next door to the Grove Secondary School. What is more the pub is just over the road!

All agree that the Church has done far more to welcome them and make them feel at home than anywhere else they have lived. This is because Mrs. Glassey has been delivering the Caversham Bridge to new families as they arrive, and Sister Jane

Monica from Springfield St. Luke has visited several homes there too.

It is interesting that most people thought that the Church's duty was to welcome newcomers to an area and they thought that in this respect St. Barnabas had done a good job. But we noticed that people on the estate were already referring to themselves as 'us' and to the rest of Emmer Green as 'them' or 'the outside'. Let us all hope that this habit will be short-lived and that Emmer Green will show its welcome to these new inhabitants and encourage them to contribute to our local community.



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The last meeting of the Church Council before the spring annual meetings proved to be an unusually interesting one. The Council debated a proposal about the holding of a youth stewardship campaign on the lines of the one carried out so successfully by the Rev. David Clift in 1964. The Rev. Malcolm Cooper was asked to consult with representatives of all districts and it is hoped that it will be possible to hold a campaign this autumn. The Council agreed to the suggestion of the vicar of Kidmore End that the parish of Caversham should extend its boundaries to take in certain houses which though outside the borough and ecclesiastical parish are really within the Emmer Green community. The necessary resolution was passed and the matter will be referred to the diocesan pastoral committee. The Council also agreed to the purchase of 2 Blackwater Close at Caversham Park; the diocese had agreed to make a grant of £3,000 and also a loan of £1,000 towards the cost of the house, the balance being met by the parish.

The newly-elected council will hold its first meeting on Lady Day, Tuesday March 25th. Holy Communion will be celebrated in St. Peter's at 8 p.m. and refreshments will be served in Toc H followed by the Council meeting.

HEIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is not often that the 80-strong Sunday school is able to meet together but the showing of the film "Who Cares" provided such an opportunity. The Methodist Conference in the Centenary Year of the National Children's Homes set aside January 26th as a day of special remembrance for the Homes. Through the film scholars were able to form a vivid impression of the wonderful way that children are cared for; not only the fit but also those who are physically and mentally handicapped.

Scholars also took part in the Festival of the Queens at the Town Hall on February 5th which was in aid of the National Children's Homes. Valerie Hinton as Queen with attendants Angela Springer and Susan Wickers and purse bearer Liane Wickers presented the Heights contribution to the work of the Homes.

MAPLEDURHAM ANNUAL MEETING

The annual vestry and parochial meeting takes place on Wednesday, March 26th in Trench Green Hall at 8 p.m. All who are on the electoral roll will receive a notice of the meeting. This year two new Churchwardens have to be elected. Mr. Hobday will be moving shortly to Sussex and Mr. Barnett has also expressed his wish to retire after a long spell of office.

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St. Barnabas' News

Happily, the members of St. Barnabas District Committee and most of the other people in our Church besides, understand that a very important strand in the life of any Church is serving the needs of the local community. That is why item number 5 on the last District Committee agenda read, "A review of how St. Barnabas' Church can and does serve the needs of the local community." The discussion was most enlightening because the subject was found to contain many difficulties which were partially unexpected.

What is the Local Community?

First we asked ourselves—what is the local community which 'lives' within the boundaries of St. Barnabas' District? The answer was clear yet a little disturbing, for the majority of people who sleep in Emmer Green spend a large part of their lives elsewhere. The constant element of our local community consists of children under five, housewives who do not go out to work, if they are not shopping in Reading, a small proportion of retired people and a changing complement of those confined to their home temporarily due to illness.

It is this small and depleted community which the Church in residential areas has equipped itself to serve, and one cannot help agreeing with people who see weaknesses in such a system. For instance, Gibson Winter in a book which describes the American situation says, "the churches today are indeed preoccupied with private values of emotional balance and the nurture of children, even as one would expect in view of the residential culture in which the churches are rooted."

Emotional balance and the nurture of children. Those words describe the most important needs of our community too; those who are ill through sickness or age, and children under five.

How does St. Barnabas serve the Community?

Secondly, the District Committee considered what St. Barnabas' Church already does to meet the needs of the local community. Firstly, it heard about the work of the Bridge Scheme which, in this area, consists almost entirely of visiting old people. Secondly, Mr. Cooper described how he spends many hours meeting people who have asked for his spiritual help in the face of stress and anxiety. Thirdly, it heard about the work of the St. Barnabas Playgroups which teach over 100 children each week in five different groups. (These Playgroups were described by a Government inspector dur-

ing a recent visit as the finest regarding equipment and standard of supervision he had so far seen in Reading).

How Can We Serve the Community?

The District Committee was therefore surprised to find that it could suggest no other needs in a community such as ours which are not already met.

Apart from the constant need for more people to deliver the Caversham Bridge (volunteers please contact Dr. Beale 71644), we wish to encourage all Christians to exercise the element of service, which their Christian response demands, by working within the many non-church organisations in our society which serve the community. For example, the Scout and Guide movements, the Youth Service, the political parties and resident associations, red Cross, old age pensioners and handicapped persons' organisations.

Perhaps it is at our place of work and elsewhere in Reading that Christians in Emmer Green should find ways of giving themselves in service to the community.

It was a most valuable discussion. If you have any suggestions about how our Church could serve our community then please make them known.

Wine and Cheese Party

The Wine and Cheese Party held in St. Barnabas Hall on Saturday January 18th was a great success. Someone found a Scotsman among his friends, complete with bagpipes, and there were several people who were surprised to find themselves on the floor doing an eightsome reel and the Gay Gordons. Let's have another one before too long.

Reformation History

Several people gained a great deal last winter when the Rev. Roger Packer gave three short talks on Church history on Sunday evenings in St. Barnabas. On Sunday February 23rd, March 2nd and 9th he will be at St. Barnabas again to give three talks on the Reformation.

Elbow Grease at St. Peter's

The annual spring cleaning of St. Peter's takes place on Saturday, March 29th when Mr. and Mrs. Mop will welcome any assistance from 10 a.m. onwards.

Choir News.

Martin Thorpe has returned after his three months in Bangkok and the tenors are glad to welcome Mr. Arthur South. The singing of the choir at the Epiphany Carol service gave much pleasure and Mr. d'EsCant's performance was particularly noted. Those who read the lessons at the service represented different aspects of social service in the local community.

New possibilities at St. John's

A Bill has recently been introduced into Parliament, that will, when it becomes law make it legally possible for the ownership of church buildings to be shared by Christians of different denominations. The Bill was introduced by the Archbishop of Canterbury after consultations had taken place with the authorities of the Roman Catholic and principal Free Churches.

The Bill will make much closer co-operation possible between the different parts of Christ's divided church in any neighbourhood. Although they will still be unable to enjoy complete unity until the parent bodies come together it will enable the local church to unite in Christian fellowship, common study and in service and mission to the community more easily than at present. Considerable financial economies will result: in new areas the Churches will only need to erect one building; in established areas they will be able to close and sell buildings and sites and become joint owners of one property. Maintenance costs will be much reduced and money released for other purposes. The close partnership will be encouraged by sharing the same buildings and should stimulate local leadership. Meanwhile the co-operating Churches will be growing together quite naturally, becoming increasingly ready for the final steps to unity.

The District Committee's Invitation.

In view of Christ's call to unity and the tremendous possibilities that this Bill presents, all Churches should seriously consider whether God is not calling them to take action now. St. John's is faced with the necessity of making considerable structural alterations; with Methodist friends only a few hundred yards away the District Committee had little doubt that they were being called by God to use this opportunity now to do everything possible to take the first steps towards reunion with their Methodist neighbours. They have therefore asked the Methodists of Gosbrook Road if they will examine the possibility, of sharing one set of buildings

when the Bill becomes law. This has been done not as a matter of financial necessity but as an act of faith and obedience to Christ in this moment of their history.

Mrs. Moss.

Her innumerable friends at St. John's were very sorry to learn of her illness, and hope that it will not be too long before she is home from hospital and restored to health.

The Mothers' Union.

The St. John's branch held their annual meeting on 28th January. Mrs. Whiteway gave a full report of the year's activities. As usual these had been very varied, keeping a healthy balance between meeting with other groups, both Anglican and Methodist, deepening their own life through worship and study, and serving the Church at home and overseas. The Treasurer reported an increase in the groups' funds, which was encouraging.

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Teen Action at St. Andrew's

NEW LEADERS

We welcome Brian and Barbara Lightowler to St. Andrew's as the new leaders of Teen Action. They took over their duties after the Teen Action AGM last January.

At that AGM a constitution was drawn up and adopted and the following were elected to the committee: David Sidwell (Chairman), Mary Fowles (Secretary), Andrew Steer (Treasurer), Simon Nicholls, Ian Canning, Lynne Beabey and Margaret Atkins. Our good wishes for the future go both to the new leaders and the new committee.

In the second half of 1968 much help was given to Teen Action by the members' parents, who took it in turns to be on duty in the Hall every Sunday evening. We are very grateful to them all for holding the fort in this way.

NEW DISTRIBUTORS

At the end of February Mr. Dicker gives up his job as the Caversham Bridge Distribution Manager for our District. Mr. Dicker has held this post ever since the Bridge came into being. He has carried out his duties most efficiently and faithfully and we thank him very much for all that he has done.

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His place is being taken by Mr. and Mrs. Herriott who live at 10 Kelvedon Way. Mr. Herriott has been singing in our choir for some months now and both he and Mrs. Herriott have been regular worshippers at St. Andrew's ever since they came to Caversham just over a year ago.

BAPTISM

After several months' experience and further discussion by the District Committee the following points have emerged. A Sunday afternoon baptism will continue to be held roughly once a quarter. The exact date, however, will be flexible. For various reasons enquiries always come in fits and starts and too much rigidity is impossible. For reasons of space and manageability we feel that it is best to limit the number of babies being baptised at any one time to five. We have also found that in using the new baptism service neither the Family Eucharist nor Evensong is made any longer when a baptism is included.

Any parents, therefore, who are thinking about the baptism of their children should contact the Priest-in-Charge as soon as possible. Prime consideration should also be given to having the baptism at the regular Sunday services.

MARMALADE

Orange marmalade, price 2/3 per jar, is now available from St. Andrew's House. Proceeds to the Summer Fair.

HERBERT BENNETT

In January we lost a much loved person in Mr. Bennett. About a year before his death he had moved away from the parish. Until then he had kept up the high standard of devotion and church attendance which we always associated with him. After a funeral service at Kennington, where his son is Vicar, Mr. Bennett's ashes were interred at St. Andrew's.

We extend our sympathy to the members of his family. May he rest in peace.

THE MARIAN GROUP

Instead of the usual sort of Christmas party, the Marian Group invited any children in Caversham over the age of 6 to a Beetle Drive in St. Anne's Hall on Saturday afternoon, the 18th January. About 50 children turned up and, judging from the volume of noise and the quantity of crisps consumed they all enjoyed themselves.

The official January meeting took place in Unity Week, and was a combined meeting with St. Andrew's and St. Peter's Wives' Groups. The evening was arranged by the Marian Group, but St. Peter's Wives kindly entertained all 60 who came at Church House. At the meeting a film about the work of Sue Ryder was shown, introduced by Miss Paull — Chairman of the local Sue Ryder Group — and followed by a talk by Mrs. Kennedy about her experiences in a concentration camp. About £7 10s. was collected and handed over to Miss Paull as a small contribution towards this Christian work.

The March meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18th March at 8 p.m. in St. Anne's School and will consist of a talk by a member of the Weight Watchers. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Caversham Bridge Scheme of Social Service

ON the 23rd January at St. Andrew's Hall over 100 people attended the Social evening given by the Caversham Bridge Scheme of Social Service and Caversham Bridge distributors. During the evening Mrs. Besley, Central Organiser of the Bridge Scheme, gave a brief summary of the Scheme. She said the Scheme was launched in 1965 and is run by the laity. Its AIM is to promote good neighbourliness and to encourage each of us to help others, to supplement the statutory organisation's help, not to duplicate it. Requests for help may come from many sources, neighbours, clergy, Bridge distributors, Health visitors, to any of the Organisers. Anyone may join the Scheme or ask for help.

Over the years the main call for help was for visiting the elderly and giving transport either to Church or making visits to hospital, where no other means was available. To give an example of the work she instanced that in one of the Areas in Caversham 7 people visit regularly 16 elderly or disabled persons (one of these is completely helpless and is visited three times a week. In this area 3 or 4 elderly who have been regularly visited have died, but no new visitors have offered themselves. She said through her as Central organiser, she had received 12 new requests during this year to visit new people — in other words to add to those already visited. This of course meant that more and more visitors were needed who would like to visit the lonely in Caversham and help in this way. The page which was in last month's Caversham Bridge giving the categories in which help could be offered, had brought in some new volunteers, and also the full list has been checked to make sure people who offered help originally are still willing and able to continue. The original list of helpers numbered 75, increased to 141 and the new lists now stand at 72. Perhaps more people in the whole of Caversham and Mapledurham would be willing to fill in a form so that when any Organiser has a call for help she may quickly turn up her list and find someone living nearby who will give assistance. Many people in need do not call on the Scheme and Mrs. Besley concluded by saying that she felt we must try and know our neighbours in our streets, and become aware if help is needed and make it known in Caversham that the Scheme is there — it does work, and all people have to do is either request help or offer help.

Major Coslett for the Caversham Bridge made a plea for distributors to send in their monthly returns as quickly as possible so that the correct numbers of papers may be ordered. He thanked distributors for all their work and drew attention to the part distributors could play in helping the Bridge Scheme to become aware of people in need by knowing those to whom they distribute. He also said that in some areas offers to help distribute copies of the Bridge would be welcome. After "questions" from the floor coffee was served by Guides of the 2nd Caversham Guide Company.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

It was quite an event when we had two marriages on one day in St. Paul's on Saturday, 25th January and members of the congregation wish Jennifer Bartlett and Joyce Wilkins and their husbands every happiness in their new estate. St. Paul's people were glad to share in the Service at Caversham Free Church on Sunday, 19th of January. There were at least twenty-nine visitors from St. Paul's at the Service which they greatly enjoyed. On March 2nd Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church is uniting with St. Paul's for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Some people may have heard of the Service for the Dedication of the Mary Shearer Memorial Fund on January 12th. Nearly £500 was raised to erect a Kindergarten classroom for the Presbyterian Mission in Rajshahi, East Pakistan. The gift was received by the Overseas Missions Secretary, the Reverend Boris Anderson. Mr. Anderson's father was at one time the minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Reading so this was most appropriate.

Local Theatre

The MAPLEDURHAM REPERTORY ASSOCIATION is staging a most remarkable "who dun-it" story "The Shadow Witness" by F. L. Cary and P. Weathers, first performed in 1960. A mean old man falls over the cliffs after an argument over money. An accident or murder? Many clues but no tears as the tension mounts, keeping you in suspense right to the end. Can you match your power of detection against a cast composed of Frank Boshier, Yvonne Taylor, Richard Govett, Ray Lacey, Patrick Ross, Eileen Wake, Kathleen Bubb and two newcomers Catherine Gemmel and Joy Osborn? The performances are on 27th, 28th and 29th March. A date to remember.



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CHRIST IN A CONCRETE CITY

Caversham Drama Group with an ecumenical cast drawn from members of different Caversham Churches, will be presenting 'Christ in a Concrete City' in St. Peter's Church on Sunday, March 30th, at 6-30 p.m., and on Monday, March 31st, and April 1st, at 8-0 p.m. On April 2nd, at 8-0 p.m. it will be presented in St. Anne's Hall.

This play, written by P. W. Turner in 1953, attempts to show Christ's Passion from three different points of view: as a historical fact, as a story of universal significance, and finally as a personal and motivating event.

Throughout the play the members of the cast move in and out of these three thematic areas. Sometimes they act as a chorus to show the timelessness of the message: at other times they assume different historical characters: and yet again they assume the characters of

the mass of "ordinary" people living in Laburnum Grove or Acacia Avenue. The three themes, while clear, weave in and out of each other with no break and the whole play has a forceful and sometimes terrifying impact. So we see the same people who can talk about the television, the flicks and keeping up with the Joneses, hammering the nails through Christ's hands and feet.

It is hoped that this presentation will make a helpful and thought-provoking addition to the preparation for Easter. It is being produced by Mrs. Joan Debenham.

This production is in place of the United Service of a musical character that has been held in Holy Week during the past few years. Readers should note that the church choirs of Caversham are not taking part in any combined musical service at this season this year.

RANDOM JOTTINGS FROM AN R.C. LAYMAN

WORLD POVERTY AND CHURCH RICHES

A question which has been worrying me for quite some time, (and I am sure I am not alone in this), is the extent to which the Church should retain her historic and priceless inheritance of art treasures in the face of the appalling hardship and malnutrition being endured today in so many parts of the world? Is the possession of, say, a work by Michelangelo worth one starving child? The treasures of the Vatican must be of immense value, perhaps worth several million pounds. Ought these to be sold, (to museums for public exhibition one would hope), and the proceeds used for the relief of human misery?

Or, is the retention of these masterpieces essential for the fitting honour of God? One is of course reminded here of Our Lord and the jar of precious ointment. It is natural that we should wish to honour God by using nothing but the best in His house and in His service. But God is all understanding and all love. If He were served, for example, by the use of a chalice of, say, silver instead of gold; if the gold one it replaced had been sold and the money realised used to alleviate suffering, would He not understand?

Pope Paul has I believe effected certain economies and streamlined many things at the Vatican, and is indeed himself a generous donor to charity. But there still remains the vast repository of works of Art. Ought these to be capitalised? Ought the Christian Church generally to prune itself down to bare essentials? Would even this make much difference? In the long run, it would probably only make a difference if the money were used in a constructive way to help the underdeveloped countries with modern methods of husbandry. This might mean writing off today's starving. Or, if we save them, it could mean not enough gets spent on long term agricultural modernisation.

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Carry this further, right down into our own private lives. Perhaps we should strip ourselves down to essentials and give the rest to relief programmes of one kind or another. I don't somehow see this happening. And I feel in this respect sadly deficient in Faith.

CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTAVE

Once more this has come and gone. Was it worth it? What does such a week achieve?

Exactly the same questions were asked before, during and after the recent Commonwealth Conference. I think the answers to these were afterwards seen to be, firstly, that it is always good to bring people of different races with different hopes and ambitions together in as friendly an atmosphere as possible; by meeting face to face they learn to accept other points of view, learn how to adjust to one another and how to help one another. It is far easier to achieve this face to face than in print or by correspondence. Secondly, as to what the conference achieved in concrete terms, in terms of black and white or debit and credit, perhaps little. But if something was achieved in the field of personal relationships and understanding, I am sure it was worth while every time.

And so, on the whole, it is with the week of Christian Unity. In addition of course to bringing the different Christian denominations together for joint prayer at special services, during this week we are all urged not only to co-operate, but also to pray privately that eventually the barriers separating us will dissolve.

We Record

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St. Peter's
Jan. 26—Lisa Hall.
Feb. 2—Sonia Francis.
St. John's
Jan. 12—Ian Harris

MARRIED
St. John's
Jan. 18—Brian Pettiford and Magdalene Glass.
Jan. 25—Ronald Badger and Christine Borges.

BURIED
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Jan. 24—Dennis Dawson.
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She was presented with the Queen's Guide badge on Thursday evening, January 30th at St. Barnabas' Hall, Emmer Green where she has been in the 1st Emmer Green Guide Company for the last 3 years.

The Guide Captain, Miss Janet Abery, told all the parents and guests who were present that besides all the usual necessary activities—camping, home-making and first-aid—Susan had also done 4 months service at the Children's Home.

After presenting Susan with her badge—Mrs. O. Tong, the Division Commissioner, said that it was very difficult to become a Queen's guide. The guide has to prove herself on a wide variety of subjects. The ones she finds more difficult need a lot of extra effort.

Susan then thanked all those who had encouraged her from the time when she had become a Brownie, and especially Mrs. Paul, Miss Abery's predecessor as Guide Captain.

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Rev. Geoffrey Brown

Compass editor lunches with the Archbishop of Canterbury

Geoffrey Brown, the Rector of St. George's Newtown in Birmingham, and Editor of Compass Newspapers, recently had lunch with the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace.

On this occasion he was wearing his journalistic hat as this was one of the occasional working lunches given by the Archbishop to members of the press.

Compass was greatly honoured to be in the company of top representatives of such newspapers as, The Times, The Telegraph, The Guardian, and Time-Life News Service of America; and it is good to know that the type of journalism that Compass represents has been recognized in this way.

Mr. Michael De-la-Noy, the Press officer to the Archbishop of Canterbury, who was also present at the lunch, is a one-time editor of National Christian News which recently became Compass Newspapers.

The Archbishop of
Canterbury

My week-end away from it all

By Winifred
M. Darter

AS THE HEAVY door of the Retreat Wing slammed behind me I experienced a moment of panic; I wondered what in heaven's name I was doing there. Certainly I had rejoined the Church a short while previously, but somehow I still didn't feel at home with our own congregation.

Far less did I have anything in common with the superior beings who drifted past me now, in their sandals and long head-dresses.

Neither did the thought of the long hours spent in quiet devotion—a feature which so many of my friends found attractive—have any appeal. One of the Marthas of this world, I am definitely more at home on my knees scrubbing than on my knees in prayer. How on earth would I endure it until Monday?

The charming little Sister who greeted me and briefed me on the daily programme—two half hour talks and 8 a.m. Holy Communion together with as many services in the High Chapel as I cared to attend—hastened to assure me that not even this was

compulsory. Meals, she said, were the only things we were definitely expected to attend.

TO BED

But my first real reassurance came during the first half hour talk that evening. Expecting to be exhorted to spend the week-end concentrating on 'higher things,' I was both surprised and relieved when the retreat leader bade us instead, spend the week-end becoming rested and refreshed. Bed, he said, was a very good idea on a cold winter afternoon.

My next pleasant surprise was to find that the silence which was imposed immediately after the first talk was a welcome relief. I actually began to enjoy

it—it was, we were told, only imposed to enable us to relax completely.

There was nothing of a disciplinary nature about it, and nothing to prevent two people talking in their own rooms. And, as the Sister in charge said, if we did find it irksome, we could always go and talk to her.

Within twenty four hours I felt more relaxed than I had done for years. I haunted the large comfortable lounge when I was not in bed, reading, sewing, just drifting. No guilty thoughts about the washing-up in the sink, the pile of mending waiting to be done, the old lady round the corner waiting to be visited, the children to be helped with their homework. No telephones, no

radio, no newspapers screaming the dangers of the latest world crisis. Oh perfect bliss!

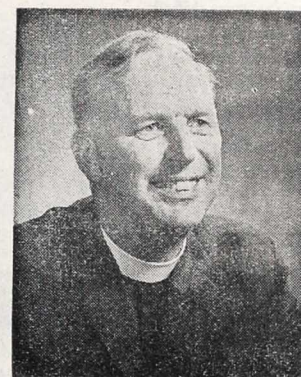
TOO SOON

Monday morning came far too soon. Fortunately I had planned to spend the day with a quiet friend who bridged the gap between the world I was leaving and the one to which I was returning. It took all of that day to reconcile myself to facing again the busy bustling world we live in.

But at least I returned as the leader suggested, rested and refreshed as never before. More devout? I doubt it—but I brought back something I hadn't known for years, peace of mind and body.



METHODIST FROM MANCHESTER JOINS COMPASS



This month we welcome the Reverend John Banks as a member of the editorial board of 'Compass' Newspapers.

John Banks is Superintendent of the Manchester and Salford Methodist Mission. Eighty years old, the Mission is responsible for sixteen churches and various social work projects, ranging from a Maternity Hospital to a Holiday Home at the sea-side.

The Mission's most recent project is an effort to build and staff a rehabilitation centre for drug addicts and alcoholics.

Previously, John has worked on a housing estate, in the country and as a University Chaplain. He has written a number of books and has broadcast on radio and television.

Until now the editorial board of 'Compass Newspapers' has been made up of Anglicans from the Midlands. We are sure that Mr. Banks will be able to help us with our policy of becoming more ecumenically and nationally based.



TELEVISION - BY DIANA DEWES

SMALL CHILDREN grow up with television. They love it from a very tender age, and the set fascinates them. You can fiddle the knobs, sticky the screen, or just sit on your pot and stare at the test card.

There are programmes specially for little ones. 'Play School' is for the under fives who are still at home in the morning. It has the 'educational toy' type of approach, and bags of charm.

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Similarly 'Play School' and the like, can be too static, too tame for wriggling 2-3 year olds. Too much talk and too little action.

Turn on a Western, by chance, give 'em gunfire, thundering horses, brawling and fighting, and they are leaping up and down with excitement.

FEARLESS

Turn on the Saturday horse racing and the Turf's faithful following of small children will be held spell-bound.

They are fearless viewers. The giant who confronts Gulliver could mean nightmares for older children, but when he roars from the television, the toddler merely roars back.

So small children prefer to watch what they fancy, and they particularly fancy the familiar. They like to pick out 'Mummy' 'Daddy' or 'Teddy' on the screen, and to recognize



Carole Ward shows children how to print using pennies in 'Play School'.

other words, objects and animals.

A camel or a hippopotamus may leave them cold but the 'Blue Peter' dogs are known, and therefore loved. 'Blue Peter,' the magazine programme for school children scored a recent hit when they showed, not only puppies and kittens, but also a REAL LIVE BABY. To any toddler it was immediately identified as 'our baby.'

Every infant on television is regarded as 'our baby,' not least the starved

infants in *Biafra*! Each man or woman who appears is greeted as 'Daddy' or 'Mummy.' Flattering when the lady happens to be Bridget Bardot, but less so when the choice for 'Mummy' is from the Rolling Stone pop group!

MIMICS

The youngest members of the television audience are great mimics. There are charming invitations to imitate on 'Play School.' To move and sound like a Hoover takes a deal of talent. The programme can produce 20 minutes devoted to penguins and polar bears. They are labelled 'ducks' and 'teddies,' but many children are waddling like penguins and lumbering as polar bears for days afterwards!

Television provides the toddler with plenty of food for thought. A 2-year-old will stand watching, riveted at no more than 18 inches from the screen. It may be hours, even weeks, before the actions and words will turn up again as the child's version of the television original.

Early days with the 'goggle box.' It's just a beginning for toddlers. As they grow, television will provide lots of entertainment, more educational value than they'll realise—and the well tried evasion of bedtime.

FAMILY

TOO YOUNG TO WORK?

"MUMMY, I want to do a paper-round, can I?"

"They're advertising for school girls and boys at the 'Good Food Supermarket,' to help with stocktaking during the holidays. What about it? I could do with the money."

These, and hundreds of similar remarks are being heard in homes all over the country these days — and whether you are for or against your own child working there is an army of experts on your side.

Look at the early morning paper round — teachers complain, and often with some justification, that children are already tired on arrival in the classroom. But many psychiatrists say this work, with its early morning rising, teaches punctuality, responsibility and honesty.

Working in a shop all day Saturday seems to be the most popular way of earning. Such workers learn to meet the public who are not always on their best behaviour, and valuable lessons in dealing with awkward folk are gained.

Fagged out

The main points against casual work have been clearly stated by some of the parents involved. "That shop where Mary works is hot and stuffy. She comes home fagged out, often too tired for church on Sunday."

"Now Jim is helping at the garage he rushes his homework on Friday so that he can be free Saturday evening. He's dropped out of his football team, says he's no time for the practice."

Young people too tired for church, late for school, no time for healthful activities; these are points to be considered seriously. But experts who have studied working children say it is often the brightest pupils who are eager to earn. In most cases, being the first job a boy or girl does, a profound impression is made.

If the children are successful in the initial entry into the adult world, they gain in self-confidence and develop attitudes which will help them later in life.

But let each parent consider his own work-eager child individually. If the youngster is happier and brighter doing a job, and is sensible about the money earned, then it does no harm. When a teenager finds a tiny pay packet soon disappears, and says, "Things are expensive! Nearly two weeks' money gone on getting my bike repaired," then you can hope there is less puzzled reaction next time you have to say, "No, you can't go to camp, or, you can't have a new pair of skates yet. I can't afford it."

Unsuitably

Sometimes when there is a bad effect from working, it's the work that is unsuitable, and a change should be sought. Like young Linda who was miserably tired after a session of heavy packing in a stockroom. She loved children and intended to nurse when she left school.

After a deal of searching she found the job that was just right for her, looking after a tiny girl on Saturday afternoon while the mother visited a sick relation. It was less money, but Linda realised early that work ought to bring some sense of fulfilment as well as material reward and work that can be done with a feeling of achievement often acts like a tonic on the less academically able child.

Little hope of 'A' levels? There is a welcome in the outside world after all.

Marie Spinks

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... An army of boys and girls do paper rounds.

FOCUS SO I'LL GIVE MY TALENT TO GOLF

CHOOSING yet again to ignore my massive natural talent for the game, the M.C.C. omitted to invite me to participate in their tour of Pakistan.

Sir Alf Ramsey's preference for middle distance runners as opposed to fine craftsmen precludes my joining the England squad in the immediate future.

In all humility I have agreed, in response to many requests, to apply my gifts to the general good of English golf.

A typical powerhouse performance on the putting green confirmed the view long held by objective observers that there was a latent talent it would be criminal to neglect.

INTO SOCKS

Private golf clubs can be roughly divided into two categories. In some you can tuck your trousers into your socks and in others you can't.

My introduction to a golf course proper was prefaced with the advice (this is a great game for advice) that any gear was acceptable but the use of bicycle clips was rather frowned upon.

My debut was made on a day when the course was virtually under water, which coupled with a steady downpour prompted me to question the desirability of actual play.

It was pointedly explained to me that winter rules would apply (this must be the only game where the rules vary according to the season) and that providing one could see the ball play would commence.

AQUAPLANED

I still mention that the adverse conditions plus the lack of a proper directive as to the actual location of the hole sorely influenced my first shot, which aquaplaned violently at right angles out of sight.

'Keep your head down', 'cock your wrists', 'bend the knees', 'stomach in' — saturated in advice, I emerged from the eighteenth anxiously seeking refuge at the nineteenth and set about restoring a dented ego.

'Read a good book', they said, 'and you will be all right'. There must be more books on how to play golf than any other sport. A friend of mine undergoes a

human howitzer, but he did his best with a baseball cap and bare forearms.

One of the major attractions of golf is that it requires absolutely no ball sense at all.

Any physically sound person can measurably improve his game with sufficient application.

Sport, by
Ernest
Adkins

IN THE BOOT

Wives, strangely enough, object less strongly to their husbands setting off early on Sunday morning to the club house, presumably in the belief that golf is a healthy pursuit and it's much too early for them to get into mischief.

No self-respecting husband can afford to be without a set of golf clubs in the boot of the car.

I remain undaunted by the theory that all really great golfers start into the game before they are eight years of age. I see myself developing as a mature Lee Trevino with just a dash of Freddie Trueman and confidently expect to make the next Ryder Cup team.

New member from Cornwall

Dear Editor,

I hope I can join "Compass Club" for as you see I do not live in Birmingham, but my Mum and Dad come from Birmingham and Mum used to live in Brearley Street, which is now part of Newtown.

My Nan sends us the "Newtown News" as we love to read what's going on in Birmingham. Mum showed me the place that used to be St. George's Church which you printed in last month's "Newtown News". It is where Mum and Dad were married. I have been to Birmingham quite a few times.

from
Sheila Day,

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Cornwall.

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Money Bags

Where do you keep your money? In a purse? In your pocket? Turn out any spare money you've got on a table and look carefully at the coins. If you are "broke" (meaning you've got no money at all), wait till you get your next pocket money and then take a careful look at the coins. See how many different heads of kings and queens you can find. There are five possible ones. Notice the words written round the edge of the coin. This is called the **superscription** and includes the name of the king or queen.

Did you know ?

Only six pennies were made in 1933. Collectors have got all six of them. But some people say that a seventh penny was made that year, and nobody knows where it is.

No pennies at all were issued in 1954. A few were made as an experiment and these were supposed to be destroyed, but somehow or other one or two of them into circulation, and one is still unaccounted for. If you've got it remember it's worth £15,000!

Show me a penny

You've heard of those Jewish religious leaders who were always trying to catch Jesus out. One day they hit on a new way of trying to land him in trouble — this time with the Roman Governor. They sent their secret agents to catch him out when he was teaching in the temple.

"Master," said these crafty ones, pretending to be just ordinary members of the crowd, "we know you always put God first, so can you tell us whether it is right for us to pay taxes to Caesar, the Roman Emperor?" They hoped Jesus would say it was wrong to pay, then they would have reported him to the Roman Governor. But Jesus saw through their trickery. "Show me a penny," he said. "Whose head is on it, and what superscription?" "Caesar's", they replied. "Right," said Jesus. "Pay Caesar what is due to Caesar, and pay God what is due to God."

The secret agents were foiled, and had nothing more to say.

Make a snake

You'll need a large piece of thin white paper, a pencil and a pair of scissors. In the centre of the paper draw a small circle about 1" across. Now draw a spiral from the circle, going round and round. Start with a fairly narrow distance between your line and the edge of the circle, then gradually make it a little wider. When your snake is broad enough keep the same distance between the lines. At the end of about three coils finish off with the head. Decorate the snake and cut it out along the lines you have drawn. Hold it up by the tail on the pointed end of the pencil. If you hold it near anything warm your snake will come alive and wriggle.

Compass Club members

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Dogs have guided the blind for 35 years

THE GUIDE dogs for the Blind Association has now been in operation for approximately 35 years after starting in a very small way with one trainer at Wallasey, in Cheshire, in 1931. The Association has four training centres which are situated at Bolton, Exeter, Forfar and Leamington Spa with headquarters at Ealing in London.

This work of training and providing guide dogs for blind people depends entirely on the goodwill of the public and voluntary contributions. Funds are raised in many ways, mainly through the help of our Branches and Voluntary Organisers throughout the country but also by support from commerce and industry, schools, clubs, Rotaries, Round Tables and women's organisations. Also, by the collection of silver paper and milk bottle tops by school children and their parents.

TOKEN

Although it costs a con-

siderable amount of money to train a guide dog, i.e. £250, the blind person is never asked to make more than a token payment for his dog. It may be as little as 5/- and it is the Association's policy that no applicant is ever refused a guide dog on financial grounds. The figure of £250 only includes the cost of training the dog and it does not incorporate the cost of training the blind person in the use of it; or the very important matter of after-care.

There are approximately 1,400 Guide Dog Owners in the United Kingdom. The Association trains guide dogs for new applicants and also provides replacements for dogs as and when they come to the end of their working life,



which is approximately 8 to 9 years. Guide Dog Owners needing a replacement are given priority and encouraged to come back to the Training Centre for re-training as quickly as possible.

Dogs trained to be guide dogs must have a high degree of intelligence and possess a sense of willingness. They must be free of vice and nervousness, of even temperament and have good concentration.

The Association has a selective breeding scheme which produces about 20 per cent of its requirements. Puppies are also purchased and donated to the Association and are then put into a puppy walking scheme for development and final selection before receiving intensive training from one of the Association's professional trainers for approximately four months at one of the training centres.

Labrador Retrievers are used mainly but some

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Alsations, Golden Retrievers, Boxers and a few cross breeds are also trained. Bitches are used in preference to dogs.

When the blind applicant goes to one of the Association's training centres he is allocated a guide dog that has been selected for him as a result of the interview when he applied to be trained with a guide dog. Four weeks are spent in training the blind person with the dog.

VISITED

After he leaves the training centre he is visited from time to time to see that he and his dog are well and working correctly.

If there are any shortcomings in the work of the unit the trainer can invariably correct these on the spot but if necessary, the blind person is asked to return to the training centre for a few days so that all the faults are completely eliminated.

The waiting period before a blind person can attend for training is now approximately 8 to 9 months.

The Association welcomes enquiries on its work and naturally is pleased to have financial support or voluntary help in raising funds for this work to progress.

Crippleage girl wins a bronze award

Miss Susan Mitchell, a resident of Stoneyfield House, John Groom's Crippleage, Edgware, whose parents live at 40 Marne Avenue, Welling, has gained the Duke of Edinburgh's bronze award.

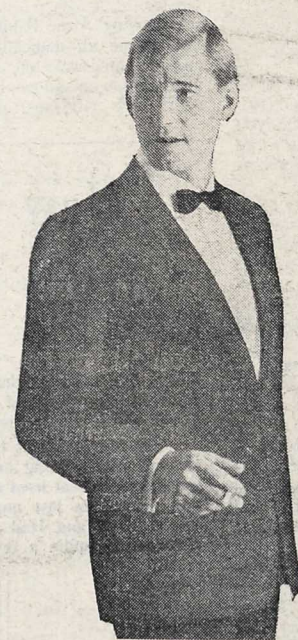
Susan, a member of the Rangers in the Crippleage, has been a resident of Stoneyfields for two years. She is only the second member of the Stoneyfields troop to gain her bronze award.

She was presented with the award by Councillor N. J. Sapsted, Chairman of Barnet's Youth Service sub-committee.

To qualify for the medal she had to take on projects under the headings, "Design for living," "Pursuits and interests," "Adventure," and "Service," learning about make-up, hair styling, good manners, pottery and safety in the home.

For the adventure section she went on a day's car journey to Greenwich with her family, keeping a log book of events of the journey.

Now she is well on the way towards her silver medal, the next step in the Duke's Scheme, and has already started on a tapestry as one of her projects.



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