



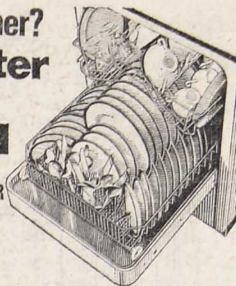
CAVERSHAM BRIDGE

8d.

Buying a dishwasher?
Go one better

the new
Swanmaid
De-luxe

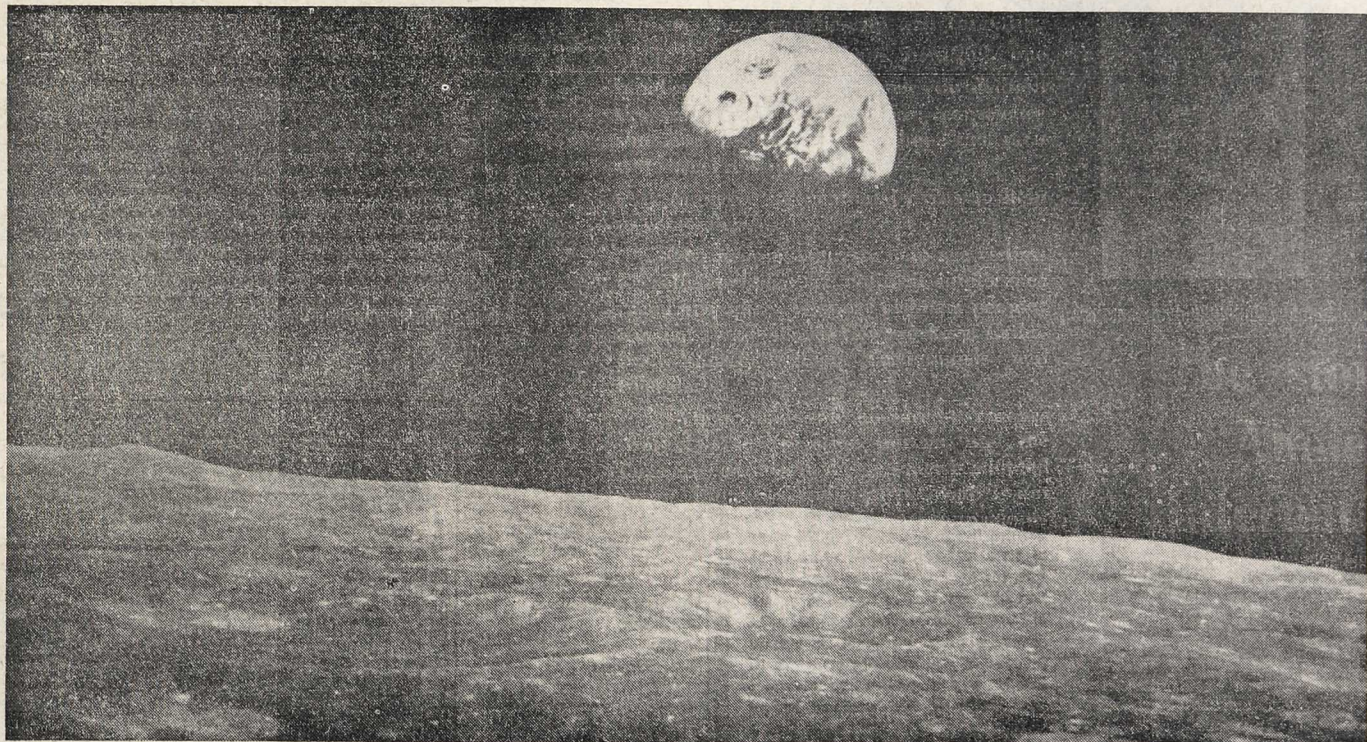
- STAINLESS STEEL INTERIOR
- FASTEST WASHING TIME
- GUARANTEED TWO YEARS



BULPITT & SONS LIMITED, BIRMINGHAM 1.

April 1969

Twinkle Twinkle little star HOW I WONDER WHAT YOU ARE



Earth beyond the lunar landscape

So the Earth's not a star, but a planet.

Nevertheless, for the first time in history men have been able to get far enough away from this world of ours to see it as it is — a tiny speck of matter in a universe so vast that the imagination can't cope.

Down here we human beings take ourselves pretty seriously. We're the biggest fish in the pool. We're the high point of evolution. Everything's under our control.

But what, in the end, is human life?

A fluke? A chance event on the road of evolution that a full scale nuclear war could blot out in a moment?

IF SO, THE YEARS WE LIVE, COMPARED TO THE AGE OF THE UNIVERSE, ARE ABOUT AS SIGNIFI-

CANT AS THE SPARK FROM A CIGARETTE LIGHTER. WE FADE AWAY ALMOST AS SOON AS WE COME INTO EXISTENCE.

But in our bones we feel it's something more. We feel that life is important. That a tiny baby is of greater worth than a lump of rock — even if the rock is older and likely to last longer. Perhaps it just boils down to the fact that we think mind is more important than matter.

Certainly in the case of a human being matter — our physical body — is only important because of the mind and personality it contains.

Christians think the same about the universe. It gets its worth from being an expression of a much greater mind and personality we call GOD, and just as our

human mind has tremendous control over our bodies, so has God over the material universe.

That's why it probably isn't any more sensible to disbelieve in miracles than it is to disbelieve that human beings — under a kind of mental control we don't fully understand — can do all sorts of incredible things like walk over red hot coals in bare feet without hurting themselves.

Christians claim that Christ rose from the dead. Some people find this hard to credit. They say it's physically impossible. But if Mind is in charge of matter surely it isn't as impossible as all that.



SOAPBOX

CHRIST ALIVE!

Drawing by kind permission of "Punch."



A bit of resurrection

JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD! — that's what Christians claim.

A likely story!—after all dead bodies rot and 'no one has ever come back.'

But whatever common sense and modern science may say there are people whose experience simply won't let them dismiss the Resurrection stories in the Gospels as charming, centuries old, fairy tales.

People have tried to find water-tight 'proof' for the Resurrection in fitting together the jig-saw pieces of the story—the tomb in the garden, running excited men and women, angels and the risen Jesus breakfasting by the lake shore—but we cannot have proof, and that's a good thing.

Belief in the resurrection is not a matter of coldly accepting or rejecting the facts of a two thousand year old happening as we might 'believe' or 'dis-believe' incidents recorded in the life of Julius Caesar. The resurrection is not a riddle. Something to be solved so that we can believe that in the past the seemingly impossible happened. For twentieth century disciples and for the first disciples—belief in the Resurrection was an unshakeable conviction that Christ was a living presence, not a far-off memory.

The risen Christ is not a weird, bearded figure, half-hidden in the mists of time, walking through doors to be with his friends. He is the person who, here and now, challenges and judges us, inspires and encourages us, impels us in directions which we would never have thought of, and all along convinces us that his way of self-less love leads to a new quality of life here and beyond death.

It is this dynamic, living belief that gives the Church its unquenchable life, that inspires men and women to live in the spirit of Jesus, despite mockery, apparent failure or persecution. They would say in the words of St. Paul—Christ lives in me!

Belief in the Resurrection is not an open-mouthed gaping at God's conjuring trick—it is an experience of being carried along with the One who despite all that men did, and still do, to rub him out is still very much alive.

Against that experience questions about empty tombs and rolling stones are unimportant (even though experiencing the risen, contemporary Jesus can make them seem less unlikely) like hunting around for a dead shrivelled caterpillar, rather than wondering at a beautiful butterfly.

LETTERS

IMMIGRATION VIEWS

1

THANK YOU for your front-page and Soapbox features on 'Immigration.' Some readers may have wished that you had not devoted such prominence to the issue. Yet surely there is no more crucial domestic problem facing the citizens of this country, a problem about which Christians especially must be deeply concerned and think clearly.

There are few now left who oppose immigration control, in spite of the fact that we very largely owe the prosperity of these islands to the countries from which they come. (How easily we forget the Empire when it suits us to do so!) If then we decide that it is necessary to restrict immigration, we must be prepared to admit that this shows that our level of tolerance of the problems involved is low. Instead our determination to tackle the problems needs to be high, and Christians above all should not shirk the pain and unpopularity involved.

For a start they should read 'Vicious Circle' by Wilfred Wood and John Downing (S.P.C.K. Here and Now Book, 6s.) for a greater understanding of the background of the problem. It is a disturbing book, but Christians should be disturbed about this. The Church in this country (as in the U.S.A. and Southern Africa) will stand or fall on this issue.

The choice is between the ways of Pilate and Jesus—Pilate bowed to popular pressure and washed his hands in supposed innocence; Jesus faced up to the sin of the world, and accepted the pain and rejection to save others rather than himself. A 'crucial' decision indeed.

(REV.) A. C. HALL

Parish of St. Matthew,
Smethwick,
Warley,
Worcestershire.

2

I WISH to make a comment on "Soapbox" in the February edition of "Caversham Bridge."

In "Soapbox" it is said that "We condemn both and equally Enoch Powell, and The Black Power Movement."

While both must be equally condemned in that they both practise racial discrimination, I think at the same time one must try to understand why the Black Power Movement exists.

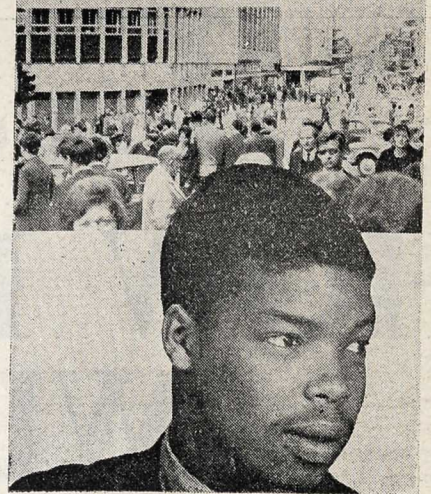
Surely the colour problem (so-called) is one which the White Man has created for himself. Whereas the Black Power Movement is the unhappy but comprehensible result of the white man's attitude towards his coloured brothers throughout the ages.

MARGARET SAUNDERS

24 Redlands Road,
Reading, RG1 5EX.

VICIOUS CIRCLE

Wilfred Wood
and John Downing



● "Vicious Circle" by Wilfred Wood and John Downing, is published by S.P.C.K. price 6s. This will not be an acceptable book. Nor will it escape the charge of being "one-sided." For this the publishers are unrepentant, because it so faithfully conveys the outlook and the predicament of over a million coloured people in Britain, caught in a vicious circle of poor housing, poor jobs, and poor education. How near are we in this country to race riots such as have shaken America? The authors, one West Indian and the other English by birth, believe that it is vital to recognize the social and historical facts behind Britain's colour "problem" and the extent to which current policies cause what they are designed to prevent. Time is not on our side, but practical steps by ordinary people could ensure a major contribution by Britain to patterns of civilized living in the twentieth century.

MIDWEST Turkeys



Ensure a HAPPY EASTER

AN ONLY CHILD?

COMPASS N. APRIL, 1969. 1

This one sobbed for his friends

THE MAIN problem facing the only child is loneliness. My son had never experienced day and night long companionship until he was in hospital recently. The day he came home he sobbed for his friends. Because the only child is deprived of constant company, parents have to demonstrate their affection more freely than is necessary in a larger family group.

This extra affection is often sneered at and called 'spoiling.' No child was ever ruined by love. A recent survey of delinquent children in America showed pretty conclusively that it is lack of affection that drives a child to crime, not being an only child, one of a huge family or living in slums.

Choosy?

The only child does incline towards selfishness, he or she has never had to share. Because Mum has more time he may be a bit more choosy about his food. It is up to you not to give in to every fad and fancy. Sure you have the time to clean his shoes, make his bed and tidy up, but why should you? There is no good reason why one child shouldn't take his turn with the chores. To do all the jobs yourself is asking for trouble—it doesn't do the child much good either.

Children, like all young animals, learn better in a group. If the child has no children near his age group with whom he can play, a nursery school or play group is the answer. Here he will learn to give and take. He will soon find out that there are other people in the world, some of them bigger and tougher. His word power will also be extended (albeit in some odd directions).

As the boy or girl grows older lack of brothers and sisters can be relieved if they are encouraged to bring friends home. I am an only child and my parents always asked one of my friends to holiday with us. I have tried to do the same thing for my son, even if we only go for a day to the sea, someone is invited along. This is far better than having a solitary figure trailing after its parents. It also stops any tendency Mum may have to draw her apron strings closer.

A mother and one child are usually much closer to each other than they would be in a large group. If the mother is a widow or on her own for any other reason the child's importance can grow out of all proportion. Even I, with a pretty full life, went through a stage when I resented my son going off with his friends. I had to quickly snap myself out of that.

With a small family the balance can easily become upset. Dad and son versus Mum and vice versa. This is why it is so important to encourage friendships and outside interests.

Advantages

The only child has many advantages. He gets the first of everything, no hand-me-downs, no sharing a bike with his kid brother. You may be able to spend more on him, clothes and education. With the right encouragement, he can grow up to be self sufficient and independent. On the debit side, he will always find mixing that little bit harder, than someone who has grown up in a larger family.

Personally I wouldn't have chosen to be an only child. The fact that I have only one son is just one of those maddening medical mysteries. One could always adopt, but it might complicate life too much. It seems much more sensible to me to be philosophical about the whole business and to love one child without smothering him with excessive emotion.

DEE DOVER



For bride and groom, a carriage awaits



Dutch wedding carriages seen in the Hague, Holland

The Dutch bride must surely feel like Cinderella arriving at the church in her gorgeous white carriage. The guests travel in

similar carriages, but black in colour.

While it is necessary for couples to have a civil ceremony before they can go on the housing lists in Hol-

land, most young couples follow this with a church wedding, and with such a novel form of transportation the whole affair is very gay.

Lynn Setford.

Does Your Memory Fail You?

A WELL-KNOWN publisher reports that there is a simple technique for acquiring a powerful memory which can pay you real dividends in both business and social advancement. It works like magic to give you added poise, self-confidence and greater popularity.

INFLUENCE

According to this publisher, many people do not realise how much they could influence others and dominate each situation simply by remembering accurately everything they see, hear or read.

For example, you need never forget another appointment — ever! You can learn names, faces, facts, figures and foreign languages faster than you ever thought possible. Whole books and plays will be indelibly imprinted on your memory after a single reading. You'll be more successful in your studies and examinations. At parties and dinners you will never again be at a loss for appropriate words or entertaining stories.



Forget names, faces?

FREE

To acquaint readers of the National Christian News with the easy-to-follow rules for developing skill in remembering, the publishers have printed full details of their interesting self-training method in a 28-page book, "Adventures in Memory," which will be sent free to anyone who requests it. No obligation. No salesman will call. Simply send your request to Memory and Concentration Studies (Dept. NCN/MC1), 2, Basil Street, London S.W.3.

They have given us their names

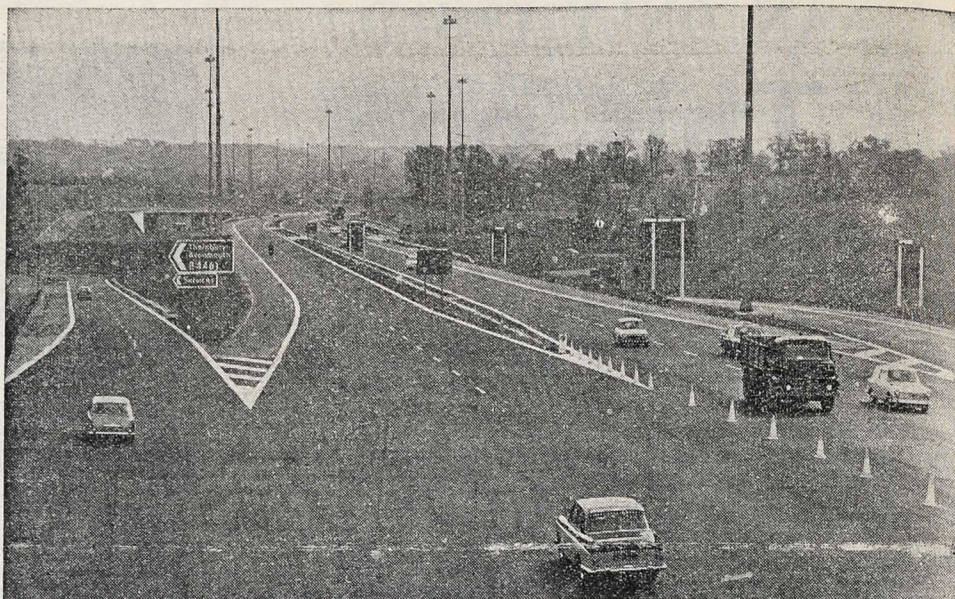
JOHN McADAM 1756-1836

During the 18th century the highways of Britain were in a shocking state. A horse-drawn vehicle made slow progress on roads that were virtually unmade and full of pot holes. One man who helped remedy this problem was the Scottish inventor John McAdam, whose system of road making became known as 'Macadamizing.'

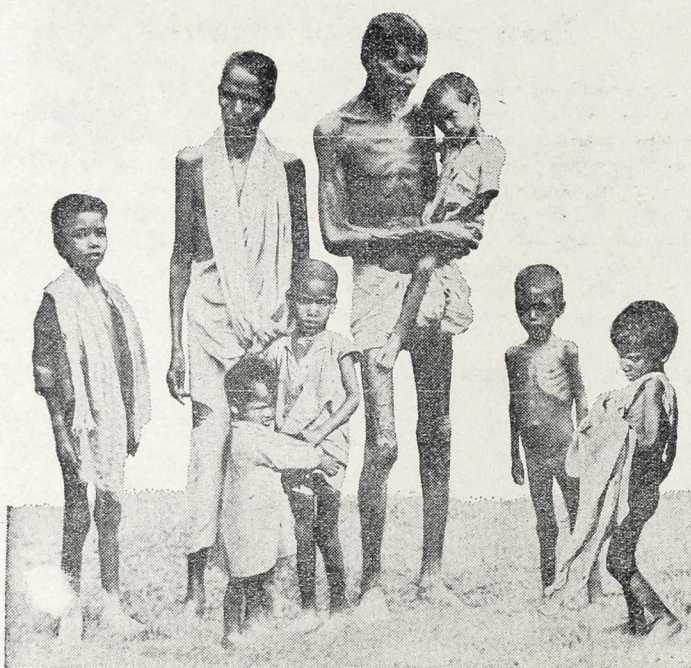
McAdam spent the early years of his life in America seeking his fortune. On his return to Scotland, at his own expense he began to make a series of road making experiments. Despite local opposition he continued these ideas, and his appointment as a surveyor-general enabled him to put his experiments into practice.

Later, his process of combining broken stones and a bituminous road-binder known as tar-macadam, became the basis for road-making, and the forerunner of our modern motorways.

C. J. FRANCIS.



McAdam in the way we know it—on the motorways.



If only they'd plant the right seeds.

When your land is infertile but your wife isn't, you naturally build your future round a family.

And though you often go hungry, you all stick together. Except when a son or a daughter dies of some illness.

Then one day, the children that are left have children themselves.

But the land still doesn't produce enough food. (In 1965, world food production went up 1%. The population increase was 2%.) So you have famine.

And you have people like us, Christian Aid, who ask you for money so we can fly out food and medicines.

Well, we don't want to have to do it.

Because we want to stop famine before it begins.

And that means teaching people two things: how to grow more food and how to have less children.

We've helped build farming schools and family planning clinics in many places already, in fact.

South America. Asia. The Middle East. India. Africa.

But we need to do more. And we need every penny you can send us to do it.

Mother Earth isn't making a great job of feeding everyone right now.

In 32 years time, she'll have twice as many people to support.

If we don't plant the right seeds today, God only knows how many of us will die of starvation tomorrow.

Christian Aid.

P.O. Box No. 1, London, S.W.1. Giro Number 556 3151.

See what I mean?

Miracles are magic

"Yes," said Harold to Fred as they got on the bus. "If they win on Sat'day, it'll be a miracle."

"Mebbe," countered Fred. "But that doesn't mean it couldn't happen. That new centre-forward'll make all the difference. I reckon they'll win easy."

"It's not a centre-forward they'll need, it's the invisible man — look at the defence they're up against. Take a miracle, it will."

"I know you're trouble," grinned Fred. "Never been in the Sappers. Outside our hut we 'ad a notice — 'Miracles we do at once. The impossible takes a little longer.' We 'ad a sergeant who could make spanners and screwdrivers talk for him. Repair anything he could. Blooming marvel."

"That's not a miracle though," came back Harold. "It was just 'im."

"That's what I'm saying," said Fred patiently. "Things out of the normal run, things you can't explain in the ordinary way, start happening with some people. What's getting on for a miracle to us is normal to them."

"Still not a miracle," Harold was stubborn.

"Orlright, mebbe not. But sometimes they're in spittin' distance of being miracles: I mean real miracles like what Jesus did, healing the sick and stilling the storm and the like."

"Never did believe in them."

"No—you wouldn't. But let's face it, real miracles would come natural to the Son of God. 'E was so special, 'e could do things out of this world 'e could. It's the person what does the miracle that counts. O' course they'd be just like magic otherwise."

"I thought that's what miracles are supposed to be—sort of magic," queried Harold.

"Not on yer life. They're just a full-scale version of the way the United'll win on Saturday. It'll be the new man as does it. If you see what I mean."

CAR SENSE

GETTING ALL STEAMED Up?

A car's cooling system is designed to let the engine get hot. Sounds queer—but it's true. And at the beginning of the winter many car owners help on the good work by blanking off part of the radiator with a blind or piece of cardboard, or even silver foil.

Now we're through the winter warmer weather tempts us to shut off the car heater, and suddenly the blanked-off radiator can't cope with the amount of hot water that's pushed through it. The water boils.

First, what should have been done... When it is reasonably certain there'll be no more heavy snowfalls or hard frosts, get rid of that cardboard or silver foil. Then make sure that the thermostat in the water system opens properly. For a rough-and-ready check, while the engine is hot remove the radiator cap, start the engine and look inside the top of the radiator. If you can see a good flow of water from the top hose into the radiator then you're safe. With a cold engine there should be no flow—if there is one you need a new thermostat!

If you're caught out and the radiator's boiling stop the engine at once. Let it cool for five minutes, and then only turn the radiator cap a little to release any pressure inside. Don't take it right off until you're SURE it's safe. A hot water and antifreeze fountain tastes HORRIBLE.

Finally, if you get this sort of trouble turn the car heater on full blast while you get home. Better YOU should boil than your radiator.

BRIAN FAVELL

Bywaters'
THE BIEMEN

PIES AND SAUSAGES

(made from fresh English Pork)

We also cure and sell our own English Bacon

BACK BRITAIN — Buy British

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE

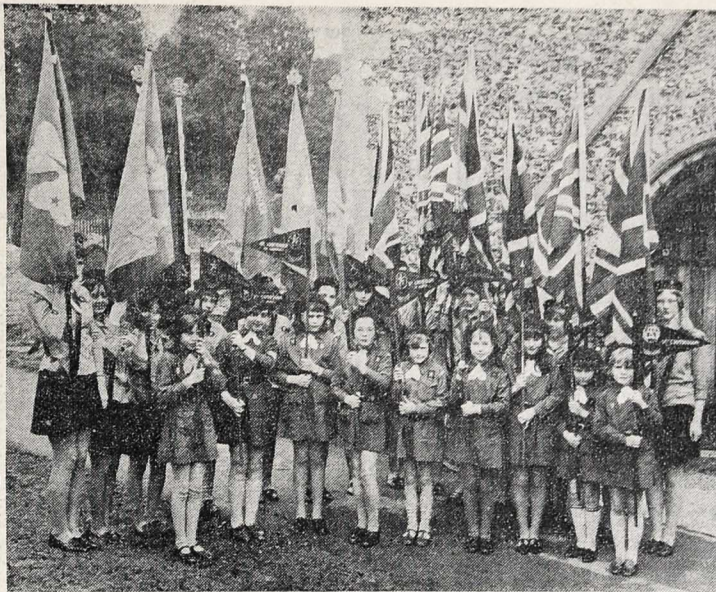
THE NEWSPAPER OF ANGLICANS
FREE CHURCHMEN AND ROMAN CATHOLICS
IN CAVERSHAM

No. 55

EDITOR: The Rev. J. G. Grimwade,
The Rectory, Caversham, RG4 7AD, Tel: 71703
ADVERTISEMENT MANAGER: Mr. J. A. Hargreaves,
11 Berrylands Road, Caversham, RG4 8NU, Tel: 71478
CIRCULATION MANAGER: Mr. N. J. Coslett,
9 Aldenham Close, Caversham Park, RG4 0RR, Tel: 75360
COMPANY SECRETARY: Mr. H. J. Pilgrim,
64 Highmoor Road, Caversham, RG4 7BG, Tel: 74017.
POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION MANAGER: Mr. H. Hitchman,
153, Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham, RG4 7JR, Tel: 72542.

Thinking Day Service

The annual Thinking day service for Caversham Guides and Brownie Guides was held this year at St. Peter's Church on Sunday February 23rd. The colours and pennants were presented by twenty-five members of the movement who are seen outside the Church after the service.



Walton Adams

LOOKING AHEAD

DO WE BELIEVE in a future life? The Christian Gospel is concerned to give an answer to just this question. But it is all too apparent that to-day a great many people in England would like to believe, but cannot in fact do so.

Yet if the claims of Easter Day are not true then the whole Christian creed collapses. Christ did not live on earth merely to tell us to be good, to give us the parables and to preach the sermon on the mount. He came to make forgiveness known to men and through the Cross to open the way to eternal life. And the Gospels are concerned with precisely this. They are not biographies of Christ—they are the good news of his death and resurrection. And there can be no other explanation for the behaviour of the apostles which we find recorded in the book of Acts unless they had a real experience of the risen Christ. After the events of Good Friday prudence would have dictated to them a policy of silence. But the happenings of Easter Day made it impossible for them to keep quiet. They had to shout from the housetops "This Jesus who was crucified is risen from the dead—through him you too may have life."

But perhaps the most important truth for us to grasp is that our own resurrection cannot be in isolation. The word "Body" which occurs so often in the writings of St. Paul means the whole body of Christians. The Church is called the Body of Christ. And the resurrection is therefore resurrection into the whole body of believers. We cannot be saved in isolation: we are saved as members of the Church of which Christ is the head. And that is why of course it is impossible to be a Christian and not at the same time to be a member of the Church.

"Take—eat this is my Body" said Christ at the Last Supper. And in the Bread and the Wine at Holy Communion we become part not of a dead but of a living Christ. And it is so important that the Eucharist is celebrated in such a way as to make it plain that being a Christian means not only having a personal relationship with our Lord but with other Christians. For we cannot be saved in isolation—we are only saved as members of the Body; so we had better start to get accustomed to rubbing alongside each other in this life. Hell has been described as the place of isolation, the place for those who want to have their own way and keep themselves to themselves.

"I like to keep myself to myself—I don't want to get involved." How often that gets said and how the Devil must chuckle with glee as he hears these words.

A happy Easter to our twelve thousand readers. How wonderful if all twelve thousand would renew their membership in the Body of Christ this Easter and from now on show the other twelve thousand people of Caversham a vision of the Church as it ought to be—the Body of men and women for whom the resurrection is already a reality.

John Grimwade

Two pairs of thanks

From Hemdean Road. Miss May Turner, 85, and her sister Miss Florence Turner, 83, have lived in their present home at 43, Hemdean Road since 1885. In 1966 while Florence had a long spell in hospital helpers in the Bridge scheme drove her sister to see her for almost every day of ten weeks. Now May has just spent some weeks in hospital and again Bridge helpers provided car lifts—this time for Florence to visit May. They have asked us to express their thanks to their different chauffeurs.

From North Street. Mr Shipway, for long a member of Caversham Methodist Church writes: "When the lady called with our Caversham Bridge she found my wife had slight bronchitis: on the day after the same lady came and brought her some fruit which we appreciated very much for the kindness shown to her as we are old age pensioners."

WALL'S CARNIVAL STORES LIMITED

155-161, CAVERSHAM ROAD,
READING BERKSHIRE

IS IT PARTY TIME IN YOUR HOME?

A visit to our stores will help to make your party a success. PAPER TABLEWARE, CRACKERS, BALLOONS, STREAMERS, GOOD QUALITY CROCKERY and CUTLERY FOR HIRE, FANCY DRESS FOR HIRE.

ARE YOU ORGANIZING A FETE THIS SUMMER

Our fete department is now open. Ask to see colour pictures of our Large Juvenile Swings, Round-a-bouts etc., and many other Side Stalls for Hire.

DO YOU REQUIRE PRINTING?

Our printing department at Quality Printers, Gosbrook Road, Caversham, will be pleased to quote for commercial or private printing.



The reunion birthday on Mr. Alexander's 84th birthday.

Evening Post.

The 'Boys' came back for PJ's 84th Birthday Party

When Mr P. J. Alexander started the 3rd Berks Group in Caversham in October 1911 he could not have expected some of the "boys" to turn up to celebrate his 84th birthday in early 1969.

A SURPRISE

P. J. only had a few minutes' warning. Still active in local Scouting circles as Reading's badge secretary—P.J. has always been used to having an open house to generations of scouts. But the number of "Old Scouts" who came to revive happy

memories of 50 years ago was a real surprise.

A Family Partnership

The bond of affection between the Scouts and Mr Alexander extends to his wife Nora, and her two sisters, the Misses Ethel and Lilian Talbot who have all been keen workers for the Scouting movement since those early days when they did so much from their Chester Street home. Now they all live together at 98, Conisboro Avenue, a well designed house recently built

by the firm of a former scout. All are still active in the life of the Caversham Baptist Church.

Are there any more?

Many of the scouts in the 1918 picture have moved to other parts of the country. Those who organised the 1969 birthday party managed to gather from left to right: Camden Sharp, Vernon Huse, Arthur Emmons (54 years unbroken Scouting), William Johnson, Leslie Wyeth, Steven Holley, Eric Mills and George Pigg.

Perhaps some other readers of the "Caversham Bridge" can recognise themselves in the 1918 photograph. How many more can be found for the summer reunion?

The "Old Scouts" now plan a reunion on Wednesday, June 11 at Smiths' Social Club and they are looking for other former 3rd Berks boys.

Seated left to right in the 1969 picture: the misses Ethel and Lilian Talbot. Mr Alexander and his wife, Nora, and Mrs Nora Clark.



Scouts and Wolf Cubs 3rd Berks, April 1, 1918, at the Talbots' Chester St. home, when this photo was taken.

the childrens boutique

31 PROSPECT STREET,
CAVERSHAM,
READING.

Telephone: 72099

INVITE you to come and see their fabulous collection for

SPRING - SUMMER

Clothes for FASHION conscious Children!

All price ranges stocked

"CHATEAU DU RHIN" — GERMAN — 15/-
"EVENING GOLD" — ENGLISH — 5/6
"SCHLICO-HERTZ" — GERMAN — 15/-
"GOLDWELL GINGER" — ENGLISH — 5/6

are all ideal drinks for
Wedding Toasts

In Champagne Bottles — alcohol-free of course

THE AMETHYST CLUB
PALMER HALL, WEST STREET
READING

(Caversham Branch established 36 years)

MARTIN & POLE

Auctioneers, Estate Agents, Surveyors and Valuers
23/24, MARKET PLACE, READING
4, BRIDGE STREET, CAVERSHAM

(Tel. Reading 72877 and 77561)
Also at:
PANGBOURNE, GORING, WOKINGHAM and HIGH WYCOMBE
Furniture Sale Rooms: READING and WOKINGHAM

BLENHEIM ROAD POST OFFICE
CAVERSHAM

Decorating Supplies
Confectionery
EASY PARKING.

Dairy Produce
Frozen Foods
Phone 71575

WALTER DAVIS & SON (Builders) Ltd.

BUILDERS DECORATORS AND PLUMBERS
81 RUSSELL STREET,
READING
Telephone: 56691 and 61364

Mapledurham Parish Council

The monthly meeting of Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 13th February, 1969, Mr. B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council presided at the meeting.

Representations have been made by the Council in connection with the threatened reduction of the Chiltern Queen Bus Services, when it was noted particular inconvenience would be caused to passengers from Reading in the morning and also later in the evening.

The condition of the road between Trench Green and the village was again discussed and the Council have agreed to send a representative to a meeting which has been convened by local residents to the purposes of co-ordinating a Parish protest at the condition of the road to the village. It is emphasized the Parish Council has protested on innumerable occasions to the Oxfordshire C.C. about this road, but because of lack of available funds, the problem still exists in a very real way, particularly to those residents who of necessity have to use the road regularly.

Among planning applications considered, the Council put forward an amendment to the County Planning authority concerning the proposed development of 10 bungalows at the rear of 131-143, Upper Woodcote Road. The Council considered the number of dwellings proposed was too large and are proposing the number should be reduced to eight.

Arising from complaints received about excessive noise

emanating from the Memorial Hall, Woodcote Road, the Council have agreed that a stipulation must be made restricting the evening bookings of the Hall only to clubs and organisations or other known bodies.

Two years in Nairobi

Miss Jean Cooper of Emmer Green has left this country to spend two years in Nairobi. Miss Cooper has been recruited by the Ministry of Overseas Development on behalf of the Kenya Government. This is not her first trip to Africa as in 1966 she went to Botswana to start occupational therapy at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital at Maseru. She has been working for the past fifteen years in the Health Department of Berkshire County Council, having been appointed in 1953 as the country's first home teacher for the mentally handicapped.

ROBERT AVIS HAIR FASHIONS

Ladies Hair Stylists

HAIR STYLES FOR EVERY OCCASION

169 CAVERSHAM ROAD, READING
Telephone: 53325

CYRIL H. LOVEGROVE Ltd.

Funeral Directors : Monumental Masons

34, Friar Street, Reading

Telephone: 52016 (DAY and NIGHT)

Branch Offices at

High Street, Bracknell. Tel.: 21949
63, Wokingham Road, Reading. Tel.: 52016

MISS E. DAY, L.R.A.M., A.T.C.L., A.L.A.M.

TEACHER OF PIANOFORTE AND SPEECH TRAINING

45, OXFORD STREET, CAVERSHAM

School Zoning

Certain minor amendments have been made to the zoning scheme for primary schoolchildren which was published in the January edition of the Caversham Bridge.

Children living in Brian Close will go to Caversham Primary school and not Emmer Green Primary School as previously stated.

Children living in Hemdean Road No's 1-47 (odd side and 2-16 (even side) will go either to Caversham St. John or E. P. Collier Primary Schools and not to Caversham Primary School.

Some corrections have also been made which concern families at Emmer Green. In future the zoning will be as follows.

Caversham Park Primary School:

Peppard Road. No's 117-217, 6-72 and 330-390 only.

Buckingham Drive. No's 40-106 (East side).

Emmer Green Primary School:

Peppard Road. No's 1-95 and 229-349 only.

Buckingham Drive No's 9-87 only (West side).

Shelter

Little has been heard in Caversham about the activities of SHELTER. Mrs. Joan Ruddock, the Home Counties Regional Organiser, is to speak at a special meeting in St. Andrew's Hall on April 22nd, at 7.45 p.m. about the work of this organisation. This meeting is open to anyone who wants to learn more of what is being undertaken and the Caversham Bridge hopes that readers will take this opportunity to hear from Mrs. Ruddock something both of what has already been achieved, and also of what Shelter hopes to achieve by way of helping the homeless.

HAIR FASHIONS

TINA JANE

16, HEMDEAN ROAD
CAVERSHAM
READING

Phone: Reading 77919

St. Peter's Scout Group
Supporters Association

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 26th April
at Balmore Hall 2.30 p.m.

A man of grit

Heavy snow fell in Caversham after dark on February 20th and many drivers found the roads very treacherous. Although only recently recovered from flu one local resident was discovered late that night gritting the road up St. Peter's Hill, a work he continued to do on his own in blinding snow for several hours. The Caversham Bridge would like, on behalf of many motorists, to say to him "Thank you very much." This is the sort of unselfish action that we are very happy to record in our columns.

POSTBAG

A LETTER TO OUR
CANINE READERS

Dear Doggies,

On a recent Sunday afternoon I decided to take advantage of the sun and go for a walk. As I stepped out of the front gate I put my foot right in it. This, to those who know me well, is nothing strange although my usual pastime is that of dropping bricks and I am about to indulge myself again.

It takes an appreciable time to walk past my home hence I can appreciate your dilemma if Mother Nature sends an urgent telegram while you are going by. However, please slip your collar and take to the gutter—it is an offence against the Byelaws to do otherwise. If your owner has seen the little notices on the lamp-posts and pulls you back, educate him that the footpath is not the place for your indiscretions. In this way neither he nor you will suffer my wrath and you will spare me the anguish of soiling, amongst other things, my soul.

Yours sincerely,

FRED BASSET.

The Editor regrets..

that some material was received too late for inclusion in this edition. All contributions for the next edition must be sent to Caversham Rectory by MONDAY, APRIL 1st. Owing to this being Holy Week no copy received after that day can be published in the May edition.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Caversham Bridge feels that this important letter, representing as it does, the views of Reading Head Teachers, should be published. We would particularly like to hear from Caversham parents on this matter of expenditure on education. Would parents favour an increase in rates in order to provide better educational facilities?

There are many other matters concerning educational policy which should be noted. Last year the Education Committee cut by half the number of free places to be taken each year at the Abbey School. Girls at that school recently gained ten places at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. As already reported in the Caversham Bridge two of these girls are Caversham residents. There are now fewer opportunities for Reading girls to win free places at the Abbey School. Many parents are also wondering how Reading Corporation intends to administer the recent Act of Parliament regarding nursery classes. Local authorities are given wide discretionary powers under this Act. It would be disastrous if well established nursery classes which have helped hundreds of Caversham children for many years were forced to close. Yet this is a distinct possibility.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, APRIL, 1969—THREE

READING HEAD TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.
21st February, 1969.

Dear Sir,

1. All Head Teachers in Reading are deeply concerned about the cuts announced in the Expenditure on Education for the forthcoming year and, at a full meeting of their Association, unanimously decided to put before the public their strongest possible protest together with a clear statement of the adverse effects these cuts will have on all the children now in our Schools.

2. These cuts amount to £206,000.

3. Every child will be affected by the loss of 15% purchasing power of our allowances for Books, stationery and Equipment, as the increase asked for, to cover rising prices, has not been granted.

4. Special requests made by Heads for new developments, replacement of worn out or obsolete materials too expensive to be met from normal allowances have all been cut out.

5. Allocation of funds for maintenance and repair of premises, playgrounds has been drastically cut. Such delays will undoubtedly lead to higher costs in the future.

6. There will be no new equipment for Music, Physical Education, Handicrafts, Housecraft, Needlework.

7. More specifically, in Nursery Schools there will be fewer places. In Primary Schools the continued development of the teaching of English, Mathematics, Science and practical work will be considerably curtailed.

For boys and girls in Secondary Schools aiming to proceed to further education, there are such serious cuts that many will find there is no award to enable them to take up diploma courses leading to qualification in all branches of Engineering, Business Studies, Advertising, Catering, and so on. Whereas last year 101 such awards were given, only 65 will be provided for 1969-70.

8. It should be clearly understood that the above constitutes only a part of the total figure given in para. 2, but are considered to be among the most important.

9. All our children will also be affected by cuts in dental and medical services and by a reduction in the unit cost of school meals.

10. Even if the whole of the £206,000 cut was restored the charge would involve approximately a 6d. rate—which to the average householder would mean about 1/6 per week.

11. The Head Teachers of Reading, however, consider that a moderate rise of 3d. in the rates would enable many of these cuts to be avoided.

E. S. Cornell Chairman

D. F. Chandler Secretary

CHRISTIAN AID

An important meeting in preparation for Christian Aid Week (May 12-17) will be held in the Balmore Hall at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16th.

We are fortunate to have secured a distinguished speaker from Christian Aid Headquarters, Miss Rosamund Essex — who was Editor of "The Church Times" before becoming fully involved in work for Christian Aid. She has travelled widely, and has seen the effects of Christian Aid's "Self-Help" projects, and the effects of emergency relief in disaster areas.

Miss Essex will be bringing with her the new film about Biafra — "Give Ye Them to Eat" which has only just become available.

PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY.

BUY PEACE OF MIND

Protect your carpets from ink, coffee, tea, milk and alcohol stains (estimates free)

Use only the Best Cleaners to remove oil, grease, salad dressings from your carpets. (Call at our shop — ask for a demonstration).

Have your fitted carpets expertly cleaned by the experts in Dry Cleaning. Orders now being received for April (estimates free).

Avoid carpet wear by having your carpet stretched. Don't delay. Do it now.

Avoid accidents have your carpet repaired now.

If you are moving your carpets around or if you wish your new carpet or old one fitted or re-fitted, ring and we'll give you an estimate.

Lastly, if you are buying carpets, ask our consultant to call—estimates free. Or, call in at the shop and see the range we carry—compare our prices with anyone.

JOHN'S

5 CHURCH ROAD - (BAYLIS CORNER)
CAVERSHAM

READING 76464 (DAY or NIGHT)

Agents for CHILTERN DRY CLEANERS LTD.

Remove

Some

of

Your

Worries

A new residential block at the Chiltern

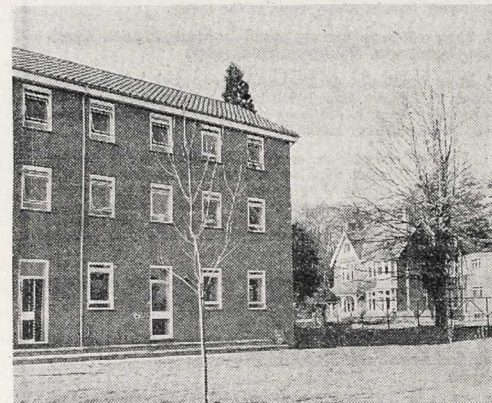
After some fifteen months work—a new building for student nurses is nearing completion in the grounds of the Chiltern Group of Nursery and Mothercraft Training Societies at Peppard Road, Caversham.

MORE STUDENTS

The new building has been designed to blend with the existing buildings, and is linked by an overhead bridge to the older house. An additional number of student nurses can now be accommodated and to cater for the extra intake, which will bring the total to about one hundred, the ground floor of No. 18 has been converted into a large self-service refectory with kitchens adjoining.

GOOD DESIGN

Under the direction of Mr. C. F. Taylor and his firm of builders every available inch has been utilised for efficiency and comfort. Thirty-eight single bedrooms on the first and second floors are well equipped with sanitary units and ample cupboard space. Each student can express her own individuality by using the wall specially designed for 'pin-ups' and personal photographs. They are expected to keep their own rooms tidy. Completing the upstairs plan is a warden's room utility, bath and washing rooms.



Walton Adams.

Contrast in styles—part of the new and part of the old building.

For a personal service call at

PROSPECT HARDWARE

(A. G. NEW)

Deliveries
Daily

SEEDS

ALL GARDEN
REQUISITES AT
COMPETITIVE PRICES

35, PROSPECT STREET
CAVERSHAM

Tel.: 71063

ALSO AT

31 WOOD LANE, SONNING COMMON

Tel.: Kidmore End 3274

T. C. CHAPMAN (Builders) LTD.

Phone: KIDMORE END 2243

We built St. Andrew's Hall

Craftsmen Butchers Since 1824

H. R. STEVENS & SON

of 177 CAVERSHAM ROAD, READING

Telephone: 52595

TOP QUALITY ENGLISH MEATS AND POULTRY
Branch: 101 London Street, Reading — Telephone: 52369

BACON AND COOKED MEATS

Cut Your Motoring Costs

10% reduction on car repairs and servicing for all Caversham Bridge subscribers at:

WILD & TURNER

19 Ardler Rd., Caversham. Phone: 77693

WORK AND RECREATION
The student nurse's day is a long one, starting at 7 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with 2 hours off for study. So, recreational needs have been included in the ground floor plan. A large lounge has comfortable chairs, a grand piano and a suitable floor for dancing. There is a separate television room and a library. In a lecture room the students receive tuition in a multitude of subjects from simple anatomy, hygiene and nutrition to the study of the mental and emotional development of a child. In a small kitchen, newcomers receive instruction in the rudiments of cooking.

A GO-AHEAD CONCERN

This latest addition to the Chiltern College Buildings is a great step forward. In an age of dependence on the Welfare State it says much for the enterprise of the individuals who govern it. The group is administered by a Board of Governors which meets frequently to discuss policy and individual matters. There is also a General Purposes and Training Committee composed of local people who are in close contact with the day to day running of the College.

RECOGNISED BY HOME OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

The College receives children from local authorities and from the London Boroughs. Many of the children are sent to the Chiltern to await adoption. Others are there as the result of a temporary or permanent break-down of their parent's marriage. Some are the babies of unmarried mothers. However, according to Miss A. Gardner, the present Principal, who has been at the Chiltern for 21 years, "More mothers today try to keep their babies. The difficulties arise at about the age of 15 months, when the child is passing through the exhausting toddler stage, and the mother often has a full time job to do. It is then she needs help with her baby."

DEALING WITH BABIES

At 20 Peppard Road some 20 babies up to 12 months old can be comfortably accommodated. Among them are immigrant children and a few who are either mentally or physically handicapped—as in infancy a normal upbringing is thought best for these children.

In the nurseries the student nurses learn to bath and feed the newly-born babe, wean him and set him on the toddler stage. As well as dealing with normal babies they gain first hand knowledge on the treatment of the deprived, the disturbed and the backward child.

FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

As it is important to children to know as far as possible the security of the family—conditions to reproduce this as far as possible, have been created at Caversham Rise, 32 Peppard Road. This is the third large house situated in the 10 acres belonging to the Society. Here, under Nurse "Wendy," who herself trained at the Chiltern, children from one to eleven years old are in the charge of students who sleep and eat with them. Two of the groups live in cottages in the grounds; 3 are in flats in the main building.

Brothers and sisters of the same family are kept together, the older children attending local schools while younger ones go to the Nursery School held in the building. According to Miss S. Perkin, who with Mrs. H. B. Norris is in charge of the school—the theme is "Education through Play."

OUT OF DOORS

The emphasis is on fresh air. In summer the children eat outside, can frolic in the swimming pool or play on climbing frames or swings. Small beds under a verandah are equipped for daytime rest out of doors. Fresh vegetables are grown in the



Walton Adams.

A student entertains a friend in her room.

grounds and are used in the children's diet. Students help a full time lady gardener with gardening chores.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Such a personal interest is taken by student nurses in their charges that books of photographs are compiled and given to the child when he or she moves on to a permanent home. A bond of affection between a child in a family group and a 'mother-figure' often exists long after each one has left the Chiltern, and visits are arranged.

THE COURSE

The student nurses, many of whom can be seen wheeling children down Peppard Hill, are delighted with their new premises. During training they visit clinics, juvenile courts, hospitals and premature baby units. Since the closing of the Maternity section at the Chiltern they go on a 3 month course to maternity wards in large hospitals, usually in London. On completion of the full course they may sit for the examination of the National Nursery Examination Board or for the Diploma of Nursery Nursing of the Royal Society of Health.



Walton Adams.

A corner of the students' lounge.

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants come from all parts of Britain, and some from abroad. The majority stay the 2 year course. Before they enrol, Miss Gardner likes each girl to have had at least a year's experience either as a community service volunteer, or to have worked in a school for handicapped or deprived children. "I like them to be at least 18, to have passed at least 3 "O" levels, and to come here realising that the life is strenuous, and not just dressing up babies prettily, remembering that our main priority is to find good homes for the children passing through our hands and to make them happy while they are here."

Concerning the people who make enquiries about the 'aunts' and 'uncles' scheme Miss Gardner remarks, "I'm very pleased when people wish to take the children on outings or to include them in the family circle, but one has to be careful that enquiries are genuine and avoid children being hurt by a cessation of interest. People don't always understand when the children ask to be brought back here to what is after all their real home."

MUCH PROGRESS SINCE 1931

With the addition of the new Nurse's residential, study and recreational centre—the Chiltern has progressed a step further. Here, where the laughter of small children mingles with that of hard-working but happy students, the former are experiencing much needed security and affection, and the latter are learning a profession for which the demand will always be greater than the supply. All of it is a far cry from the days when the first "Babies Nursing Home" was founded by the late Miss E. M. Halliday in Benham Road in 1931. Her name and that of an aunt who helped her is perpetuated in the "Elizabeth" and "Margaret" nurseries at Peppard Road.

EDNA M. FITZEUSTACE

STAN ELDON SPORTS LTD.

For the best selection
of
Indoor and Outdoor
Sports Equipment

25 PROSPECT STREET
CAVERSHAM
Tel. Reading 73588

Percy C. Beech

Electricity Contractor

2, CHESTER STREET,
CAVERSHAM

Telephone: Reading 72247

SWEETMAN

PRINTING OFFICE

SUPPLIES

DUPLICATING

Enquiries

110, PEPPARD ROAD,
CAVERSHAM Tel.: 72604

BARBARA

Ladies Hair Stylist

Shampoo and Set 7/6

30 CHURCH STREET,
CAVERSHAM

Tel: 73564

Late Night Thursday and
Friday

Peter Shock

Motor Coaches

Tel. 71723

131, Hemdean Road,
Caversham, Reading

Tel.: Reading 73793

Frank Masterman



Walton Adams.

Retiring from the BBC Monitoring Service in April is Frank Masterman, Engineer i/c and one of the most popular members of the staff.

A Yorkshireman by birth, Frank first joined the BBC in 1936, when he worked as an education engineer, giving technical advice to local authorities on school broadcasting. When the service was abandoned during the war he moved on to variety, first at Bristol and then in North Wales. He joined the Monitoring Service when it came to Caversham in 1943. In 1949 he left for the education department in Manchester but returned to Caversham in 1949, where he has remained ever since.

Frank, who is a life-long Methodist, met his wife

Agnes through the Church when he was working with Marconiphone, as it was known then, in Manchester. He has taken a keen interest in the 'Bridge' since it started and contributed many a news item. He is a Trustee of Caversham Heights Methodist Church and a class leader, and represents his Church on the Reading Circuit. For good measure he is Overseas Missions Secretary for Southampton District.

His other hobbies include membership of the Reading Festival Chorus and gardening, but, as he says, Church life has always been a very large chunk of his whole life.

He will be missed at Caversham Park but fortunately he and his wife are spending their retirement in Caversham, so we shall not lose them from the district.

We would like to extend our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1968, which became law on January 1st, 1969, is of necessity long and complicated, dealing with all aspects of planning. There is one section, in particular that has been welcomed up and down the country, and that is the one dealing with consultation. It requires that a local planning committee shall make plans of

all applications submitted available for public inspection, and that no major planning shall take place without the public consultation. This gives "us" the opportunity of influencing "them" and should, if taken advantage of, do much to eliminate this opportunity for full invidious distinction

The Residents' Association was grateful for the opportunity to discuss some of the implications of this Act with Mr. W. H. Tee, the Town Clerk, recently. We particularly appreciated his offer to meet us at regular intervals to discuss matters affecting residents' interests. We had an interesting discussion about the place of Residents Associations when the community has already elected its representatives to the local councils. We in the Residents' Association regularly channel requests and suggestions via the local Councillors whenever pos-

sible, often in fact putting people in touch with their local Councillor, for it is a sad fact that their names are often not known to people living in the area.

We welcomed the decision of the Planning Committee to disallow the application to build high density flats at the bottom of St. Peter's Hill, opposite the parish church. Caversham's facilities are already overburdened. To take only one example, the prospect of even more cars trying to get out on to Church Road in the morning rush hour makes the mind boggle. Further, the area around the parish church and Caversham Court still retains a considerable charm, with its buildings of listed architectural and historic interest, its mature trees and the quiet walk up the Mount beside the chalk pit. Such places are too few and too precious to lose. People need somewhere to live but their environment is also important.

Reading has only one good swimming pool, tucked away

in not very enticing surroundings off Oxford Road. An opportunity will have been lost if the swimming pool to be built at the new North Reading school on the attractive site at present occupied by the Grove School is to be a small one, chiefly of use to beginners. We have supported the proposal that its building should be postponed until the money is available to build a larger pool, which could be used by the community in general outside school hours. A small pool is, after all, of little use to senior pupils. They would get far more use out of a larger pool and local residents could also enjoy its benefit. This is being done in the case of the new school at Tilehurst, where the Parks and Education Committee have combined over the cost. Part of the extra money required could doubtless be raised by interested bodies in the usual ways. Let us hope that the authorities will see that the present proposal is a case of penny wise, pound foolish M.C.

More thoughts of a Roving Reporter

Not much news around Caversham this month, but I was awfully pleased to hear that Mr. Turner, headmaster of Caversham Primary school was back at school after his accident.

I hear that the Reverend and Mrs. Tourtell of St. Anne's Road have now gone to live in Falmouth. We hope they will keep in touch with their Caversham friends and acquaintances who will certainly miss them.

I reported last month that Peter Wickham was leaving the Monitoring Service. What I didn't know then was that he is going to work with Mr. Mair of Surley Row. Incidentally, I have been taken to task for reporting last month that Peter has been responsible for so many alterations at Caversham Park, but forgot to say what a pleasure it was to have him around the place. He and Mrs. Wickham will be living in Caversham for some months yet.

Colour for Caversham

RENT OR BUY

with confidence Colour Television, or if you prefer Black and White

Home Demonstrations without obligation.

Why not Telephone NOW or call in and see our range of T.V.'s and other Electrical Appliances which include:—

WASHING MACHINES	TAPE RECORDERS	FOOD MIXERS
TUMBLE DRYERS	RADIOS	IRONS
SPIN DRYERS	RECORD PLAYERS	TOASTERS
REFRIGERATORS	UNIT AUDIO	KETTLES
DISH WASHERS	TELEVISIONS	ELECTRIC BLANKETS
RADIOGRAMS	VACUUM CLEANERS	

COXHEADS

7 PROSPECT STREET
CAVERSHAM

'Phone: Reading 71827

TRIUMPH HERALD 1200
easiest car to park



£627 7s. 3d.
incl. P. Tax

Heater and disc front brakes available at extra cost

JULIAN'S

OF READING LTD.

27, KINGS ROAD

Phone READING 52494

Distributors for over 50 years

STANDARD TRIUMPH
A member of the Leyland Motors Group

CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY

A Modern Passion Play

presented by

Anglican, Free Church and Roman Catholic actors

IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 30th

6-30 p.m.

MONDAY & TUESDAY, MARCH 31st & APRIL 1st

8-00 p.m.

IN ST. ANNE'S HALL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd

8-00 p.m.

THE ANGLICAN PARISH

CLERICAL MOVES.

The Rev. John Stevinson, priest-in-charge of St. John's since 1963 will be moving across the parish to take up residence at 222 Upper Woodcote Road where he will have special responsibility for Mapledurham; it is not expected that the house will be ready for occupation until August at the earliest. The Rev. Colin Scott-Dempster will be leaving Caversham in September to take up his appointment as chaplain to St. Mark and St. John Church of England Training College at Chelsea. This college has recently expanded in size and now has 800 students: it is due to move to Plymouth in 1972 and will then have 1,000 students.

THE NEW ORDER OF THE EUCHARIST.

Having used what has come to be known as "Series Two" for over a year Caversham worshippers were privileged to be asked by the Liturgical Commission to answer questions about the revised order of Holy Communion. One hundred and sixty communicants sent in replies, and only ten said they did not like

the new service. There was some criticism of the language of the service which was regarded by some worshippers as still not sufficiently meaningful. The reading of a lesson from the Old Testament in addition to the epistle and gospel did not find many supporters though a good many people would like an Old Testament lesson to replace the epistle occasionally. The collect for purity and the prayer of humble access are two parts of the service which it is plain very few people want omitted. The shorter words of administration received one less vote than the older and longer form of words. One hundred and thirty people expressed a wish that the service should end with the blessing. It is a great help to have had so many forms returned and this has given a good picture of the wishes of the congregations: it was interesting to see a most striking similarity in the answers from each district.

LADY DAY SERVICE.

The annual festival service for the Mother's Union takes place on Tuesday March 25th at 2-45 p.m. The service this year will be in the parish church and the preacher will be the Rev. John Gann, vicar of All Saints, Didcot. Tea will be served in Balmore Hall.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

HOSPITAL HYMNS FROM ST. JOHN'S

Early in 1968 St. John's had the privilege of providing a service of community hymn singing for the Reading Hospitals. Quite apart from the patients, many of those who took part said afterwards how glad they had been to do so. This year we have been asked to do this once more; this time on the evening of Easter Day! So book this in your diaries now.

A FLOWER SERVICE

The Mothers' Union are holding their almost annual Flower Service in St. John's on April, 15th at 7-30 p.m. They extend a warm welcome to anyone else to join them on this occasion.

MRS. KATE MOSS

After a long illness, Mossy is now much recovered, though she will not be able to do quite as much as before. So many people have asked after her, sent her messages and above all prayed for her that it would be impossible for her to thank them individually. So she wishes to express her thanks, through the Bridge, to all her friends for their prayers and good wishes, which have played such a big part in her recovery.

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

The people of St. John's are most grateful to Mr. Don Jackson for acting as their Treasurer for the past two years, and to Mr. Cyril Badger for taking over from him on his retirement.

GOOD WISHES

We send our good wishes to Roger and Pat Fowler and to Peter and Susan Brunsden as they start their married lives in their new homes. Roger and Pat are now living at 21 Underhill Road, Molesford; Peter and Susan Eggleton at 4 Church Terrace, Field Road, Reading.

Roger was formerly a Sidesman, and some little time ago a server. Susan used to teach in Sunday School, sing in the choir and deliver the Caversham Bridge. We hope they will be very happy in their new homes and churches.

The Reverend Guy Armstrong Caversham

RETURN VISIT

The Rev. Guy Armstrong who was Priest in Charge from 1963-65 will be paying a return visit to St. Andrew's at the end of April. He will be the preacher at the Dedication Festival on Tuesday, April 29th at 7-30 p.m. After the service refreshments will be served in the Church Hall when Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will be able to meet and talk with their many old friends.

ANGLICAN METHODIST UNITY

On February 18th, members of St. Andrew's went to Church to discuss the Unity Scheme. We were very sorry that Mr. Wright, the Methodist Minister was ill at the time and not able to be present. After some lively discussion in groups, Mr. Packer sat in the 'hot seat' and answered questions about the Scheme. The evening was a stimulating and friendly occasion. All present, both Anglican and Methodist learned much about each others' points of view.

CO-OPERATION

The monthly Hunger Lunch—on the last Friday in the month—is becoming more widely known. The Priest in Charge was particularly pleased to have an offer of help for this from the Townswomen's Guild, whose members will be organising the Lunch on March 28th. The lunches are already being supported by a number of people who have no particular connection with our congregation but who live nearby. This is an encouraging trend and we hope that it will continue.

EASTER CAROL SERVICE

The observance of Holy Week and Easter this year will take the normal pattern. The Children's Three Hours on Good Friday, which was first introduced last year will be repeated. One new feature will be an Easter Carol Service on the evening of Low Sunday, April 13th. This will be a series of anthems, hymns and readings in the style of the traditional carol service at Christmas.

SUMMER FAIR

The date of the Fair is July 5th. Preparations continue steadily. In aid of the funds, grapefruit marmalade as well as orange marmalade is available from St. Andrew's House, price 2/3.

Newcomers at Parish Church

The constant movement of population has brought a number of new people to St. Peter's in the last few months. Mr. and Mrs. D. Welch have moved across Reading to Kelmscott Close; Mr. and Mrs. Gledhill, however, came from Germany to Scholars Close, as Mr. Gledhill was serving in the RAF from which he has now retired. They are however no strangers to Caversham as they occupied a RAF house in Chazey Road some years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Verrall have come to 36a Albert Road, joining their son and his family who moved to Caversham last year. Mr. and Mrs. Verrall come from Deal where Mr. Verrall was organist at the parish church. As Mr. Gibson who was able to help occasionally on the organ has now moved away it is good to know that Mr. Verrall can be called upon sometimes in Mr. Brind's absence and he has already played at two Sunday services. We also welcome Miss Christine Williams whose home is in Wales but she has been a worshipper at Liverpool parish church.

Returning to Caversham after several years in Cardiff are Kurt and Pamela Pick. They have bought a house in Conisboro Avenue and expect to be moving into it at the beginning of April. They look forward to being back at St. Peter's for the Parish Communion on Easter Day and their many friends in Caversham will be delighted to see them back. Their son Stephen is now a medical student in London.

Newcomers in the choir. It is good to be able to re-

port that Mr. Arthur South (tenor), Mr. Charles Lorenc (bass) and Mrs. Beryl Stratford (alto) have recently joined the choir. The junior ranks too have grown in size recently. The congregation has much appreciated those parts of the Patrick Appleford setting to the Eucharist that the choir have been singing recently at the Parish Communion.

The Easter Carol service this year will take place on April 20th.

Five more ringers. The Annual General Meeting of St. Peter's ringers took place on Saturday, February 22nd. Mr. S. Osborne and Mrs. P. Lanaghan were re-appointed captain and secretary of the band and five new ringers were voted into membership. It was decided to increase the fee for ringing at weddings. This has been unchanged for over 40 years. In future £5 5s. 0d. will be charged, the extra £2 2s. 0d. will be put into a tower fund as it is realised that certain repairs will be necessary in the belfry in a few years time.

Lady Day. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 25th at 7 a.m., 9-30 a.m. and 8 p.m. The evening service will be a corporate communion for the newly elected Parochial Church Council.

District Budget approved. At their February meeting the District Committee approved the 1969 budget. It is hoped that £100 can be set aside for improvements to the Church heating and that it may also be possible to make provision for improving the land outside Balmore Hall.

The New Elizabeth Singers. The Social Committee is arranging for a recital by these singers on April 29th.

"HANDYMAN"

Gerry Gardner Kay Gardner

208 GOSBROOK RD., CAVERSHAM

40 years Professional Experience in Joinery Trade.

HARDWOODS, SOFTWOODS, PLY, FORMICA, MOULDINGS, PAINTS, WALLPAPERS, GLASS CUT TO SIZE. GARDEN CENTRE, PLANTS AND SEED POTATOES

Agent for shoe repairs.

PHONE 72314. DRIVE IN FOR CUSTOMERS

NICHOLAS

EST. 1882

Chartered Auctioneers and Estate Agents

T. Vincent, F.A.I. (Consultant)

W. F. Duncan Vincent, F.A.I. B. P. Colston, B.Sc., F.R.I.C.S., F.A.I.
R. J. Wade, F.A.I.

P. J. Mitchell, F.R.I.C.S., F.I.A.S., F.A.I., M.R.S.H.

W. J. Dulborough, F.R.I.C.S., F.A.I.
C. M. S. Crombie, F.V.I. (Associate)

1, Church Road, Caversham

Reading 75854

Head Office at 147, Friar St., Reading — 56511
and also at London, Wokingham and Woodley

W. N. & E. FISHER LTD.

Building Contractors

RENOVATIONS IN ALL TRADES DECORATIONS

EMMER GREEN - READING - Tel.: 71595

STOP PRESS

The Methodist Church at Caversham Heights celebrates its 60th anniversary during the week 20th to 26th April. The Sunday Services on the 20th will be conducted by the Minister, the Rev. Ewart B. Wright, B.D. On Tuesday 22nd there will be a "Musical at Home" when the congregation will be entertained by members of the choir together with artists from the Sylvan Orchestra. At this it is hoped to meet friends who have been connected with the church over the years.

A Diamond Anniversary Banquet is planned for April 26th.

Make a welcome visit to

BECKETT'S

Phone

77066

HARDWARE, ELECTRICAL, DOMESTIC AND GARDEN CENTRE

28 Farnham Drive, Caversham Park Village

We know you will be very pleased with the large selection to choose from, which we feel sure are at very competitive prices at all times of the year.

CLAUDE FENTON LIMITED

ENQUIRIES LARGE OR SMALL INVITED FOR
BUILDING CIVIL ENGINEERING
PLANT HIRE

Telephone: Reading 84127

Hemdean Stores

ORDERS DELIVERED
GROCERIES & PROVISIONS Early Closing Saturday
47, HEMDEAN ROAD, CAVERSHAM. Telephone 71632
(A. F. & J. L. WATSON)

BAPTIST CHURCHES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Baptist Church's office of Secretary after having held it for seven years. He urged all to look to the future, to plan and work wholeheartedly with his successor and each other for the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord and the bringing of others within its influence.

cent in the past year mainly due to increased letting of the premises and a larger tax refund from covenants. This, coupled with a decrease in expenditure, had permitted the transfer of a substantial sum to a reserve fund for the express purpose of meeting any future heavy expenditure on the fabric.

Mr. Miles, speaking of the Communion Fund which was originally conceived for the benefit of the "Lord's Poor," said that the small balance in hand was the result of a feeling that it was there for use, and during the year it had been possible to use money donated by the Membership to express in practical terms Christ's love for the lonely, the sick and the distressed.

The Church Secretary, Mr. B. Miller, in his report recalled many of the highlights in the life of the Church during 1968 and in particular the way in which the youth meetings had flourished. He acknowledged the encouragement and support which he personally, and the Church collectively, had received from the Minister, the Revd. L. S. Lewis, the Officers and all who had helped in so many different ways to vitalise the Church, not least his wife who often had to act as an unofficial assistant secretary.

In concluding his report Mr. Miller indicated that he would shortly be relinquish-

FAMILY WORSHIP AT EMMER GREEN

How encouraging it was to have our Church almost filled with parents and children for the first of our new 30-minute Family Services on February 16th. Despite the freezing temperature outside, everyone made a brave effort to sing well-known hymns and modern songs led by Mrs. Allen and Allison Galloway on her guitar. It was an occasion which brought joy to all who shared in it. It showed just how many families with children want to worship God together. It is hoped more will come next time. During April there will be two such services. Firstly, on Easter Sunday at 3 p.m. and secondly, on Sunday 20th April at 11.00 a.m.

Make a note now—on the third Sunday of each month, at 11 a.m. the family worships God.

CURTAIN AND PELMET FUND

This fund, which was started in December to raise £80 to pay for new curtains in St. Barnabas Hall, has now been closed. The sum raised was £82 and we ask everyone who contributed to it to accept our thanks.

HANDYMAN'S BRING AND BUY SALE

The Men's Forum met in St. Barnabas Hall on Tuesday, 25th February when P.C. Titcombe—our local policeman—was present and captivated his audience by his humorous accounts of his work in Emmer Green and Caversham Park Village.

The meeting was also told of plans to hold a handyman's Bring and Buy Sale on Friday evening April 25th to raise further funds for the renovation of the Hall. (This work has been described as the biggest do-it-yourself job in Emmer Green!). Handyman—here is your chance to clear out all those unwanted bits and pieces and also save money in buying your requirements for your next job. Please watch for the publicity material.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 1969

Let us not kid ourselves—the facts condemn us. During the last two years the sum raised in Emmer Green during Christian Aid Week was only £26 and £87 respectively. For a community of intelligent people, many of whom have a strong social conscience about world poverty, this total is disgraceful. One road in Emmer Green which contains over a hundred houses many of which are of a rather superior type, last year contributed only 30s. to this total. 3d. per house!

Let us aim at doubling our contributions in 1969. During April we shall aim to recruit fifty helpers for this year's collection (May 12–17th). A wine and cheese evening with films has been arranged for Tuesday May 6th in St. Barnabas Hall when we hope that all collectors and other interested persons will come to learn about Christian Aid and prepare for this year's collection.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER IN CAVERSHAM UNITED FREE CHURCH SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 3rd, 8 p.m.
At Caversham Baptist Church:
UNITED COMMUNION SERVICE
Good Friday, 11 a.m.
At Caversham Heights Methodist Church,
UNITED SERVICE.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF CAVERSHAM	Easter Day: April 6th
Palm Sunday: March 30th	7-00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Peter and St. Andrew).
8-00 a.m. Holy Communion (all churches).	8-00 a.m. Holy Communion (All churches).
9-15 a.m. Family Eucharist with distribution of palms (all churches).	9-15 a.m. Family Eucharist (All churches).
11-00 a.m. Matins (St. Peter's), Children's Service (St. John).	11-00 a.m. Matins (St. Peter), 11-00 a.m. Children's Service (St. John).
11-15 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Andrew).	11-15 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Andrew).
6-30 p.m. Evensong (St. Andrew, St. Barnabas).	12-15 p.m. Holy Communion (St. Peter).
Monday: March 31st	3-15 p.m. Children's Service (St. Andrew).
Holy Communion	6-30 p.m. Festal Evensong (St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. Barnabas).
7-00 a.m. St. Andrew.	
9-00 a.m. St. Peter.	
Tuesday: April 1st	
Holy Communion	
7-00 a.m. St. Peter and St. Andrew.	
Wednesday: April 2nd	
Holy Communion	
7-00 a.m. St. Peter.	
9-30 a.m. St. Andrew.	
10-00 a.m. St. Barnabas.	
7-30 p.m. St. Andrew.	
8-00 p.m. St. Peter.	

Maundy Thursday: April 3rd
Holy Communion
6-30 a.m. St. Andrew.
9-30 a.m. St. Peter.
10-00 a.m. St. John
Sung Eucharist with stripping of altars.

7-30 p.m. St. Andrew.
8-00 p.m. St. John and St. Barnabas.
8-30 p.m. St. Peter.

Good Friday: April 4th
9-30 a.m. Litany and Antiphon Communion (St. Andrew).

10-00 a.m. Morning Service for Good Friday (St. John and St. Barnabas).

10-00 a.m. Children's Service (St. Peter).

11-30 a.m. Children's Service (St. John).

12-3 p.m. Children's Service (St. Andrew).

12-3 p.m. THE THREE HOURS DEVOTION (St. Peter). Conductor, The Rev. Kenneth Martin, Vicar of Rotherfield Greys.

8-00 p.m. Evening Prayer (St. Peter and St. Andrew).

Holy Saturday, April 5th
Matins and Antiphon Communion.

8-30 a.m. St. Andrew.
9-00 a.m. St. Peter
Evening Prayer

6-00 p.m. St. Peter.
8-00 p.m. St. Andrew (with lighting of Paschal candles).

SALE OF OUTGROWN CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

The Annual Spring Sale of outgrown children's clothes in aid of St. Barnabas Playgroups, will take place in the Hall at 2-30 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th April. The quality of the clothes in this sale is always very good. Here is your chance to kit out the family for the summer months.

A Happy Easter to you all.

The clergy will be glad to know of any who are sick and desire to receive the Sacrament in their homes during Easter week.

Confessions in Holy Week.
Times when priests will be available to hear confessions will be found posted in the church porches.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ST. MARGARET MAPLEDURHAM

Palm Sunday:
9-15 a.m. Parish Communion.
Good Friday:
9-15 a.m. Matins and Antiphon Communion.

Easter Day:
8-00 a.m. Holy Communion
9-15 a.m. Parish Communion.
6-30 p.m. Evensong.

CAVERSHAM FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday:
11-00 a.m. Morning Service (The Rev. L. S. Lewis).
6-30 p.m. Evening Service (The Rev. L. S. Lewis).

Easter Day:
11-00 a.m. Morning Service (The Rev. L. S. Lewis).
6-30 p.m. Evening Service followed by Holy Communion (The Rev. L. S. Lewis).

CAVERSHAM METHODIST CHURCH AND CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

It is regretted that no details of Holy Week and Easter Services have been received.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES ST. ANNES

Maundy Thursday:
7 p.m. Sung Mass. Procession to the Altar of Repose.—Stripping of the Altar.—Watching till Midnight.

Good Friday:
3 p.m. The Liturgy of the Passion. Reading of the Passion. The Solemn Prayers. Unveiling and Adoration of the Cross.—Communion.

Holy Saturday:
10-45 p.m. Easter Vigil, Blessing of the New Fire and Paschal Candle.—The Prophecies and Litanies, Blessing of the Baptismal Water—Renewal of Baptismal Vows.—The Easter Vows.—The Easter Mass.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, APRIL, 1969—52V

RANDOM JOTTINGS FROM AN R.C. LAYMAN

THE NEW EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

I can imagine head shaking and grumbling by some at what they feel is a further tinkering with the Mass. From February 23rd, the First Sunday in Lent, three new Eucharistic prayers and revised Canon may be used in place of the existing Roman Canon. It is stressed that these new prayers will not supersede the Roman Canon, but it was felt that the latter, especially in the vernacular, might become stale through familiarity.

Perhaps those of you who watched the late Lady Asquith on television recently will recollect that amongst the many excellent literary works she selected, was an extract from one of John Donne's sermons on distraction at prayer. This described so exactly what all too often happens to me. Although too early to judge, I feel that these new prayers may be a real help to people who need constant aids to greater concentration. (Suggested Lenten reading: a Donne sermon a day).

HOUSE OF LORDS' REFORM

An interesting amendment to the proposed Bill which although tabled by an R.C. (Mr. St. John Stevas), has the support of a Baptist and an Anglican in the House of Commons, would provide an additional 16 Lords Spiritual apart from the Anglicans. Eight would be R.C. and eight Nonconformist.

Mr. St. John Stevas would also like doubt as to whether an R.C. can hold the office of Lord Chancellor removed. Under the Bill passed in 1829 the only three offices of importance which Catholics are precluded from filling are those of Regent, Lord Chancellor of England and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

ABORTION LAW

Well done, Mr. St. John Stevas! Many people, not just Catholics, have been constructive ideas.

very unhappy about this Law as it now stands. Certainly some reform was required to protect the doctor, and certainly some law was required which might hope to decrease the back street abortions. But the present Law does not do the former adequately and, as far as can be measured, is not succeeding in the latter.

So far as the doctors and the "Conscience Clause" is concerned, it appears that this only refers to Hospital doctors, and some 20,000 G.P.s are not protected by it. Surely it is intolerable that these men could be penalised under the existing Act?

Mr. St. John Stevas would like this point cleared up. He would also like anyone applying for abortion to have been resident in the U.K. for at least six months. (Apparently there is a spate of girls and young wives from the Continent coming here for private abortions. It seems swinging Britain is now World Abortion H.Q.). Mr. St. John Stevas also wants the Social Clause re-worded so that the life or health of the mother become the criteria without reference to the birth of an additional child endangering the health of existing children.

CARDINAL HEENAN AND THE LATVY

In his Lenten Pastoral Letter the Cardinal has given a lead in exhorting Catholics not to drag their feet regarding the new atmosphere of shared responsibility within the Church. He says: "The decrees of the Vatican Council are binding and must be accepted loyally by us all. The Pastoral Council will do great good if it brings all sections of the Westminster Diocese into consultation."

He considers that once pastoral councils are set up throughout the country means will exist for expression. Many people, not just Catholics, have been constructive ideas.

VERA FLETCHER

9 PROSPECT STREET, CAVERSHAM
Telephone 72414

Underwear by Smedley, Aerex, Morley, Vedonis
Lingerie by Taylor Wood, Wolsey, Viscana
Foundations by Spirella, Tudor Rose, etc.
Wools Emsu, Sirdar, Lee-Target
Stockings Taylor Wood, Wolsey, Morley, Pex
Made to measure Skirts, Dresses and Suits by Spirella.

Chiltern Sports Supplies

16 CHURCH STREET — CAVERSHAM
Sports Equipment and Clothing — Fishing Tackle — Games
Anoraks — Camping Equipment and Riding Wear
Telephone: 77122

HENLEY TYPEWRITER CO. LTD.

(D. PICKERSGILL)
Typewriters — Adding Machines — Cash Registers
Office Supplies and Stationery
12, BRIDGE STREET, CAVERSHAM Phone 73077

John Kitcher & Son Ltd.

FITTED CARPETS LOOSE COVERS
5a, CHURCH ROAD, CAVERSHAM Telephone 72306

L. W. YEATES LIMITED

Central Heating and Plumbing

Complete systems designed and installed by Qualified Engineers

21, STAR ROAD, CAVERSHAM, READING
Telephone Reading 71016

F. WISE

Florist Pet. Foods
9 CHURCH STREET, CAVERSHAM
Bulbs—Plants—Flower Pots
Garden Sundries
Telephone: Reading 74246

J. H. ADAMS AND SONS LTD.

Building Decorating
Alterations, Repairs
ESTABLISHED 1919
51, Kidmore Road, Caversham

For Repairs and Decorations
Additions and Contract Building

ROBINSON of Caversham

24, Prospect St., Caversham Telephone Reading 71785

Round the Clubs

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

In spite of atrocious weather, over fifty members attended the February meeting of Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild. Mrs V. Birtwhistle was in the Chair and the speaker was Dr. H. Bowen, a lecturer in Chemistry at Reading University whose hobby is botany. Dr. Bowen published a book called "The Flora of Berkshire" last year and gave a most absorbing talk under this title illustrated with many beautiful slides.

With the wintry conditions outside many of his listeners were wistful as he spoke of fritillaries and cowslips, London lillies and Himalayan Balsam and many other specimens of interest to be found locally. Dr. Bowen said this country badly needed nature reserves to preserve many dwindling species of wild life and said

that while the USA was aware of this problem, and had set aside 2½ per cent of all land in America for nature reserves, in this country less than 1 per cent of the land was reserved in this way, and then only as a result of purchases by private trusts.

Mrs. C. Loft thanked Dr. Bowen on behalf of the Guild for coming out on such a night to give such pleasure to Guild members with his very interesting talk.

The Social Studies Group had run a highly successful bring and buy sale, and had had a talk by Major Strange on Embroidery, which had been made even more interesting by the wonderful collection of embroidery in silks, wools and beads brought by Major Strange to illustrate his talk.

The speaker at the International Group's meeting was Mrs. Kruselnky, who

spoke about the close-knit community of Ukrainians in Britain and about the life of people in the Ukraine.

CAVERSHAM AFTER-NOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The 7th Anniversary of the Guild was celebrated on January 28th at St. Andrew's Hall and was well attended by members, husbands and friends.

The Party was entertained with country and sword dances by The Anacalites, pupils from the Gillots House School, Harpsden, under the direction of Mrs. Crawley. There were various competitions. After the cutting of the birthday cake community singing was enjoyed and the evening was completed by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

At the February meeting the speaker was Mr. E. G. Burkett who gave members an interesting account of the life of a London taxi driver.

This was followed by a showing of members' transparencies.

The next meeting is on March 20th at the Caversham Community Centre, School Lane.

MAPLEDURHAM JUBILEE CLUB

Fewer members attended the meeting on February 10th. The cold spell had begun and several people wisely felt they could not venture out. Those who attended had a happy afternoon with a few games for a change. The Club Committee met at Mrs. Wenham's house on March 12th.

ROSEHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The President (Mrs. Sizer) welcomed the members to the February meeting, also some visitors. The talk was a recording from Mrs. Pike, about the W.I. Headquarters in London, with coloured slides operated by Mrs. Bluring.

The competition for a "Get well card" was won by Mrs. Hadrell runners up being Mrs. Gribble and Mrs. Denning.

BLAGRAVE W. I.

The speaker at the February Meeting was Mr. Hawthorne who gave a most interesting Talk and Demonstration on Corn Dollies. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Sholl who presented the birthday posies.

Sewing Classes started at Mrs. Scholl's house on February 24th at 2-30.

Mrs. Plumridge won the Flower of the month competition.

CAVERSHAM WINE-MAKERS' CIRCLE

A society for all home winemakers and brewers has been formed in Caversham. A series of instructional and social meetings is planned, taking place normally at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in Church House, Caversham. All practising and intending wine-makers and brewers are warmly invited to attend meetings and join the circle. An early meeting is planned for complete beginners, so do not be put off by complete lack of knowledge—come along and join.

Further information can be provided by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. A. J. Stevenson, 131 Kidmore Road, Caversham. Tel. Reading 74227.

EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the February meeting of the Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild Miss D. Higgs gave a most interesting illustrated talk about the 25,000 mile journey to Antarctica that she had made as a member of a party led by Peter Scott. Miss Higgs' colour slides of the scenery and wild life were very much appreciated.

The competition for the most amusing advertisement for the sale of a plot of land in Antarctica was won by Mrs. West.

The Social Studies group are taking 'Participation in the Community' as their main theme for discussion during the year.

THE CLERGY AND MINISTERS OF CAVERSHAM ANGLICAN

Rector:

The Rev John Grimwade
Caversham Rectory Tel. 71703

Assistant Clergy:

The Rev. Colin Scott-Dempster 25, Ilkley Road, Tel. 72070.
The Rev. Malcolm Cooper (Priest-in-Charge of St. Barnabas') St. Barnabas' House, 33, Grove Road, Tel. 73095.
The Rev. Roger Packer (Priest-in-Charge of St. Andrew's) St. Andrew's House, Harrogate Road, Tel. 72788
The Rev. John Stevinson (Priest-in-Charge of St. John's) St. John's House, 9, South View Avenue Tel. 71814
The Rev. John Crowe, 2 Blackwater Close, Caversham Park, Tel. 75152

BAPTIST

The Rev L. S. Lewis, 8, Kidmore Road, Caversham
Tel. 73633

METHODIST

The Rev E. B. Wright, 17, St. Anne's Road, Tel.: 72223

PRESBYTERIAN

The Rev. George E. Shearer, 41, Highmoon Road, Caversham
Tel. 77490

ROMAN CATHOLIC

The Rev. W. O'Malley (Parish Priest)
The Presbytery, 2, South View Avenue. Tel. 71787

W. R. BOURTON & SON

— FUNERAL DIRECTORS —

1 PRINCES STREET — READING

Tel. 53825

Night 63917 and 39-4283

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

The St. John Ambulance Brigade, their black and white uniform familiar to people throughout the world, is made up of people trained in first aid, medical practitioners and state registered nurses.

In the brigade members who are holders of first aid certificates meet together for training and practice under qualified members of the medical and nursing professions with the object of combining individual efforts in the service of the public.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Learn first aid, Courses are run from time to time, one is due to start Thursday 8th. May, 1969 at 7.30 p.m. and held in the St. John Hall, Chatham Street. If then you would like to join us in the Brigade, you would be very welcome.

The Brigade is supported by voluntary Donations. This year The Reading Council have given permission for the Brigade to hold a house to house collection during 24th to 29th March; many helpers will be wanted—please if you can spare a little time help us to collect in your area.

Flag sellers will be out and about during the week and on the streets Saturday. Please give generously.

If you feel you would like to help or would like more information please contact Mr. L. T. Smith at 16 Caw-sam Gardens.

We record . . .

BAPTIZED

ST. JOHN'S

February 2nd—Amanda Eva Janet Lindsey, Caroline Macrory Christopher Milne, Marion Newbury.

ST. ANDREW'S

February 16th—Christopher Berry, Stephen Berry, Nicholas Thatcher.

ST. BARNABAS'

February 23rd—Sharon Cole, Ian Welland.

MARRIED

ST. PETER'S

February 15th—Brian Langham and Linda Stone.

ST. JOHN'S

February 8th—Peter Eggleton and Susan Brunnsden.

BURIED

ST. PETER'S

February 18th—Charles Sparks.

ST. MARGARET'S

February 8th—Sarah Tame. March 1st—Norman Hunt.

Est. 1838

Haslam & Son

P. H. Mann, F.R.I.C.S. R. J. Garlick, F.R.I.C.S. F.A.I.
R. R. Mann, M.A., F.R.I.C.S. F.A.I. S. C. Short, F.I.A.S. F.A.I.

House, Land and Estate Agents Auctioneers Valuers

38c, CHURCH STREET : CAVERSHAM

TELEPHONE: READING 72325

also at 156, Friar Street, Reading Telephone 54271/2

SUPREMA Dry Cleaning Salon

32b Church Street, Caversham. Reading 77713

SAME DAY HAND-FINISHED DRY CLEANING

Expert Repairs and Alterations carried out on the premises.

Walton Adams & Son Ltd.

Photographers

1 PROSPECT STREET, CAVERSHAM

Phone Reading 77904

WEDDING AT HOME PASSPORT
PHOTOGRAPHS

A. F. JONES

MASTER MASONS

Craftsmen in stone

BEDFORD ROAD

READING

Tel. 53537

TOMALIN & SON

(N.A.F.D.)

Funeral Directors

28 NEW STREET

HENLEY-ON-THAMES

Tel. 3370, Day and Night

THE HARDWARE SHOP AND GARDEN CENTRE

7A and 9 CHURCH ROAD, CAVERSHAM
Offer Gifts for House or Garden

Wallpaper and Paints, Carefree Trolleys and Trays
Ferndown Cut Glass

Marley Goods, Suttons and Carters Seeds,
Seed Potatoes

Quality range of Garden Tools

The New 'Suffolk' range of Motor Mowers

Mowers, Pruners and Shears sharpened to perfection

Visit Caversham's newest Garden Centre for ALL
your gardening needs
Telephone: 72176 and 77779

WORTH FINDING

PLATTS HOME COOKED HAM

366 Gosbrook Road
Caversham

at

or

49, Donkin Hill
Phone 72175

Open every day including Sundays 9 a.m. to 12 midnight

The European Coffee Grill

Grills and Continental Dishes — Fully Licensed

32a CHURCH STREET, CAVERSHAM, READING
(Near Glendale Cinema)

Telephone: Reading 77917

VANDERPUMP AND WELLBELOVE

(and Wellesley-Smith and Co.)

Auctioneers, Land and Estate Agents, Surveyors and Valuers

40, PROSPECT STREET, CAVERSHAM

Tel. 74540

also at

6 Station Road, Reading, and Pangbourne, and Wallingford, Berks

D. & M. DUDDEN

Grocers and Butchers

46 CONISBORO AVENUE, CAVERSHAM

Special Farm Poultry for Christmas and all varieties of
Frozen Foods.

Telephone: 72582

FUNERALS AND CREMATIONS

A. B. WALKER

AND SON LTD.

36, Eldon Road,

Reading, Berks.

Telephones:

Day Reading 53650

Night Reading 53703 & 61539

PRIVATE CHAPELS OF REST

A. H. WHITE

(N.A.F.D.)

Funeral Directors

11, THE GROVE

READING

Tel. 54334

Late: 63921



What's wrong in Northern Ireland?

Northern Ireland—six counties with its own government but part of the United Kingdom, presenting in recent months the miserable spectacle of Christian groups fighting a poli-

tical battle: Protestants versus Roman Catholics.

Through the political agitation, the crisis of government, the hooliganism, there strides the figure of Dr. Ian Paisley, self-styled moderator of

the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster.

What is wrong in Northern Ireland? Where does Mr. Paisley fit in? To find out, Richard George went there for us: Here is his report:

ALTHOUGH the problems are hung on convenient religious pegs, Protestant and Roman Catholic, they are in fact political. To understand at all this peculiar intermixture of religious politics, it is essential to consider the background.

Whereas Southern Ireland is predominantly Roman Catholic, at present the North is predominantly Protestant but schools there have a majority of Catholic pupils—so they will become the majority. At present Ulster is linked to the United Kingdom and Protestants rule the roost. An end to partition and rule from Dublin would reinstate the Catholics to power as they were before the division.

Thus, then is the nub of Ulster's politics; a middle of the road Presbyterian, who after many years service had reached a high official position told me: "Irishmen have long memories; they remember what it was like before the Republic was formed—the Roman Catholic Church had too much to say in politics.

"In the south to-day if you apply for planning permission and it does not suit the Church, you won't get it I would not tolerate an Ireland united on Dublin."

LIBERAL

This is the basic plank of the Unionist party—it exists to keep Ulster in the United Kingdom and to some this is simply interpreted: "Keep Catholics out". Captain O'Neill's liberal attitude brought violent opposition, even among his own followers.

Recognising that Catholics in Northern Ireland have less than a square political and social deal, with encouragement from the British Government, he pledged himself to a policy of steady reform. Hence the split in his Cabinet—and the need for the recent General Election since reform would bring dire political consequences.

If Catholics in Ulster become content with their lot and no longer seek union with Dublin, then the anti-republican wing of the Unionist party at once loses its reason for being and this is just where Ian Paisley comes in.

My Presbyterian friend told me: "The Unionist Party Right Wing need him—the party's only mandate is to keep Ulster in the United Kingdom. No opposition to the United Kingdom means no Unionist Party so they want Paisley to stir up the Catholics and to ensure that someone wants to join up with Dublin—then there will be a party—its jobs for the boys".

AGAINST

Ian Paisley suits the part admirably, self-styled Moderator of an extremist breakaway sect, he is a born agitator and tub thumper. He is a Christian Minister but appears against unity, against peace with all men, against the rights of underprivileged minorities, but very much on the side of abuse: abuse of Roman Catholics, abuse of Captain O'Neill, abuse of Prime Minister Wilson for supporting O'Neill and abuse of the Archbishop of Canterbury as an "idolator and a blasphemer".

Many people in Northern Ireland see right through him:

"He's in it for money", said one.

"He's in it for power", said another.

So I asked them how he kept going and where his money came from: "He appeals to the conservative farmer who can see no further than the next bullock", they replied. "At his meetings he appeals for notes in the collection and this is often gathered in a bucket,

He says: 'Green ones (green being the colour of the Republic) are no good—Red ones (representing socialism) aren't much better—so let's have Blue ones—True Blue—and the cheering landowners give him a load of fivers.

It is privilege not religious truth that is at stake in Northern Ireland today. Ian Paisley's brand of Protestantism suits the political aims of a number of people; he has done well enough from his activities to finance the building of a new church, a large elegant building to replace the present Mission Hall in Ravenhill Road.

A STAGE

In himself Paisley is a person of little importance; in another setting he would raise no more than a puzzled but indignant eyebrow amongst his Christian neighbours as a sore thumb sticking out in the midst of the ecumenical movement.

But the political scene in Ulster presents him with a stage on which to perform and so gain for himself a significance he does not deserve and a religious notoriety based on bigotry and hate.

RICHARD GEORGE



CHRISTIANITY AND COMMUNISM

by Ken Hills



COMMUNISM isn't necessarily atheistic! That was said by a leading Communist (himself an atheist!) during a union branch meeting when two communists and two industrial chaplains were invited to discuss their aims in the modern world.

This is the kind of comment one has to come to expect from communists—we can all quote the famous "religion is the opiate of the people".

Anyone who has read Marx and other fathers of communism could find plenty evidence of their rejection of the organised religion they knew.

REWARD

Religion in history seemed to support (and be supported by) the privileged classes. It seemed to discourage any change in the social system by teaching the oppressed that God had given them their "state of life" to be meekly accepted. To compensate them there would be a reward after this life—the notorious "pie in the sky".

Even more directly political—the Protestant revolution was closely knit with the acceptance of a kind of individualism which made the rise of capitalism possible.

Yet today there are many in Europe who are openly both Christian and Communist. (There are even clergymen of the Church of England who are declared communists.) What is the background to this change of attitude?

Firstly: There is an increasing tendency for communism to see that if it is to be a dynamic answer to the world's problems it must adapt itself to the changing modern world.

Rigid fundamentalism among communists would make communism sterile and out of touch—as was happening in Eastern Europe.

Secondly: Christians seemed to have learned this lesson too in a way Marx had never anticipated. The churches seem readier to recognise shortcomings and failures in the past (and to learn from the criticisms of Marx and other great thinkers) and to re-interpret their faith for modern man.

Thirdly: As this was happening in "both camps", at least some Christians and some communists have begun to realize that sick old hatreds and tired old slogans have hidden the fact that we have a lot in common.

It can be said that we need each other in order to re-

discover ourselves; that in dialogue we may uncover truths about each other as yet unrealised. Above all we may stimulate each other to bring about a revolution of ourselves and of human society.

There is common ground between Christianity and Communism. Where do we go from there?

The way ahead does not lie in highlighting our similarities and organising a merger based on similar humanitarian aims. We must continue to acknowledge and contribute both our similarities and our differences to the examination and illumination of the world's problems and meaning and future.

TOGETHER

"Communism isn't necessarily atheistic".

"Christianity isn't necessarily anti-communist".

But even if they were, they would have much to contribute together—and, not at least, to each other.

THAT, ANYWAY, SEEMED TO BE THE GENERAL SUMMING UP AT THE UNION MEETING—INDEED THEY'RE THINKING OF DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT THEMSELVES.

The Big Build-up

The big build-up from Abbey National is worth 8½% for standard rate taxpayers who save regularly. Save as little as £1 or as much as £30 a month and hold up to £5000 (£10,000 for joint husband and wife account). The maximum period is now 10 years and savings can be withdrawn whenever needed with interest paid fully up to date.

5% interest, income tax paid by the society—equivalent to

8½%

for standard rate income tax payers.

Assuming a rate of 5%	4 years	7 years	10 years
£1 per month	£53	£100	£155
£10 per month	£531	£1,002	£1,550
£30 per month	£1,593	£3,010	£4,650

Approximate growth

ABBEX NATIONAL Build-up shares





TELEVISION - BY DIANA DEWES

Mirror to life

Patriotism is out of fashion. The up and coming generation don't dig 'Rule Britannia'. They don't give a damn for the greatness of Britain, or a fig who 'rules the waves'... and sometimes you can't blame them.

Yet in the face of youthful opinion, television continues, as always, to wave the Union Jack loyally and royally. Not to say that television leaps ludicrously to attention, for the National Anthem, like Alf Garnett. It just quietly attempts, with success, to mirror something of the spirit that is particularly British.

OCCURRENCE

Real life on-the-spot broadcasting is a television forte. Where the Royal Family are for great occasions or in the round of their duties, television cameras and commentators will be there. Great Royal events are landmarks in British history. They are unrivalled in pageantry and spectacle. They are open to the view of every commoner in the country who cares to tune in his set. The mood of the occasion varies with the fortunes of the Royal Family.

Back in 1953 television held the nation's gaze throughout the excitement of Coronation Day. It is held by the splendour of Royal Weddings in

national interest the names and form of sportsmen representing England are household knowledge.

Skating Championships at Garmisch, open tennis at Wimbledon and show jumping at Harringay. Millions of viewers sit in silent support of the 'home team' willing the competitors through the spin, the service, and the water jump.

The Olympic games in Mexico kept faithful supporters up each night. They 'burnt the midnight oil' in the hope of a British victory.

The television World Cup matches brought football to life for the uninitiated. The mounting excitement infected the whole country. The final matches saw grown men weeping with emotion in front of their sets, because it was superlative football and because those eleven men were ENGLAND at that moment. Television sets throbbed with the roar of ENGLAND! ENGLAND! from the terraces.

Derby Day, Crufts, Test Cricket, The Boat Race, Kings College Carols or the Lord Mayor's Show, television holds up its mirror to life, and catches a glimpse of dear old Britain.

Westminster Abbey; by a lying-in-state in Westminster Hall; by the solemnity of a King's funeral, the Cenotaph Service, and the Trooping of the Colour; by the traditional turn-out for a visiting Monarch or the opening of Parliament, Great moments of history and outstanding achievements for television broadcasting! Television captures the atmosphere of the occasion. Its audience becomes part of the crowd on the kerb for a moment.

DEVOTED

The addition to sport has a flavour as British as its crowned heads. Player and spectator, commentator and viewer, all are equally devoted to the fortunes of their team. Television gives hours of coverage to the world of sport. They excite tremendous

FAMILY

How the west was won

BY ERIC LAWSON



As serious students of the TV horse-opera know only too well, it was not the Colt 'forty-five' which won the West, but the steaming mugs of hot "Kawfee."

When not engaged in herding beeves or covered waggoning through hostile Redskin territory the hardy pioneers spent much of their time squatting on their haunches sucking up gallons of coffee and munching platefuls of beans.

From this one would be justified in assuming that the American Continent was the home of the coffee bean. But this is not so.

SOCIAL

Abyssinians started the coffee habit; Arabs picked it up and spread it through the Middle-East. Forbidden by their religion to take alcohol, Moslems used coffee as a stimulating substitute but it was not until 1554 in Constantinople that the drink became a great social feature.

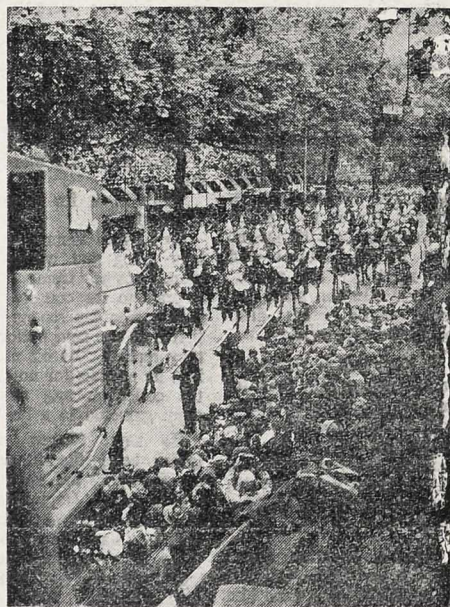
The habit of the Turkish soldiery to carry large loads of beans on their campaigns is said to have introduced coffee to Europe in the 17th century.

The first English coffee-house opened in Oxford in 1650 and for the next hundred years coffee-houses were at the hub of social life. Famous institutions, like Lloyds and the Stock Exchange, had their origins in them and Charles II tried to ban coffee-houses because, he said, they bred sedition.

Diminished

With the rise in popularity of pubs and clubs in the 19th century, the coffee-house habit in England diminished. But they have caught on again and the coffee-bar is once more the social centre for the younger set.

Coffee crossed the Atlantic some time in the 17th century, became "kawfee" and almost a national drink, like tea in England. Who could possibly conceive, for example, Matt Dillon setting forth upon some outlaw catching mission unless fortified by a mug of Chester's special brew. Aw shucks, Mr Dillon.



Viewer becomes 'part of the kerb'

TREMOL TREATMENT

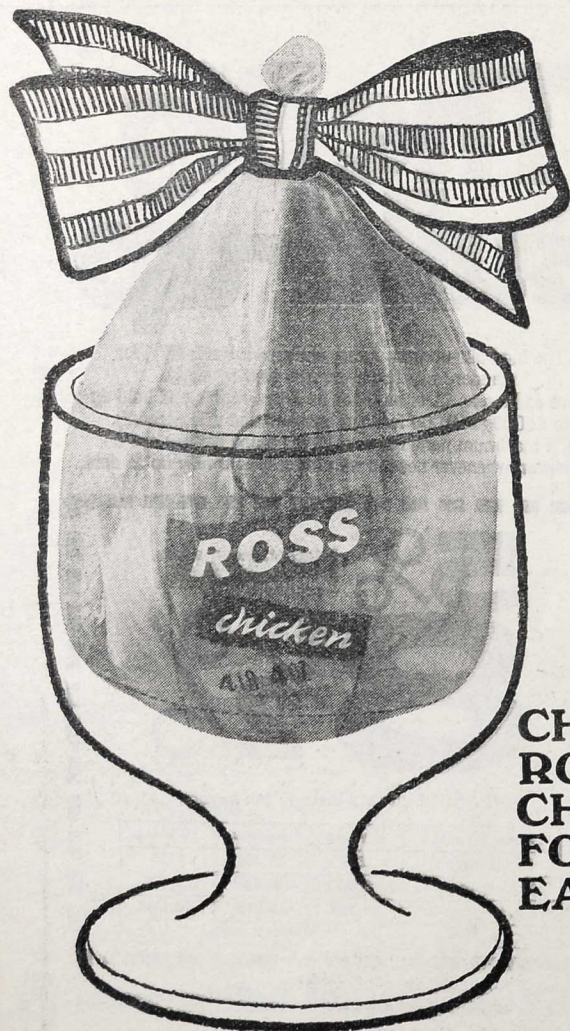
for relief from the effects of PSORIASIS.

- PSORIASIS forms a white lustrous scale on a reddened area of skin. Both the scale and skin are always dry unless broken or brought away by too much scratching or combing. In most cases the reddened skin is of normal temperature and the scale thick and raised on the skin, especially on the scalp, elbows and knees. Where the skin is of a finer texture, as on the body, scaling takes place as thin flakes or a light powder.
- PSORIASIS may be hereditary, may occur with puberty, may follow injury, exposure, shock or worry, or may be due to faulty nutrition and faulty elimination. It may also be persistent and recurring and sufferers often despair of ever having a clear and healthy skin.
- UNDER the Tremol system your own treatment is specially prepared for you to suit your individual needs. You apply the treatment in the privacy of your own home without any interference with your work or pleasure. Sufferers in all walks of life have applied Tremol Treatment in this way with gratifying success. Why not you?
- Think what a healthy skin means to you. No unsightly scale, no distressing patches of redness, no irritation and freedom from embarrassing anxiety when you are at work or with your friends. With a healthy skin you can work with pleasure; you can join freely in sports, recreation and social activities; you can dress with pride and share the freedom and happiness of holidays. A new life is opened out to you.

Here is the opportunity you have sought. Write today, enclosing 1/- in stamps for Brochure and full particulars of Tremol Treatment. Address your letter to—

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF HEALTH LTD.,

Enquiry Department 6A,
208 GREAT CLOWES ST., SALFORD, M7 9YS.



CHOOSE
ROSS
CHICKEN
FOR
EASTER

Your local news sheets can be attractively duplicated on both sides for very reasonable charges to fit neatly into the Christian News. Send for rates, stating quantity, to Sheffield Copying Office, 237 Edmund Road, Sheffield, S2 4EL.



Junior Compass
by Brenda Holloway



THE SAGA OF SAPPER

Charming person that she is, I hope never to be confronted by that boxing hater Dr. Edith Summer-skill, for once upon a time I sponsored a champion.

The name of Sapper Sleepy Lewis will mean nothing to boxing enthusiasts but this man traversed the gamut of boxing experience—obscurity, fame, and back again—in less than a day.

The occasion was an inter-services boxing tournament in Cairo. The Army's candidate for the heavyweight division was stricken two hours before the first bout with an ailment known as Farouk's revenge, and I was called upon (ordered) to find a substitute.

In terms of actual physique the only possible candidate was Sleepy Lewis.

MUSCLE

He stood six foot three inches tall and weighed 14 stone, all muscle, including the area between the ears. But his lack of co-ordination had driven a series of drill instructors to distraction and had led to permanent duty in the cookhouse.

When approached, the gentle giant displayed a total disregard for the amateur code and a remarkable grasp of the monetary possibilities. He asked: How much?

Purse money was settled at a pound if he actually climbed

SLEEPY LEWIS

By Ernest Adkins

into the ring, and two if he went the distance.

Those of us who had agreed to act as seconds devoted what little time there was to coaching our protegee into adopting an orthodox stance.

The night was a major triumph for the Senior Service: they had won every bout prior to Sleepy's baptism in the final event. The Navy's representative was tall, angular and landscaped in tattoo marks, being introduced as "Gunboat" Smith—Heavyweight Champion of the British Royal Navy.

Sleepy surveyed him, and with a fine sense of timing put it to us: "A fiver or I quit."

DRUMMED

We capitulated. He climbed into the ring and at the bell thrust forward his left arm and his right leg. If the Gunboat was surprised he did not show it. He danced round the

static soldier for a time and then drummed his left hand repeatedly into his face.

Sleepy never struck a blow. Towards the end of the first round he tried a wild swing that missed by a yard and hurtled him off his feet.

In the second round fiasco Sleepy was hit with every known punch, and again fell over, trying to swing one in. Looking like a man who has run the wrong way through a revolving door, he somehow managed to be standing when the last round began.

He had one punch left in him as the sailor moved in for the kill. He threw a right hand which bounced him back to his corner on his knees. But there, flat on his face, caught by the biggest sucker punch of all time was the "Gunboat"—sunk without trace.

That night in the canteen the non-drinking Sleepy was introduced to a local brew said to be a by-product of the camel. Surrounded by mobsters, hustlers and newly acquired friends Sleepy became drunk with power, and other potions the champ relished his moment of triumph, and many substitutes for the dethroned Gunboat hit the floor.

The responsibilities of a champion are not to be taken lightly and the Army gave our hero 28 days in a rest centre to reconsider his position.

Dr. Edith would have loved Sapper Sleepy Lewis.

All on an April morning

WHAT AM I?

Fill in the blanks in the following verse. The initial letters will spell a special event we are celebrating this month.

..... will tell you that I'm drawing near;
..... is the month I'm in this year.
..... is the season where I always dwell;
..... once doubted the true facts I tell,
..... grow lighter when I'm on the way.
..... please don't fall on this holiday.

(Answers below)

GET THIS RIGHT?

But to get it right you'll need to put each of the jumbled words printed in capital letters in the right order.

There had been a great STAFE in SALEMJERU. WEJS from all over STAPELINE were REETH. But the RIFENDS of SESUJ were in OGOLMY PESRAID, because EH had been EDIFRUCIC. On YADSUN GINNORM, RAMY went to SHI GARVE. It was MEPTY. HES thought the ODBY had been NESTOL, and the RATES were running down RHE ECAF. RAMY turned round and came ECAF OT ECAF with a NAM. HES thought EH was the REGDENAR. Then EH spoke RHE MANE — RAMY!

EH was SESUJ, NISER ROMF HTE DADE!

ALL OF A SHIVER!

The leaves of the Aspen Tree are always quivering. People often say about somebody who's frightened, "he's trembling like an aspen leaf." An old legend says that Jesus's cross was made from aspen wood, and the leaves of aspen trees have trembled with shame ever since.

NOBODY KNOWS!

No one quite knows the origin of the name EASTER. Some people think it comes from EOSTRE, the name of an Anglo-Saxon goddess of the Spring, and people have always thought of Easter as a time when trees and flowers come to life again after their long winter sleep.

TREE-POT EGG

Next time you have an egg for breakfast, remember to keep the shell. Paint the outside of it with a gay pattern. When the paint is quite dry, fill the shell with some fine soft soil—no pebbles—and put in a tiny plant. You could look for a little violet plant in a hedgerow in the country, or a tiny root of primrose. If you can't find a plant, then sow some cress seeds. The plant or seeds will need very small but regular amounts of water. Balance the treepot in a collar of thin cardboard, about 1½ in. high, and fastened with a staple or paper clip. It should be just large enough to hold the bottom of the egg firmly. Decorate this stand too.

FOR COMPASS CLUB MEMBERS

Another emblem at the top of the page this month to add to your collection! Remember, if you send four different emblems with your name, address and membership number to the Editor, you will receive a free ballpoint pen stamped with the name of the Club.

SPECIAL FOR MEMBERS ONLY

784 6T9L41J 5CC451 9B 284 45128; 284 23A4 96 284 J3B73B7 231XJ 3J Y9A4.
Answers to "WHAT AM I?" — Eggs, April, Spring, Thomas, Evenings, Rain. — EASTER.



SO THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL SPRING

HAVE YOU JOINED THE COMPASS CLUB?

Entrance form below.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:—

Sally Anne Johnstone; Jennifer Ann Forrester; Linda Jean Day; Deborah Gould; Annette Gould; Alison White; Amanda Janet Little; Claire Lakin; Dianne Perrin; Julie Howe; Madgey Holloway; Sheila Day; Catherine Ridley; Peter Nixon; Elizabeth Clarke; Vannah Lane; Bettine Cole; Pamela Selwood; Roderick Miles; Stephen Lang; Heather Loomes; Cara Sandys; David Clement; Lesley Paddock; Jill Ward.

Karen Millington; Andrew Morris; Susan Baguley; Neil Turner; Nigel Tasane; Stephen Dodd; Andrew Dodd; Anthony Bartlett; Christopher Bartlett; Alayne Bartlett; Susan Awde; Melvyn Flynn; Beverley Spurdens; Stephen Appleman; Colette Dearmody; Stephen Jackson; John Fiddy; Jacqueline Potter; Susan Stait; Sandra Brittain; Nicholas Thompson; Gillian Vickers; Timothy Tasane; Julie Hazell; Jenny Hardy.

COMPASS CLUB

Enrolment Form

Date 19.....

Please make me a member of the Compass Club. I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for my secret code and welcome letter.

FULL NAME

ADDRESS

DATE OF BIRTH: Date..... Month..... Year.....

(age limit: 5—15)

Send to:

Compass Newspapers,
319 Gazette Buildings,
Corporation Street,
Birmingham 4.

CAUSE FOR CONCERN



Mr. FRANK COUSINS

A RECENT publication of the Industrial Christian Fellowship, has included amongst its contributors both Barbara Castle, the Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity, and Frank Cousins one time General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, and now Chairman of the Race Relations Board.

The pamphlet "Cause for Concern" is a study outline on training and re-training in the world of industry and presents the problems facing our complicated technological society in connection not only with the need of young men to be trained for a particular skill, but as certain jobs become redundant, re-training older men to adapt to another job.

It is a rare occurrence for people of such importance in their own field to write in a Christian publication when

neither of them is a professing Christian. It is even more noteworthy, and certainly more important, that the Church has asked them to do it.

It is an extremely encouraging sign of the times that the church sees the importance of the secular affairs that affect the day to day lives of many thousands of people, and takes them seriously enough to ask for the opinions of experts in what is said about the issues involved.

The Industrial Christian Fellowship which was founded shortly after the end of the first world war, is concerned to bring the concerns of the Church and the concerns of industry into a close understanding with one another. And in a realm where Christian influence has been so often lacking it is good to see the work of the Fellowship bearing such good fruit.



Mrs. BARBARA CASTLE

Friends of the prisoners of conscience

TWO HUNDRED YEARS ago some despotic rulers in Europe had the nasty habit of shutting their enemies up and forgetting where they had put them. In 1969, one hundred and thirteen countries throughout the world have prisoners of conscience shut away in prison in the hope that men will forget about them.

Amnesty International exists to help us remember.

The people Amnesty help are victims of religious bigotry, political intolerance racial prejudice. They are ordinary people: teachers, students, factory workers, Catholics, Baptists, Jews, Communists and liberals.

When news of an arrest reaches Amnesty's investigation bureau, and the facts are confirmed, the prisoner is adopted by an Amnesty Group. Each Group is not less than six people; and each group adopts three people, one from each power bloc to emphasise their political neutrality and strictly humanitarian concern.

RELEASED

The Group works by public protest, by providing defence counsel and even money for families

left destitute by the imprisonment of the breadwinner. Since 1961 over 1,900 of Amnesty's 3,000 adopted prisoners have



Alexander Ginsburg, a Russian Jew and one of Amnesty International's "Prisoners of the Year", who is serving five years in a labour camp for what are believed to be charges of anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda in writings he claims to be an objective and truthful account of events.

The story of 'Amnesty International'

been released. There are over 50 groups and anybody can join.

Amnesty also runs a 'Postcard for Prisoners' Campaign sending cards regularly, and especially at Christmas, to prisoners of conscience. It is known that this has an effect on those who imprison them and the effect on the prisoners' morale is beyond measure.

Recently the Guardian published an account of how a British woman sent cards to Greek women prisoners. She sent 50 cards hardly expecting a reply. At last a letter came back written by one of 137 women detainees at Alikarnassos prison on the island of Crete.

APPALLING

It described the appalling conditions under which the women lived—the rain, the damp, the cold.

It told of their anxiety about children left destitute because of the arrest of both parents.

The letter concluded: "Please accept, dear friend, our cordial greetings and our infinite respect. The 137 political detainees of the Women's Camp at Alikarnassos."

December 10th, 1968

The writer of the article added:

"They sent me their infinite respect! I am speechless, with tears in my eyes".

Well might she call her article "Answer from the Greek Darkness".

At the moment Amnesty is trying to pierce the darkness in 60 countries and 1,516 cases. It is trying to make true Articles 18 and 19 of the Declaration of Human Rights which say:

18. Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

19. Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

THEY HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO!

Project '69 - an up-to-date look at some of the organisations at work in the service of mankind in the modern world



37/6

So smart in appearance in a Dormie Morning Suit, made from the finest materials, impeccably cut, and tailored by Sumrie. So smart in other ways too, because you know a good thing when you see it and save yourself money. At Dormie prices you can outsmart everyone (except

other Dormie users) and be the centre of attraction at every social function, whether it's a Dance, Dinner or Wedding. Dormie stock every type of formal dress and all the accessories too, with no deposit or booking fee. Try Dormie and be smart—all the time.

DORMIE

MEN'S WEAR HIRE SERVICE

25 Bennetts Hill, Birmingham 2. Tel: Midland 6975.
10 Mell Square, Solihull. Tel: 7393

26 Birmingham Rd, Sutton Coldfield. Tel: 1186

72 High Street, Hampstead, N.W.3. Tel: 01-794 4353.

50 King Street, Manchester. Tel: 061-832 7030.

42/44 Bold Street, Liverpool 1. Tel: 051-709 8391.

Published by Christian News Ltd., 319 Gazette Buildings, Corporation Street, Birmingham 4. Telephone: 01-236-2276
Printed by Blackburn Times Northgate, Blackburn. BB2 1AB.

mini ADS

Rate 6d per word 15/- minimum. £2 for four insertions of 30 words or less. Box No. 2/- extra All prepaid.

Ball-Pens Diaries, Notebooks, Keyfobs, Pencils, etc. gold-stamped with Church name, raise funds quickly, easily.

Competitive prices. Quick delivery. Details: NORTHERN NOVELTIES

BRADFORD 2

CONTINENTAL

HOLLAND. Inexpensive family holiday: Several teachers let or exchange their homes in holidays. Some take guests C. N. Hinloopen, English master 35 Stetweg Castricum, Holland.

BALL PENS FOR "FUND RAISING"

Your Church, Scouts name etc., die-stamped on each ball pen, available at specially reduced rates. We offer you QUALITY - SPEEDY SERVICE plus the most competitive rates in the UK

Sample and details: THOMPSON & CREIGHTON

'Ball Pen Suppliers.'

202 Heaton Road, Newcastle on Tyne 6.

OUTINGS

HAVE YOUR outings at Drayton Manor Zoo Park. Ideal for children. Special rates and tea rooms seating 1100 for parties 15 Acre open plan zoo Boating amusements aerial cars, rides, 160 Acres of parkland and lakes. Cafeterias, licensed bars Organised parties. Adults 1/6d. Children 9d Send for leaflet to Dept C N. Drayton Manor Park, Nr. Tamworth. Staffs