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In theory increased leisure will bring Jack increased happiness. Experts plan for his future hours away from work. Do they know what they're talking about? Sometimes we wonder.

NO FUTURE

HERE WE GO AGAIN. Doesn't seem five minutes since the last time I mowed the lawn. The garden takes up the bulk of my spare time at this time of the year. Especially now we've bought the new greenhouse.

It looks as though the tomatoes are going to be worth it, but it all takes up time. And it means the decorating will have to wait. We'll cut out a few of these trips at the weekend and I'll fit it in then.

After all, work comes first.

Amazing the things we've done since I went on to a 40-hour week. The garden's never looked so good. We see more of the country than ever—and more of the in-laws as well. The wife's been able to start her little evening job. There's never a dull moment.

It's a bit steep, though, all this talk about a 30-hour week in the future. What!—come home every day at three? Wouldn't know what to do with myself then. Reckon I'd look for a little evening job as well.

I suppose that would shock the bloke in today's paper. Very steamed up he was about using the increased leisure everyone's getting.

Clubs for this and that. Evening classes for everything under the sun. Recreation grounds all over the place. New Community Centres. The lot.

SOMETHING ABOUT "OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE NOT JUST EXIST." WHATEVER HE MEANT BY THAT.

What was it? Oh yes!! Half as many bowls clubs again now as before the war. Twice as many golf balls sold. That's a laugh, that is. Another sixty-something golf courses needed in the North of England before the end of the century.

Don't see myself at evening classes or spending much time down the Community Centre, and if I took up golf Mabel would have a fit.

Reckon most of us are going to be bored to death if that 30-hour week comes, unless we can get an evening job. Never thought I'd prefer work to time off—but doing nothing, well that's not me. Never was one for sitting round idle.

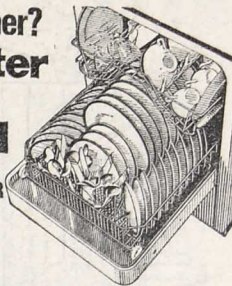


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FOR IDLE JACK



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For a glorious fortnight we can get out of the clutches of drab routine and the pressures of modern life. We can, as they say, 'Get away from it all'.

For some this will mean getting away from people—getting away to open spaces far from the maddening crowd. For others it means no such thing. For them the rapture of idleness can only be enjoyed encased in a solid wall of humanity.

Letter

**The priest also
has to work out
his salvation**

Dear Sir,

What a pity that Sarah Verney allowed the attitude of one priest to cloud her judgment on the subject of the churches in general and God in particular.

It is a common error to suppose that, at ordination, a man is automatically endowed with infallibility, perfect understanding and complete sincerity. There is a sense in which the priest, like the layman, has to work out his own salvation 'in fear and trembling' and he is unfortunate in that his fail-

ures are more exposed to public criticism.

Even so, I have personally shared in some twenty 3-hour Meditations and have yet to encounter the approach outlined by your correspondent. I wonder if this failure in worship was completely one-sided? It is fatally easy to misinterpret both choice of material and inflexion of voice when one is not in tune with the proceedings.

THELMA POWELL,
6 Langley Road,
Langley Green,
Warley,
Worcs.

These will sit happily on a square yard of Blackpool beach surrounded by thousands of other like-minded holidaymakers, or join enthusiastically with the mass produced fun of a holiday camp, or perspire gently in the crowded Bingo halls of countless promenades.

Spare a thought, though, for the solitary souls who wish to get away from the human companions they rub shoulders with every working day. Their world has been shattered by the travel agents' package deal.

No longer can they escape to that little Mediterranean fishing village knowing that the nearest Englishman is the consul in Barcelona.

Now they travel for a day and a half from Paris in a stuffy and crowded train or fly in the early hours of the morning, to find that at the other end they are surrounded by the same people and the same accents as they'd find at Skegness.

Harsh fact

The harsh fact is that getting away from it all has become a choice between an expensive luxury villa on a remote Greek island or a field in the middle of England. There is no place for these get away people amongst the ranks of those who, clutching their travellers' cheques in one hand and their A.A. Continental Guide in the other, set off happily across the Channel. Not unless they are willing to go beyond Tangier or the Arctic Circle.

But let us not despair. Perhaps in the end getting away from it all really depends upon our state of mind rather than where we are. We need a determination to unwind and relax, to put every-day cares and worries aside, to take life at a more leisurely and good-natured speed.

We should be able to do this wherever we are. If we can't—whether we're in Morocco or Mablethorpe—we've thrown those precious fourteen days away.

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150 years ago — Massacre in a Manchester Square

BY JOHN BANKS

MARTIN LUTHER KING wasn't the first. Nor, I suppose, will he be the last. He led the peaceable march on Washington, and eventually died for it. "When will they ever learn?"

One hundred and fifty years ago this month the hoardings were billposted in Manchester. The Cotton operatives had been having a bad time since the Napoleonic war ended four years previously. Unemployment was high and wages were low. Prices were also high and though everyone agreed that things were bad they could not agree on the remedy.

The Tories under Pitt were prepared to wait till things improved while at the other end of the scale the working class radical group wanted the repeal of the Corn Laws, an M.P. for Manchester, universal suffrage and annual parliaments. So the bills were on the hoardings: One from 'Orator' Hunt read like this—

"Come then, my friends, to the meeting on Monday, armed with no other weapon but that of a self-approved conscience . . ."

The Monday referred to was August 16th, 1819—the day of the Peterloo Massacre.

OPEN FIELDS

St. Peter's Street, Manchester, and St. Peter's Square and the site of the Free Trade Hall were open fields at that time. George Swift, a shoemaker with Radical sympathies, made his way there about a quarter to noon.

He had previously enquired (being a cautious man) at the barracks to see if the military had any specific orders, but received no answer. When he got to the hustings he found a large crowd mainly of young people in their Sunday best, the men in fustian and the girls in gay colours.

As the crowd grew larger at every minute (till it eventually reached 60,000) the first six rows of men linked arms to form a protective barrier to the group of women and children who were placed inside the ring.

There was no sign of violence but the magistrates were afraid, for a meeting in January 1819 had declared "the only source of legitimate power is in the people, the whole people and nothing but the people." Moreover the

Radical press sounded very violent and "Union Clubs" used to parade the streets in regular order carrying sticks and banners and flourishing the cap of liberty.

As soon as 'Orator' Hunt began to speak the magistrates lost their nerve. They seemed to have forgotten that Special Constables were overlooking the proceedings, and they sent in the "prejudiced, inexperienced, and half-drunk Manchester Yeomanry" to arrest Hunt.

BRUTAL

"Their swords were lifted up and struck down all the way" wrote Swift in an account he wrote in gaol "they turned round to the unoffending multitudes most of which near them were women . . . and in a most confused, brutal and undisciplined manner rode circuitously about the hustings chopping down all before them . . . they cut at our legs and but for dexterously leaping backwards I must have lost a foot."

The Special Constables received the same treatment and "squeaked out like young Irish pigs." At the height of the melee a detachment of Hussars was sent in to clear things up and only made matters worse.

In ten minutes eleven people were dead, including two women, and 400 were injured; but the crowd was dispersed. Hunt was gaoled for two and a half years while Swift escaped with eleven days.

Two years later, the Prince Regent, who had sanctioned the Cavalry, was crowned George IVth and there was much fear that the crowd would shout "Hunt and liberty" instead of "God save the King." But unlimited ale and plenty of free food saved the day. The people forgot. In any case economic conditions were beginning to improve.

PUNISHMENT

Hunt did not forget. On August 16th 1820 he wrote "I eat no meat this day: I pray that I may live to witness the punishment of every scoundrel who was instrumental to . . . the cuttings and murder of peaceable men, women and children at Manchester this day twelvemonth."

The people forgot, but will Manchester forget? When asked what celebrations of "Peterloo" there would be a Conservative Party spokesman of the Council said "I don't think a lot will be done," she preferred to be "constructive" and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the flight of Allcock and Brown. On the other hand a Labour Party spokesman asserted "this brought out into the open the fact that the working class would have to fight for any amelioration of their conditions".



Contemporary prints of the Peterloo Massacre in the archives of Manchester City Library.

Thinking about -- the Good Samaritan

There he lies—in a gutter. Drunk.
 There he lies—in a battle trench.
 Dying.
 There she lies—in a foreign village.
 Starving.
 There they go — down an English street. Homeless

So many people, living dead, battered and robbed of life by the life of the world. We Christians must be Good Samaritans to the world, we are told.

So let's get organised; let's demonstrate, let's do something. Let's get mobile and build a better world with Christian Aid and Oxfam and C.N.D. and Shelter and VSO and CSV and dozens of local caring schemes. Just take your pick, there's plenty to keep you busy, lots of useful jobs to be done.

It's good to get outside yourself, forget your problems and get on with a bit

of practical Christianity. Good to feel that you're walking in company with the Good Samaritan, a man Jesus commended.

. . . But what about the man the robbers left for dead by the roadside?

I AM THAT MAN TOO.

Here I lie — in the gutter, wounded by my hatred, envy, self-satisfaction; restless, anxious.

I can get away from myself by posing as a passing Samaritan and binding up the world's wounds with impatient anger. And I would be good and useful.

But if I uncover my own wounds and offer them to another to be bound—I am changed, gentled and can begin to bind up wounds with patient love. And what I am and do would be marked by the touch of Christ, the Good Samaritan who comes to men in the gutter.

CAR SENSE

If each vehicle had an 'open' radio

DURING those few days of glorious sunshine in early June I took the canvas tilt off my Land-rover and drove around with nothing but the wind-screen between me and the elements — and sometimes not even that! And I rediscovered some of the pleasures that I hadn't experienced since I parted with my old Moggie (Morgan three-wheeler to the uninited).

It came as a surprise to find how much sheer physical pleasure we lose by shutting ourselves up in little tin-and-glass draught-proof coffins.

But what also came as a surprise was the discovery of just how easy communication must have been for motorists in the days before saloon cars. And I began to see that good manners among motorists must have started to go out about the same time that car roofs and side windows began to come in.

Fight

The present lack of communication is one of the main reasons for there being so much inconsiderate and downright bad driving. Not an original thought—but what's to be done about it?

We can't go back to the old state by taking all the roofs off our cars (most of them would just fold up in the middle if we tried it!). We've got to go on and fight our way through it.

I think one possible long-term answer would be to adopt something like the American "Citizen's Band" radio facilities. That is, have every car, bus and lorry fitted with a cheap and small radio transmitter/receiver working on one common wavelength and with a range of only two or three hundred yards. They would be switched on all the time, and drivers would be encouraged to use them to talk to any other driver within range. For the first week or so the air would be solid with bad language, threats and bragging.

Not clots

But that would soon pass; and then individual drivers would be forced to listen to others' comments on their actions. They would be led to recognise that other cars contained people and not just clots or rivals. Communication might set in!

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some 24 hours he remained in his chair without rising to go for a meal. Instead he ate thin slices of beef in between rounds of toasted bread. This form of eating habit quickly gained in popularity, and sandwiches eventually became part of a recognised menu.

Nowadays, sandwiches are universally popular. It's interesting to note that the Jolly Farmer public house at Chalfont St. Peter once listed 501 varieties of sandwiches on its menu.

C. J. FRANCIS.

Although Sandwich failed as an administrator, the art of gambling was something in which he excelled. On one occasion he became passionately absorbed in his favourite game. For

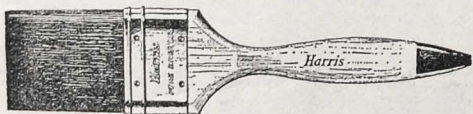
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60%

A FEW months ago I was privileged to become a member of the Rotary Club of Caversham, and I value the opportunity this gives me of meeting men from such a wide range of business and professional life. And one rule that extends throughout Rotary is that unless a member in any six month period averages at least an attendance of 60% at the weekly luncheon meeting he forfeits his membership.

Members are allowed to make up their attendance by visits to other clubs on some other day if they cannot be at their own, and absence is allowed through illness, or for certain reasons if permission is asked in advance. In fact club attendance is not just a bare 60% but rather over 80%. And so some 50,000 men in Great Britain who are Rotarians are expected to be regular in their attendance.

Translate this into attendance at the Church's weekly meal of Holy Communion (or indeed attendance at any Christian gathering) and we find something of a contrast. In Rotary attendance matters. In the Church of God the viewpoint of the permissive society gains ground and to suggest that worship matters is regarded as hitting below the belt; no pressure, we are told must be brought to bear. All this may sound splendidly liberal but there is little evidence in the Scriptures or the history of the Church for the viewpoint that worship does not matter. It matters because Christ comes to men and women through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments. The plea that worship is dull merely reveals the ignorance of the critic for in the past few years Christian worship has acquired a new relevance and meaning through the many changes that have been made. But when we cut ourselves off from the worship of the Church we cut ourselves off from contact with the Christian community, and before very long find ourselves conforming increasingly to the standards of the permissive society. The difference between the Rotarian and the majority of English Christians who through baptism have felt they have put their name on the books of the club is that the Rotarian knows he must quit if his attendance fails and the Christian knows that he will not be disciplined.

People always find time for what they feel is important, whether it is watching sport or indulging in some hobby; we pay lip service to Christian values and say that they matter but expect others to preserve them for us. In fact Christian standards are steadily being eroded away and this is reflected in a good deal of modern legislation. It is precisely because so many of us have sat light to our Christian commitments that school children are indulging in sexual intercourse, abortion is rife and standards of morality in other respects are growing up that have no backing in traditional Christian teaching. And many people of good will turn to organisations like Rotary as a substitute for the Church because Rotary demands a discipline which they find lacking in the Church. When we acknowledge a responsibility to our Church in the way that Rotarians see it to their club we shall start once again to recreate a Christian community. Perhaps the 50,000 Rotarians nearly all of whom would claim some Christian allegiance might show the Church the way by putting in a similar attendance at their local Church. In the meantime what's YOUR Church attendance? Is it 60 per cent or is it three times a year—that is just 6 per cent.

John Grimwade

Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Wright

Caversham Methodists are going to be very sorry to say goodbye to the Reverend Ewart Wright when he leaves for his new post in Somerset next month.

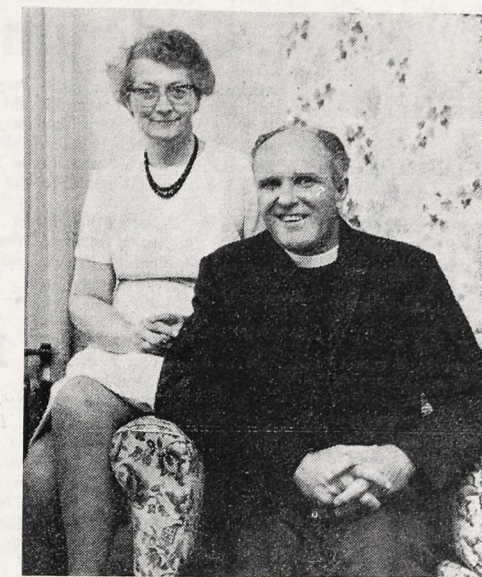
Coming here about five years ago, he rapidly made a name for himself as one of the friendliest Ministers they have ever had. This is not surprising, for in spite of his very obvious sense of humour, he takes his caring mission extremely seriously.

It would be tempting to concentrate on his past career, particularly the years he spent in China during the last war. Tempting, but misleading, since Mr. Wright is

not at all anxious to dwell on the past. The future, he thinks, offers a challenge, and though he will obviously be sorry to leave Caversham he will go forward happily to his new job, where he will be a member of a team covering a large area.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright were married in India at the end of the war. They have four children; only the youngest, David, will be accompanying them to Somerset. One son is in the Merchant Navy, another is doing social work, and their daughter is at Edgell College.

As 'Bridge' readers know, Mr. Wright has very decided views on a variety of subjects. He is concerned about church unity and anxious to see that any steps taken in this direction will indeed have a unifying effect and not divide the church still further. He has great faith in the youth of today and regards current society, with its increasing mobility—particularly in an area like Reading—a great challenge.



Walton Adams.

His only wish is that his work as Minister to four churches and Methodist Chaplain at Arborfield, could leave him more time for visiting, which he enjoys so much. Nor, for that matter, does it leave him much time for cricket, of which he is a great enthusiast. We hope he will get a chance to remedy that in his new work.

We would like to offer him and his family the very sincere good wishes of those who have come to know and love them during their stay with us.

Received with Thanks

The Rector of Caversham acknowledges with gratitude a donation of £5-5-0 for the planting of bulbs in the Churchyard of St. Peter's.

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A month or two ago I remember writing about kindly gestures from Anglicans to Catholics in this district over accommodation. It is therefore nice to be able to report some thing similar by Catholics to Anglicans, though it was not in this district.

Recently, I was in the Isle of Wight and while there learnt that the Anglican church near Quarr Abbey had been gutted by fire. The local Methodists offered the Anglicans facilities in their church for, I think, two services each Sunday. But the Benedictines are allowing them the use of the Abbey crypt for their communion service.

DIVORCE REFORM BILL

This Bill got its second reading in the House of Lords with an unexpectedly large majority, and it is likely that it will become law in the present Parliamentary session.

I was interested recently to read in "The Catholic Herald" that Father Maurice O'Leary of the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, while welcoming the clauses in the Bill which encourage reconciliation, and while recognising that irretrievable breakdown is a more logical basis for divorce than a single act of adultery or cruelty, is not so happy about other aspects.

He is reported as saying that it is contrary to justice that a guilty party should have a right to divorce

against the will of a faithful partner. He also says that it seems extraordinary that the law should establish benefits for those whose conduct has been detrimental to society.

Father O'Leary thought that the Bill would increase divorce by creating a new bias towards it.

A further problem foreseen by Father O'Leary is that, if the Bill gives rise to increased divorce, a greater social security burden will fall on the community as few people can afford to support two wives, two homes and two sets of children.

As with so many of our social problems today, there just is no complete answer. Half of the community appears to me to be condemned to be forever propping up the other half. The reformers try desperately to remedy matters, and I am sure they are right to do so; but very often in remedying one problem they set up another.

To go off on a tangent, however, I must say our present fiscal arrangements are not encouragement to the institution of matrimony. Unless and until husbands and wives are assessed separately for income tax, it pays them handsomely (if the wife is a good earner) to 'live in sin' together rather than go through the marriage ceremony.

THE WELSH INVESTITURE

On watching the Investiture of the Prince of Wales on television, I was rather

surprised that the coronet did not receive a blessing before being placed on the Prince's head by the Queen. In fact, the religious part of the Investiture seemed to be facked on at the end, almost as an afterthought. Otherwise it was a most beautiful and moving ceremony.

Postbag

To the Editor,

I was not a little surprised to read in your Newspaper this month that Mass has recently been said in the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, for the first time since the Reformation. Do I understand that for the past four centuries the Liturgy there has consisted of Morning and Evening Prayer, Litany and Ante-Communion (plus, of course, the Annual Service of Carols with Nine Lessons)? If so, it is better to obey the Book of Common Prayer late than never.

Yours etc,

MICHAEL B. SCOTT.

88 Connaught Road, Reading.

Dear Sir,

Although a firm supporter of the Caversham Residents' Association, I would like to take issue with their reporter on the question of bonfires, a subject which—I am given to understand—has never been discussed by the Committee as such.

I fully appreciate the need to show consideration for one's neighbours, but to imply as she does that bonfires are almost always unnecessary is more than a little sweeping. Any gardener knows that in a large garden, containing a fair amount of shrubs and trees, there is a great deal of waste material which cannot possibly be used for compost and which must, inevitably, be burned.

Now that Monday wash-day has gone out of fashion it is very difficult to find a time when there is no washing in sight, no babies on the back lawns, and no awkward winds, particularly for the owner of a large garden in close proximity to rows of terraced houses.

Incidentally I am not quite sure in what way one can invoke the Clean Air Act, but an enquiry which I myself made at the Town Hall revealed that there were no bye-laws governing bonfires. I did ascertain, however, that there very definitely was a ruling concerning the depositing of garden refuse in dustbins. Short of hiring a truck and carting all the rubbish out into the country, I am afraid I for one can think of no alternative to the bonfire.

Yours regretfully,
A RESIDENT.

A FULL RETIREMENT

Nearly a year has passed since my friends at Caversham Park School gave me a memorable farewell party and enriched my home with treasured presents, and now I have been asked to write, for readers of The Caversham Bridge, my impressions of this first year and my plans for the future.



WALTON ADAMS

The sense of loss which must affect anyone who gives up a loved profession after forty years, was for me mitigated by the fact that a long dreamed of visit to Rhodesia, where my brother had, until last year, been Bishop, was now possible. At the time when Caversham Park School was settling down to the Autumn term's work, I was packing summer clothes, and on October 4th, with my sister, I sailed in the "Windsor Castle" for Cape Town. We spent six weeks in Rhodesia, where we stayed in one hospitable household after another, and were shown a great deal of that beautiful country including Salisbury and its African townships, the Eastern

Highlands, and the magnificent Victoria Falls. We also visited many of the African missions and schools, which were, of course, of great interest to me.

Leaving Rhodesia late in November, we spent six weeks touring South Africa, visiting the Transvaal, Natal, and the Cape Province, completing our journey by way of the beautiful Garden Route to Cape Town, where we stayed three weeks with old friends from Reading. The weather was glorious, and we felt compensated for the previous English 'summer'.

On January 13th I arrived home, now looking forward to carrying out some of the plans I had formed for the days when running a school were over. I anticipated leisure, with the lengthening days ahead, time to lie in the luxurious garden chair

given to me by my former pupils, reading all those long-neglected books on my shelves, listening to records, entertaining and visiting my friends. Now, nearly a year young in retirement, I smile. I have, in fact done some of these things on occasion, but the calls on my time and energy seem as great as when I was teaching.

However, I enjoy my full, but relaxed existence. How good it is not to have to work to a routine. To get up in the mornings when I feel like it, to stay in bed with a good book for an hour on wet days, but to be out in the garden in the cool of the morning on summer days, to receive callers at any time, to visit friends on impulse, to run my house without letting it become a burden, to join in church and village activities. I am glad that in my work as a Magistrate, I still have some regular demands on my time, and can continue my interest in social work, especially where children are concerned.

My first year has taught me that retirement, like any other occupation, has to be organised. Some sort of routine, not too rigid, is neces-

sary if the hours are not to be frittered away, but I have taught myself not to feel too guilty if I fall asleep after lunch, and to shelve work in favour of an unexpected caller or a tempting invitation. I don't agree with the former headteacher who said, "It's just like one long holiday", or with others who say, "I can't think how I ever had time to go to work". The number of hours in the day is the same as ever. The difference lies in the way they are filled, and if succeeding years pass as pleasantly, and, as I hope, usefully, as my first, I look forward with confidence to those which are left to me.

Miss E. M. F. Alderson, until last summer headmistress of Caversham Park School, writes about her first year in retirement.

It is hoped, if there is sufficient support to arrange a course of lectures this winter on the history of the New Testament and how the Gospels came to be written, under the auspices of the W.E.A. A number of people have already expressed an interest in such a course and anyone else who would be interested is asked to get in touch with Mr. L. Wyeth at 135 Hemdean Road by August 15th.

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Obituary

MABEL PIDGEON

"The kind lady with the little black dog". That is how many of the children in Blenheim Road described Miss Pidgeon, who died so suddenly on June 19th. She was a regular worshipper at St. Peter's Church, and took a full part in the life of the parish. She was a wonderful "Nanny" for many years, a much loved baby sitter and a member of the "Golden Needle League" and the Blenheim Road "Knitting for Lepers" circle.

The large number of her neighbours in Blenheim Road who attended her funeral service was clear evidence of the affection in which she was held.

SOPHIA INWOOD

Although she left Caversham some nine years ago, Mrs. Inwood, whose death occurred on June 7th, is still remembered with affection by many people in Caversham.

Mrs. Inwood was Enrolling Member of St. Peter's Mothers' Union for twelve years, a keen WVS worker and founder of the Caversham Darby and Joan Club. To all these activities and to her many other interests, she brought tremendous enthusiasm and organising ability, always tempered by her keen sense of humour, but above all and through all shone her deep Christian faith.

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More thoughts of a Roving Reporter

This last month has seen a great many changes in Caversham, not least the opening of part of the new shopping precinct. While not wishing to dissuade anyone from taking advantage of anything new they may offer, I would like to point out that all this could have a disastrous effect on some of the small traders who have given us such good service. There are some gaps in the merchandise the old shops have to offer which could well be filled in the new precinct—but do think twice before deserting your old friends.

Incidentally, this is an entirely personal view and does not necessarily reflect the official view of the 'Bridge' editorial board.

Readers will have been very sorry to hear of the death of 'Granny' Gale of the Arthur Clarke Home. Our oldest inhabitant, she was a great favourite with the other residents and will be missed for a long time to come.

I was sorry to hear, too, of the death of Mrs. Lewer of Banbury Gardens, early in June. She was the supervisor at the St. Anne's School

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kitchens. Rather belatedly of the year, but one place I would like to extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

I have only just heard that the junior boys of the Caversham Methodist Boys' Brigade won the mini-olympics at the Town Hall in May. Congratulations—we hope to have further news of their activities in the future.

Caversham has many beautiful corners at this time

always make a point of visiting when the first roses come out, is Greystoke Road. The gardens, particularly at the top of the road, are a veritable joy about now.

Most of her friends will have heard of the sad death of Mrs. Montague of Cromwell Road, early in June. She had the reputation of being a very friendly neighbour and her many friends and acquaintances will miss her kindness and consideration.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dalziel



One of the prettiest brides I have ever seen was Margaret Atlay, of Carlton Road, married at Mapledurham Church in June to Robert Dalziel, who works with the Ministry of Agriculture.

The efforts of our local bellringers helped to make it a truly traditional scene, and the charming reception held at Mapledurham Hall was entirely organised by Katherine Gordon of Harvey's Nurseries.

Incidentally, Katherine (phone 76785) tells me she is interested in catering assignments and would welcome enquiries, particularly for parties in private houses. I can certainly vouch for her culinary abilities—her rum truffles are super.

W.D.

ALL DONE by the CHILDREN

A fête entirely organised by children was held in Caversham Park Village on Saturday, May 31st. The object was to raise money for Shelter.

and his brother and sister were delighted with Jacqueline's idea.

PUPPET SHOW AND SIDE-SHOWS

The main attraction was an excellent puppet show written and produced by Michael. Sandi and Robin were joined by Andrew Parry (9) of 9 Chestnut Avenue, and Simon Cockman (9) of 9 Devon Drive who also took part in the puppet show.

FOLLOW-ON FROM LAST YEAR

"We were on the play area by Dacre Avenue," said 9-year-old Jacqueline Maxey of 3 Dacre Ave., and I suggested we should organise a fête." The idea was taken up with enthusiasm by her friends next door at 2 Dacre Avenue — Michael (10), Sandi (9), and Robin Hole (8). The previous year Michael had produced a play and a puppet show in his parents' garage and had raised £1 for Shelter. So, he

Some imaginative side-shows were very popular after the show. Wendy and Tanya Stuart, 11 year old twins from Dacre Avenue helped with the over-all planning and the running of the side-shows, and Carol Cockman, (15) and Susan Maxey (12) helped on the day.

GOOD RESULTS

Between 30 and 40 people attended the fête which put

the play space by Dacre Avenue and Devon Drive to very good use. The children had done a bit of publicity, but next year plan to do much more. They took £9, and after paying for the prizes and a few other expenses were able to send £7 10s. 0d. to Shelter.

"The children organised it all by themselves," said Mrs. Jill Hole. "We just helped a bit on the Saturday morning."

Michael announced that next year he and his friends will organise a play as well as a puppet show to be the focal points of a much bigger fête. "With more publicity we shall hope to get more than 100 people" he said.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN FROM THE CAVERSHAM BRIDGE! AND THE BEST OF LUCK TO ANY FUTURE VENTURES.

Calling All Music Lovers

'Bridge' readers may be interested to know that Peter Shock is arranging another Choir Concert this autumn at St. Andrew's Hall. This time the performance will be given by the London Boy Singers, who have just returned from a successful tour of North Germany and Holland.

This fine choir will perform on Saturday, 8th November at 7-30 p.m. and the repertoire will include songs from all parts of our islands, rendered in traditional Irish, Gaelic, Cornish and Welsh.

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Denis Shaylor

Anglicans and Roman Catholics make history

Recently seventeen French Seminarians from the Roman Catholic University at Lille in northern France, spent a week in residence with their Anglican counterparts at Salisbury Theological College. The theme chosen for the Seminar was Ministry, and the purpose was to exchange ideas and views in order to reach a greater understanding of the problems of ministry in both countries.

Earlier in the year, two French students spent Holy Week at Salisbury in order to become acquainted with the life and work of the College and to report back to Lille. This preliminary visit was a success and having made good friends with the

advance guard, Salisbury looked forward to the main week. In the time intervening, Salisbury was able to produce a bi-lingual programme for the week's work with memoranda relating to the subject for discussion written by the students of both Colleges. During the actual week, printed translations in both languages, of the notes of the addresses delivered were distributed. Two of the French students joined the Salisbury groups of six or seven and so formed discussion groups which worked together during the day time.

There was a very real language barrier caused not only by the social difficulty of communicating with men, of whose language one had only a scanty school acquaintance, but a greater difficulty arose when members of a group were not sure that an agreed word in one language had the same real meaning in the other. The initial social problem was

overcome when the Bishop of Salisbury in his opening address, counselled the Anglican students not to hesitate to make fools of themselves when it came to talking to our brothers and friends from over the Channel. The greater difficulty was partially mastered by the production of a glossary of terms in both languages.

Mr. Denis Shaylor whose home is in the Mount, Caversham, is at present studying at Salisbury Theological College and is to be ordained deacon at Michaelmas and will join the staff of the parish of Caversham. Mr. Shaylor has written this article exclusively for the Caversham Bridge.

Each evening an address was given either in English or French, and Dr. Kathleen Bliss, Head of the Department of Theology at Sussex University gave the first—her subject being "The Anglican Communion and Ecumenism". This was followed the next evening by Monseigneur Georges Lecqer, Recteur Honoraire des Facultes, Catholiques de Lille speaking on the Roman Catholic understanding of the Church and Ecumenism. On Thursday evening, Canon Harold Wilson, Principal of Salisbury Theo-

logical College gave a prophetic talk on "Training for the Ministry in the Ecumenical Context", appraising the future and its problems for the Priests of tomorrow. Monsieur Abbe Paul Guilluy from Lille gave a fascinating talk on Recent Movements concerned with the Evangelical Ministry in the Roman Catholic Church, ex-

ship, the groups met once or twice in a month, praying and worshipping together and when real friendship had been established, discussing contemporary problems. Between meetings, the members of a group, rarely exceeding eight or nine, read the Gospel daily, and prayed and meditated and of course attended the Eucharist. The aim of the individual group member was summed up by Abbe Guilluy as "I cannot be myself, lead my life, if I do not lose it in Christ, and I find Him in the community of others". The students saw that the week at Salisbury had followed very closely along the pattern of the French movement.

In the frank discussions which occurred in the groups, it became clear that there were large areas of agreement in the forward thinking of both Roman Catholic and Anglican students.

During the week the students worshipped together in the College Chapel. Roman Vespers one evening was followed by Anglican Evensong the next evening. The Bishop of Salisbury

celebrated the Anglican Eucharist on the first morning, in the presence of the French students and the following morning the Roman Mass was celebrated for the French students, and presided over by one of the Staff from Lille; whilst the Anglican students worshipped as observers. Although neither party was able to act contrary to the accepted disciplines of the respective Churches, the worship led to a climax on Whitsunday morning, when a very moving Joint Communion Service was held, where the ministry of the Word was shared, but the consecration and Communion was separate for each denomination. The final act of Thanksgiving was made together. The service was both one of triumphant praise and deep penitence that full communion was not yet possible.

All who attended the final service, though acutely sorrowful that full unity was not possible, felt that with the Holy Spirit, not only were all things possible but that the end of separation might well be in sight as well as in vision.

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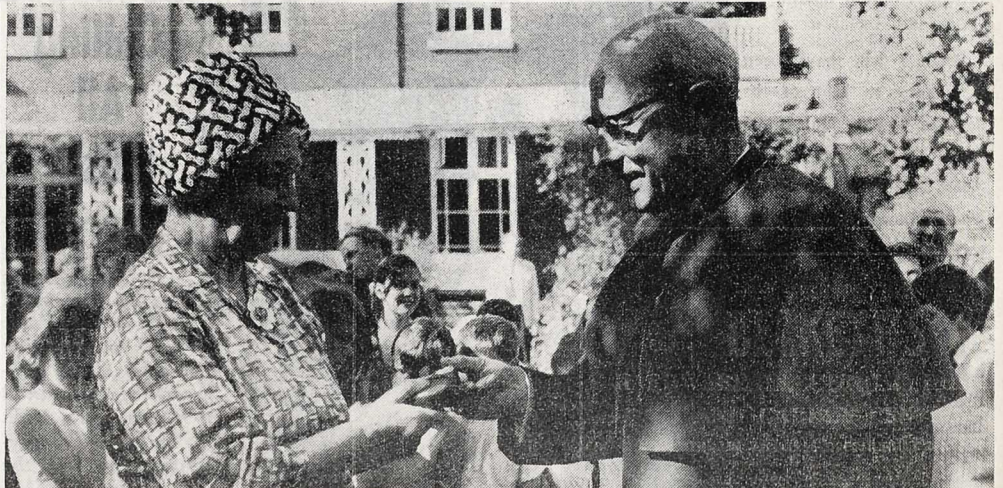
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'Fifty-three years'



The Bishop of Oxford making a presentation to Miss Gibbins at the St. Peter's Day Garden party.

During the past fifty three years no child who attended St. Peter's Sunday School could have failed to know Miss Doris Gibbins. Miss Rose Radcliffe, whose sister bequeathed Balmore Hall to the Parish of Caversham, was teaching the Juniors when she was joined by the newly Confirmed Doris Gibbins, who shortly afterwards took over the Junior Sunday School from her. Here she remained until 1939 when war broke out. At that time the Juniors used to meet at Balmore Hall, the Senior boys at the Parish Hall (now Eaton Berry's storehouse), and the Senior girls at "Weston Mead" (now Church House). Then, as the local Halls were commandeered for war purposes, the whole Sunday School had to combine and the only place left

to meet was St. Peter's Church. Many teachers were called for war-time service, and the huge influx of evacuees from South London swelled the numbers in the Sunday School, so the only means of worship was in the form of an afternoon service, in the Parish Church taken by one of the clergy. On the death of the Revd. W. F. Wood in September 1942, there was a shortage of clergy in the parish, and Miss Gibbins mustered together some new teachers, and each taught his class in a different corner of the church. This lasted only a few months, however, and shortly after the new Rector, the Revd. H. H. Nash arrived in February 1943, the Sunday School was given back one of its old homes—"Weston Mead"—

and Miss Gibbins still remained in charge. At the end of the war, the Army gave up Balmore Hall and the Sunday Schools moved back into the premises, all three sections under the one roof with Miss Gibbins in control.

In 1956 a clergyman took over Sunday School for the first time. The Revd. W. R. Birt, formed the Cross-bearers out of the Senior Sunday School which moved to Church House, and Miss Gibbins stayed with the Juniors. Since that time, successive curates have had the responsibility of the Senior Sunday School and Miss Gibbins continued in charge of the Juniors until her recent retirement.

Among her memories of her years as a Sunday School teacher are Sunday School

treats in horse-drawn wagons, Sunday School concerts, visits to the "twopenny plunge" at the "Electric" (as the Glendale Cinema was then called), and a Sunday School that all but filled St. Peter's Church. These are the memories of one whose life has been devoted to Christian teaching in the Parish of Caversham.

For others, who did not know her as a teacher, she is better known for her work in the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Joining in 1920, she became County Secretary for Berkshire in 1950 and is still serving in that post today.

The results of her work extend far beyond the bounds of Caversham. One former pupil Robin Vincent, who attended classes in the late 1940's was later ordained. Another pupil, who was one of the London evacuees, Owen Clark, of Mitcham, is a missionary together with his wife in the Congo. Who can tell how many lives have been made new as a result of those fifty three years of faithful Christian teaching?



This photograph was probably taken at the beginning of this century and shows the inhabitants of the former almshouses at Mapledurham standing outside their doors. It would be interesting to know if any of our readers can remember any of those shown in the photograph.

ROUND THE CLUBS

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

From the huge paper blooms pinned in lavish profusion to the curtains of St. Andrew's Hall, to the icing rosebuds on the eighteen-inch-square birthday cake, the theme was roses, roses all the way at the highly successful party held by Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild to mark the occasion of their eighth birthday this month.

A magnificent buffet supper had been arranged by the Committee, and two hilarious sketches had been staged by the Drama Section. The Choir sang a selection from "The Sound of Music" and Mrs. V. Kitcher, President of the Guild cut the cake and wished the Guild continuing success.

During the evening the Chairman, Mrs. V. Birtwhistle, presented a stainless steel dish to Mrs. J. Payne who was leaving the area. Mrs. Birtwhistle thanked Mrs. Payne on behalf of everyone in the Guild for the great amount of work she had done while holding the office of Hon. Secretary and wished her well in her new home. Mrs. Birtwhistle then warmly welcomed Mrs. C. Griffith who had agreed to become the Guild's new Hon. Secretary.

Social Studies Section

During the month there had been an outing to Guildford and members had visited the Cathedral in the morning and had later attended a matinee at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre.

CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the June meeting of the Guild Mrs. A. Smith, the Chairman, welcomed five

new members. As a delegate to the National Council meeting on May 20th and 21st at the Albert Hall, she gave her report, followed by a vivid account of 'The Miracle' performed by Townswomen as a fitting climax to the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the movement.

A demonstration of 'Flower Arranging' by Mrs. S. Gascoine followed, and a vote of thanks was given by Miss I. Lloyd Davies. During the informal half-hour amusing anecdotes under the title of "It happened to me", were narrated by members.

Arts and crafts

An outing on June 3rd to the Cotswolds was arranged by Mrs. E. Fitzeustace and at Chipping Camden the party was able to see samples of the work of Robert Welch, Silversmith, and Mrs. Muriel Tudor Jones, Potter. Then at Broadway, a very interesting display of handmade furniture, designed by Sir Gordon Russell, was inspected, and further on down the village a weaver was seen working at her loom. Altogether it was a most interesting and instructive day.

BLAGRAVE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The June monthly Meeting was a visit to Blenheim Palace which was very interesting and enjoyed by all.

A short meeting took place on the coach on arrival at Blenheim.

The May whist drive held at Mrs. Sholl's house made a profit of £1.10.0. and the Coffee Morning kindly given by Mrs. Goodall, on a very wet morning, also in May, made a profit of £2.13.6.

The two raffles were won by Mrs. Theobald and Mrs. Lacey.

ROSEHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our President (Mrs. Green) welcomed all members and visitors to our sixth Birthday Party.

The birthday cake was made by Mrs. Neal, and iced by Miss Stevenson.

Mrs. Parnell V.C.O. awarded the Silver Bowl to Mrs. Booker, for most points in the competitions through the year.

Everyone joined in competitions and games, then an excellent tea was handed round.

"The best bloom from the garden" was won by Mrs. Bluring runners up Mrs. Patey and Mrs. Gribble.

MAPLEDURHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the meeting held on 13th June help to the parents of a spastic child who needs a new pair of shoes each month was the good cause chosen by the committee for the £3 left over from the Spastics Party given in April.

Mrs. Lacey, who presided, welcomed a new member. Mrs. Gould from Tokers Green Institute, gave a vividly interesting report of the Albert Hall meeting. Organisers of the Peppard Hospital Fete expressed their thanks for the score of cakes sent by members.

Major Lloyd of the Lord Mayor Treloar Fund showed an arresting film of life at the Boys and Girls Schools at Alton and told members of some of the work that is done there. Mrs. Lacey presented him with a donation towards the fund.

EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMAN'S GUILD

Mrs. Howard Cusworth in her talk "From Log Cabin Days in America" took us back in history to the times of the first emigrant sailing ships, telling of the many hardships and hazards that these early settlers had to endure, not only on the long

journey but also when they finally landed in America.

Despite the rain some thirty-two members enjoyed a day's outing which included a visit to the cosmetic factory of Max Factor and an opportunity to see the pottery, both traditional and modern, being made at the famous Poole Potteries.

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ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

SUNSHINE FOR THE FESTIVALS. All three patronal festivals were blessed with fine June weather. On June 11th the vicar of Greyfriars preached at a well attended Parish Eucharist at St. Barnabas' and there was an equally good congregation a fortnight later at St. John's when the Rev. Sebastian Bakare from Zambia, a diocese more than four times the size of England, made his congregation realise how extremely fortunate the Church of England is in relation to the Christian community in Zambia. Mr. Bakare has been spending a year in England on further study and has now returned to Zambia to take up his appointment as diocesan youth officer. On St. Peter's Day the illness of the Bishop of Oxford meant that his visit had to be somewhat curtailed and he was unable to celebrate the Eucharist on the Sunday morning in the parish church and he felt unable to visit the children of the parish who were gathered together to meet him at St. Barnabas and St. Andrew's. At St. Barnabas the US group had written a special service with folk songs for the occasion and some two hundred people, but no Bishop attended. The Bishop was however present at the Rectory Garden party and preached to a very large congregation at Festal Evensong. The congregation included many friends from other Christian denominations and older Caversham residents were delighted that Mrs. Wood, widow of Canon Nash's predecessor, was

present. The Bishop hopes to return to the parish on Sunday, November 9th to fulfil that part of his programme which he was obliged to cancel on June 29th. The organists and choir members worked very hard on these three festival days, and the catering committees put in a great deal of overtime; all three festivals were most joyous occasions and brought together many people from all districts of the parish.

NEW PRIEST IN CHARGE FOR ST. JOHN'S. The Rev. Peter Atkinson, at present curate at Beckenham Parish Church will be joining the staff of the parish this autumn as priest-in-charge of St. John's. Mr. Atkinson took his degree at Durham University and like three other members of the Caversham clergy team was trained for the ministry at Lincoln Theological College. He is married and he and his wife have one child.

JULY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING. Mr. H. Iott was co-opted to the Church Council as he has become treasurer at St. Barnabas in place of Mr. G. Hall who is shortly moving to Mortimer. For both Mr. Hall and Mr. G. Hansford the July meeting was their farewell visit at the Church Council, as Mr. Hansford moves to Scotland shortly. The Church Council agreed to apply for a faculty so that oil fired central heating can be installed at St. Peter's. Most of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Morley Report, "Partners in minis-

try" which makes recommendations concerning the deployment and payment of the clergy, and an interesting discussion ensued. The Council meets again on October 8th.

MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 12th June, 1969. Mr. B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council presided at the meeting.

The Council are perturbed that still no action has been taken by Oxfordshire C.C. to improve road conditions in Geoffrey Road which continue to deteriorate rapidly. The Parish Council has had considerable correspondence with the County Surveyor and Messrs. Gants, the contractor still responsible for its maintenance. Further representations are to be made to the County Council who have stated they will impose the private street works procedure should improvements continue to be delayed.

The Council co-opted two persons to fill the two casual vacancies on the Council when Mrs. N. Allum and Mrs. F. M. Ford were appointed. The Council received five nominations for the two places.

Now that the Council have acquired the use of the Chazy Heath play area, it is hoped to obtain the assistance from local residents, and a committee which will help the Parish Council in this way is being formed.

The Council gave consideration to a request from the Oxfordshire County Surveyor that the track between The Warren and Upper Warren Avenue should be closed because of apparent unnecessary use. The Council were of the opinion that this lane was a useful means of access between The Warren and Upper Warren Avenue, and furthermore the lane can be used in wintry weather when the dip in Upper Warren Avenue is a hazard.

ST. MARGARET'S NEWS

No. 222 Upper Woodcote Road. Work has at last begun on the extensive alterations that have to be made to this house, and it is too soon yet to be able to say when the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. H. Stevinson will be able to move into it.

August alterations. Owing to clergy holidays the Parish Communion will not be celebrated on Sundays, August 10th and 17th. On those Sundays the only service will be Evensong at 6-30 p.m. It is hoped that it will be possible for normal Sunday morning worshippers to go to one of the Caversham churches on those two mornings.



Some three hundred people were present at the St. Peter's Day Garden party in the Rectory Garden before Festal Evensong.

Walton Adams.

WANTED BY ST JOHN'S

St. John's are very grateful to Miss Elizabeth Dent for looking after the St. John's Guide Company since Mrs. Besley retired as Captain. But from the autumn the Company really will need new leadership. If any reader is willing to consider taking on this worthwhile work, or knows someone who might be, please get in touch with either Mrs. L. Moss, 161 Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham or with the priest in charge.

St. John's

PLANNED GIVING RECORDER

Mr. Guy Hansford in addition to his many activities on Caversham Park Village, has contributed greatly to the life of St. John's particularly on the Stewardship Committee, latterly as Planned Giving Recorder; but he has also been very active as a member of the District Committee and as a

Sidesman. The people of St. John's are most thankful for their partnership with him in God's service, for all the work he has done and the ways he has enriched the community life at St. John's. He and his family go to Glasgow with the Church's prayers for God's blessing on their life and work there.

Mrs. Irene Bickford, 47 Grosvenor Road has kindly agreed to become the new Planned Giving Recorder for St. John's, and in that capacity to serve on the Stewardship Committee. Please will those in the scheme note her name and address and forward any enquiries in future to her.

ST. BARNABAS'

Looking back on several weeks of activity and interest in St. Barnabas one is reminded that the holiday month is about to begin. It is hoped everyone will enjoy their holiday and return with new vigour to face the future.

ANY QUESTIONS?

One of the most important things to have happened this summer is the fact that a group of people have been meeting regularly to discuss their questions about many subjects, such as—Do I really believe in God? and Do I pray? This has not been 'just another group' because those who have taken part all feel that besides the discussion which has been frank and honest there has been something special about the spirit of the meetings. After all it was Our Lord who said 'Whenever two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them.'

WIN A GUINEA

There is still time to join the competition to devise a complete scheme of decor for the new committee room which has been built where the stage once stood in St. Barnabas Hall. The creation of this room, together with

the painting of the outside of the Hall, which is now almost complete, marks the latest achievement in the renovation of this old building.

TWO SOCIAL EVENTS

The ladies of the Playgroup Committee held a very successful Chinese Party one evening recently for all the Playground helpers. Chinese food, ready to serve was brought from a local shop and some good wines from nearby. We would all like to add our thanks to the many ladies who faithfully give their services to our playgroups five mornings a week.

A party of fifty consisting of interested Mums and Dads and lots of gay excited children went on a coach outing on June 28th to the Forestry Commission Jubilee demonstrations at Bramshill forest where there was a chance to go on a conducted tour around the woods to see various aspects of forestry work demonstrated. Young boys were in their element hiding in the bracken or watching as trees were felled and tractors, power saws and fire-fighting equipment were put through their paces. Others walked through the shady forest rides and all joined up for a picnic under a particularly friendly June sun which set its seal on the occasion.

OLD FRIENDS

It was very good to see a number of familiar faces again on St. John's Day. There was Mossy, brought over by John and Joan, clearly not back to her robust self yet, but looking so much better; the Reverend Jim and Mrs. Connie Swift from Oxford, obviously very happy in their new work, though Connie finds the work as honorary parish secretary pretty heavy. With them was their daughter Hilary, who has some years of nursing experience at the Royal Free Hospital behind her, but she too is thoroughly happy in her work.

During their week's break, the Stevinsons visited Ian and Valerie Harris in Cheltenham. A few months ago, we heard of the dreadful state of their garden when they moved in, it is now looking very attractive and colourful, the scrap metal long since taken away by tractor and cart. Their two children are well established in their grammar schools—Stephen is acting Head Boy, hard at work at his "A" levels; Andrea too was up to her neck in revision for internal exams, and still very interested artistically.

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ST. PETER'S NEWS

MR. WALTER CANNING. His many friends will be glad to know that Mr. Canning is home from hospital, having been taken ill only the day after he returned from holiday. It is hoped that his familiar figure and voice will soon be back among the tenors in the choir.

MORE SERVERS AND CHOIR BOYS. Every autumn St. Peter's seems to lose some servers as the claims of college places remove some who can then only be on duty when at home for the weeks of the holidays. More servers are therefore needed. The choir at the moment may appear to be larger than it has been for a very long time and there have been some most welcome additions to the ranks of the men in the past short supply. Mr. Briand would be delighted to know of boys who wish to join. Boys get an excellent musical training and the special services held in the course of the year give the choir members a varied and interesting time in the weekly practices.

Marian Group of St. Annes

In mid-June the Marian Group were joined in their meeting at Balmore Hall by friends from St. Peter's Wives and Caversham Methodist Wives. The Guest was Miss Evelyn Home of "Woman" magazine who spoke in a most entertaining and

interesting manner about her work.

The Group also met in Balmore Hall on Tuesday, 15th July, when they were invited by the St. Peter's Wives to a film show and cheese tasting evening presented by the Milk Marketing Board.

ST. ANDREW'S NOTES

PLAYGROUP
The St. Andrew's Playgroup re-opened last September. Since then it has gone from strength to strength. Equipment has been built up and the number of children has grown. Now the demands are such that the Playgroup will open for two mornings from September of this year—on Tuesday as well as Wednesday.

MRS. WAYMAN
Mrs. Wayman, who has been in charge of bookings for the Church Hall for nearly five years, retired from this post recently. The debt which the congregation, and all who use St. Andrew's Hall owe to her is enormous. She has been painstaking and methodical in recording all the bookings, and has been very helpful and co-operative in the general running of the Hall and in sug-

gesting improvements to it. We are very grateful indeed for all her services.

Mrs. Wayman is succeeded by Mrs. Rix, who lives at 28 St. Andrew's Road (Tel. 77281).

MR. AND MRS. DICKER
Mr. and Mrs. Dicker have now moved to Sonning Common and we wish them every happiness in their new home. We hope that they will come back to see us from time to time and we look forward particularly to the morning of July 26th when their youngest daughter, Janet, will be married at St. Andrew's to Mr. Paul Wilding.

MR. HODGES
After a long illness which he bore bravely and cheerfully Harold Hodges, of 156 Kidmore Road died in June. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Hodges and her family.

St. Paul's Presbyterian News

A play group for pre-school children has been started in St. Paul's Church Hall. This is an attempt to bring little children together before they start their schooling and this experience should prove extremely useful to them when they actually go to school for the first time. If this new venture turns out to be as helpful to the community in this neighbourhood as the Derby and Joan Club has been, it will indeed be valuable.

Motorists join the Summer Market

Motorists passing through Ardler Road stopped and came and joined in the fun at the Caversham Methodist Church annual Summer Market, which was again squeezed into the narrow space around the church. At the brief formal opening ceremony, the Chairman and opener were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Eagleman, and the Minister, the Rev. E. B. Wright, paid tribute to Mr. Eagleman for the greatly improved appearance of the grounds since he had been looking after them.

The sum raised towards Trust Funds was £53 17s. 8d.

SALVATION ARMY NEWS

Owing to dry rot the Salvation Army Hall in Prospect Street is closed at present. Sunday meetings are now held instead at Broad Street Congregational Church—for young people at 3 p.m. and adults at 7-15 p.m.

The meeting of the Home League for women is now taking place on Thursdays at 3 p.m. in Caversham Hall: a cup of tea is provided and all ladies are welcome and are assured of happy fellowship.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MAUD
Caversham illustrates the problem that the Maud Commission was set up to solve. Part of what appears to be Caversham is not Caversham at all but Mapledurham. Another part may be called Caversham but is not within the borough of Reading. The County Council of Oxfordshire, the Rural District Council of Henley and sundry parish councils all deal in their various ways with this considerable residential area which a stranger could be forgiven for thinking was all part of Reading. Consequently, children are transported miles to school because the nearest ones are administered by a different authority; some streets are lit for part of their length only; public transport suddenly ends in mid-stream, so to speak as well as a whole host of such matters.

MORE HOUSES
The new housing estate at Lower Caversham is to consist of 270 houses and building is due to start in three or four years time. Well, we can't say we haven't been warned.

We are not worried about the estate itself. Gone are the days when municipal housing meant a brick desert and architecturally there is little doubt that the layout of the estate and of each house will be carefully designed. Neither will its building mean the destruction of a beauty spot as was the case in Surley Row.

We are worried about what will happen when at least two hundred and seventy more people are added either in cars or in 'bus queues to the morning rush hour. It is safe to assume that most of these families will have young children and at the national average rate of two and a half children per family, that is going to be an awful lot to add to the already overcrowded primary schools. It is all very well for Mr. Edward Short to say that in the future no primary school class is to have more than forty pupils. As Mr. John Buck, the deputy education officer for Reading said: "We already have a zoning scheme. We cannot solve the problem without having more space. What we need are more classrooms. We can only provide extra teachers if we get the space to put them in". He went on to say that Caversham and Tilehurst suffered particularly from overcrowding. Yet what does the LEA do? It closes St. John's school which would have been the nearest of all to the proposed estate.

Overburdened drains and overburdened doctors' lists are other matters that trouble us. It is essential that before pouring more people into Caversham, plans are made to improve facilities so that Caversham can cope with them. Four years is not long to ensure that these people are made to feel welcome when they arrive.

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6-30 p.m. Evensong

St. John's

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion,
9-15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.

St. Andrew's

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

St. Barnabas

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

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ST. JOHN'S HALL SAVED

As we go to print we learn that the Education Committee has decided to open a nursery school in January in the existing St. John's Infant School. This means that the buildings will not be sold and the hall will still be available for community use.

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St. Andrew's
June 15—Alyson Bailey

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May 3—Robert Kempster and Diane Strong
May 31—Michael Chapman and Carole Couchman

June 7—John Woodberry and Janet Bowyer
David Sims and Beverley Feast.

June 14—Colin Watson and Linda Saxby
David Jenkin and Carole Jannaway

June 21—Richard Fielder and Christine Ward

St. John's
May 31—Roger Mercott and Jennifer Ward

St. Andrew's
June 7—Martin Saker and Jane Barr

St. Barnabas'
June 7—Richard Thick and Shirley Callen
June 14—John Vanstone and Fay Chandler

St. Margaret's
June 7—John Beville and Paula Everex
June 21—Anthony Salt and Judith Milligan
June 28—Robert Dalziel and Margaret Atley

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by Jessie Stephen

WHEN THE BOLSHEVIKS took over from Kerensky's party in October, 1918, they drafted a new constitution which included in its provisions the disestablishment of the Church, and accepted the Marxist belief that "religion is the opiate of the masses". In other words, believers must be written off as good citizens, thus dismissing the wonderful work of Christian men and women down the ages in the uplifting of their fellows.

By this declaration of atheism it was made impossible for religious men and women to join the Communist Party and barred them from useful public work and the top jobs. For ambitious people who considered worldly advancement more important than their belief in the high moral principles of the faith in which they had been nurtured, the priorities were clear.

STILL ALIVE

However, fortunately, legislation cannot slay faith. Fifty years after the creation of the USSR, churches still abound and large congregations can still be found offering their witness to the Divine Truth. As I discovered during my visits in the last decade the faithful still foregather in public worship. In Vilna, for example, the ancient capital of Lithuania, there are still

11 churches remaining of the 23 which existed fifty years ago.

These cater for Jews, Roman Catholics, Russian Orthodox and Lutherans. Here I saw worshippers at their devotions, both young and old, a remarkable testimony to the courage of the human spirit.

The odd thing is the care given to the maintenance and repair of hundreds of old churches, some of which have been converted to museums. When I enquired the reason for this, I was told these ancient buildings were regarded as part of the history of the State and must be preserved for posterity.

IMPOSSIBLE

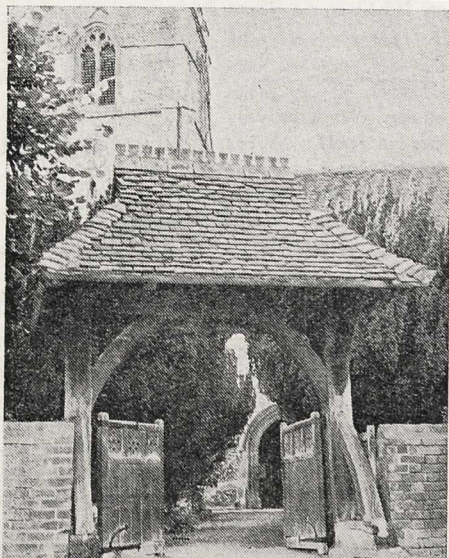
This sounds illogical in people who profess contempt for religion but surely it is practical recognition of the fact that it is impossible to stamp out the outreaching of the Spirit for something finer than the worship of material things.

Despite the absence of choirs, pews or the usual amenities we enjoy, these people crowd in to sing and listen to fine sermons. Since Christianity has survived through attacks for two thousand years, not even a Communist Government can succeed as their own faithful show.

Lych gates served their purpose

The entrance to many churchyards is through some form of Lych-gate. These gates are often thought of as an ornamental archway, but in fact they are strictly functional in origin.

Their purpose was to shelter the coffin and the bearers when a funeral procession arrived at the churchyard and while the priest said part of the burial service—Lych is an old English word for a dead body.



In some places the centre of the gate is occupied by a lych-stone on which the body rested.

In medieval times only the rich people were buried in coffins. The poor were brought to the church in the Parish Coffin then buried directly in the ground wrapped in a sheet.

An Act of 1678, which

was not repealed until 1814, forbade anyone to be buried in other than woollen material. This was an encouragement to the woollen industry and the penalty for infringement was £5.

It is not recorded exactly who was expected to pay!

ERIC L. KING.

The wind of the Spirit

by Brian Favell

MENTION the word "Pentecostal" to most church people and they will either look at you blankly or think you are talking about some tiny, obscure little sect. But they would be mistaken. In Scandinavia it is the strongest non-Catholic denomination. In the USA it is the seventh biggest.

In South America, the Pentecostal churches are growing "faster than any other church at any other period of history". In Brazil one Pentecostal church has 227 congregations after nine years' work—and one of these groups is building a temple in Sao Paulo to hold 25,000 people. Canon Webster expects it to be often filled!

In the USA membership of one Pentecostal denomination rose from 50,000 in 1926 to 500,000 in 1962.

SHRINKING

What is it that causes this sort of growth in a Christian church at a time when the traditional churches are shrinking? Pentecostals would answer—"the Holy Spirit". They claim to have experienced for themselves an outpouring of the Holy Spirit which first came in the upper room at Pentecost and in the power of this spirit to teach and preach and also to prophesy, heal and work signs and wonders.

The Pentecostal movement sprang from the conventional churches at the beginning of this century. It became a separate sect later because church authorities distrusted and opposed it. There has been a deep chasm ever since between Pentecostals and other Christians.

But now the gifts of the Spirit that Paul wrote about have again appeared spontaneously among Anglicans, R.C.'s, Methodists, Baptists and others all over the world.

There are clergy, laymen and women from all the main denominations who can witness to prophecies, to healing—even to miracles, not just once or twice but time and again.

TRANSFORMED

These people say that they have been specially transformed by the Holy Spirit. They meet together in small groups because they must meet: they now know more fully the meaning of "where two or three are gathered together in my name . . ."

The Holy Spirit, which comes to men and women in many ways, is active, powerful and disturbing. It is easy for churches, through fear of new things, to nearly organise it out of existence—the enthusiasm of Pentecostals and people who claim similar experiences can help to make sure that that doesn't happen.



Disabled— but finding fulfilment in Northumberland By Peter Croft

AT THE CHESHIRE HOME in Matfen Hall, Northumberland there are only about 20 permanent residents—with some 'holiday' beds for people to occupy for a week or two—but there must be hundreds who'd jump at the chance to be there.

Group Captain Cheshire when he started his first Home was adamant that it should be open to men and women of any creed any class—but only if they were young or middle aged. It's one of a chain of homes helping to look after those who don't need hospital treatment but who are too disabled to be able to be looked after by their families in their own homes.

A DIRTY WORD

It's in the heart of the country—beautiful country—and the residents (patient is a dirty word) can take their own time and try to live a normal life taking a big part in the day to day affairs of the Home. Regulations and rules are cut to the absolute minimum needed in any family—for this is a family of staff and residents.

No direct government grant is given to the Cheshire Homes—though local authorities may contribute towards the keep of people from their area. So like the Church of England Children's Homes and lots of other voluntary bodies, money has to come from direct giving and through supporting groups of people who organise innumerable bring and buy sales, bingo sessions and barbecues up and down the country.

What do the disabled do at Matfen Hall?

A PROGRAMME

During the winter months when they're less able to get out the disabled themselves, through their elected Residents' Welfare Committee, work out a programme to keep hands and minds active—a programme that includes handicrafts, talks, debates, quizzes, musical appreciation and their own Pantomime Company staged a Christmas show.

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Television by Diana Dewes

The religion bit can be over-done

THE LAW DEMANDS that television shows a certain chunk of religion per Sunday.

"Religious Television" has a familiar and recurring image. The showing of Christian worship is valuable in itself.

There is "hotted-up" worship—a cheery parson, close-ups of the mini-skirted, the long-haired, and the leather clad in the Church, a pop group accompaniment.

The "with it" approach is no longer 'avant garde.'

Swinging hymns cause little comment today, and a jazz mass has to be extra good to keep its place with Church music. Today there is a tendency for this treatment to give a slightly artificial and rather desperate air to televised worship.

SWITCH-OFF

There is "Traditional Sunday Worship" — the

Eucharist, Matins, Hymn Singing, and Evensong,— a ponderous clergyman, a conventional and apparently worried congregation, a loud organ. The home-bound have a chance to participate: many others will switch off as regularly as the faithful switch on.

A recent Mass from the new Liverpool Cathedral was memorable because it was shown without 'trying' too hard—to please, to be controversial, to be in fashion. There was no contrivance. There were camera shots of the many people moving on the patterned floor and of the intricate glass dome above them.

It succeeded in its simplicity and in its beauty;

the scene and the Mass were sufficient. It would be good to see more producers of religious programmes relaxing in this way and crediting their audiences with a little intelligence and imagination.

ALL COMERS

Then there are interviews and confrontations—Bishops and pop singers, youth at the Round House and in the studio, Malcolm Muggeridge facing all comers. Often the interviewers, not all as clever as David Frost, are earnest enough to dampen the most sparkling.

More often it is the enthusiasm of the young which has made itself heard. Their idealistic if naive spirit—thrashing, debating, worrying, hair-splitting—has enthused television's recent religious debates. It is welcome and refreshing.

The television audience knows that they will see ready labelled and packaged overtly religious programmes on Sunday, this does not exclude the Christian faith from the other six days.

In "The Roar of the Crowd" the champion heavy - weight boxer, Henry Cooper, briefly affirmed his faith as a Roman Catholic, acknowledged it as part of the world of hard training and fighting and international fame.

INSPIRATION

Sir Kenneth Clark in his "Civilisation" series traced society's cultural development, constantly dwelling on man's nature and his concern with beauty, with creativity, and with the inspiration of the Christian faith.

Now imperceptibly, now more blatantly, Christian view points and attitudes, by their very nature, permeate programmes beyond those officially labelled "religious".

FAMILY



SO YOU WANT TO HAVE A PUPPY!

by Eunice Banks

"Please can I have a puppy?"

Inevitably, most parents are faced with the plea.

If you are happy with the idea, the first consideration is your choice of dog. Will it be pedigree / mongrel? Male / female? Large or small? (Regarding size, keep in mind the amount of food and exercise required).

Don't buy a very young puppy a basket. He would soon chew through it. Use a box instead—line it with an old blanket, and keep it draught-free. Buy a basket later.

A TOY?

During the first week in his new home, your puppy might cry at night. A hot-water-bottle or soft cuddly toy will soon put matters right, substituting for Mother.

Very young puppies should be fed about four times a day. Meat—dry small biscuits—sometimes moistened with gravy or warm milk. Always keep a bowl of fresh, drinking

water available.

See that the puppy's coat is brushed daily; his ears and corners of his eyes gently cleansed occasionally.

NEEDS PLAY

A puppy needs play. A ball, rubber bone, old slipper or duster should keep him happy. (Puppies do not need long walks until they are about six months old—they get enough exercise running about).

House training should commence immediately. If you have a garden it is easy. Train him to an earthy patch in a back border. Remember to take him out just before a meal, and about twenty min-

utes later. Dogs vary enormously, but usually one intensive weeks training and the worst is over.

THE TONE

Of course there will be mistakes, but do not resort to loud scolding! Just a disapproving tone in your voice is sufficient. He will soon learn.

Once house cleanliness is established, obedience may be introduced. First teach him commands such as: "HEEL." "SIT." "LIE".

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I SHALL not be going abroad for my holidays this year. This news I am sure will come as quite a blow to the travel agencies, who since Boxing Day last year by all the advertising mediums at their disposal tried to persuade me to take advantage of an overseas holiday.

I am afraid the information I require before embarking on such an enterprise has not been forthcoming.

IDEAL ?

I am prepared to believe that the Costa del Sol is ideal for surf riding but can I play cricket on the beaches in the afternoon? Majorcan night life is no doubt superb but can I play five-a-side football without an international incident?

Until such times as I am in receipt of the necessary information I intend once again to entertain, with an all round display of sporting agility, the inhabitants of a carefully selected British coastal resort.

The sporting needs of the younger generation are

catered for as never before, but the beach provides for the not-so-young a unique opportunity to discharge that talent latent in most of us — to play ball.

NEAR-ART

A certain expertise qualifies me to advise those wishing to be a success in the near art of beach sports.

Be prepared to make an early start with a view to tiring out the family (you are gently limbering up at this stage) well before midday.

To have two balls is an absolute essential to forestall junior making off with the match ball when the serious business starts.

Having been seen to do the decent thing in providing ice cream, make idle play with the ball and wait in all innocence for the congregation of kindred spirits.

Here great care must be taken in selection. Avoid at all costs the young bucks, out to impress the local talent.

PROFESSIONAL

I once had a very unfortunate experience at Weston-super-Mare when having allowed a sallow youth wearing jeans that looked as if they had been

paint sprayed to join in, he confessed not only to coming from Bristol but also to playing professionally for the Rovers.

The ideal type reveals a certain thickening of the waistline or even early paunch. The still keen but dissipated variety is to be discouraged as this results in too much chasing after the ball yourself.

Regarding cricket, the main problem here is persuading the wife that a genuine cricket ball is an essential ingredient in the upbringing of young children, be they sons or daughters.

LAPSE

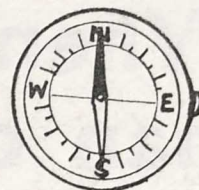
It is with deep regret that I must advise against permitting Lancastrians or Yorkshiremen being allowed to play. Stout hearted fellows that they undoubtedly are, they tend to lapse into another Roses match, and never admit to being l.b.w.

For those anxious to safeguard our national reputation for reserve, it should be stressed that it is customary to discuss only the matter at hand; undue familiarity is frowned upon.

I would suggest that those responsible for promoting overseas travel take into account the needs for the beach sports fanatics.



Junior Compass
by Brenda Holloway



Have a dip!

No! Junior Compass hasn't gone crazy! We're not thinking about having a dip out of Father Christmas's scarlet bag in midsummer. We're thinking about having a dip in water, preferably the sea.

An old song of the sea

They that go down to the sea in ships,
That do business in great waters;
These see the works of the Lord,
And his wonders in the deep.
For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind,
Which lifteth up the waves thereof.
They mount up to the heaven,
They go down again to the depths.
Their soul melteth away because of trouble.
They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
And are at their wits' end.
Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble,
And he bringeth them out of their distresses.
He maketh the storm a calm,
So that the waves thereof are still.

Psalm 107.

Something to do

Ask if you can cut out the verses of the song. Keep them by you, and then on a wet afternoon draw a picture of that terrific storm with the ships reeling about helplessly. Each ship would probably have had one sail and about eight oarsmen.

Another thing to do

Make up a really exciting dance from this song. Get five or six friends to join you. This is something to do on a fine day—in your garden or in the park, or on the sands.

Would you believe it?

It seems that people weren't always so keen on dipping in water! An old document in the time of Queen Elizabeth the First says "the Queen hath built herself a bath, where she doth bathe herself once a month whether she requires it or not!"

Peter the Hermit, in the Middle Ages, went one better. He thanked God that water hadn't touched his body for 40 years!

And Queen Isabella of Spain boasted that she'd only had two baths in her life—one of which was when she was born!

On the seashore

When you've had your dip in the sea, don't forget to look for really good sized stones and seashells. They can be made into lovely presents. Large stones make good paperweights. Give the stones a coat of colourless varnish to make them shiny, and when they are quite dry stick a small piece of velvet on the underside so that the paperweight won't scratch a desk.

Large scooped-out shells can be made into ashtrays. Get a tube of barbola paste and build a firm flat base underneath the shell so that the ashtray does not rock about. You could press some tiny pebbles or shells into the sides of the base as a decoration, or you could paint the base when it is dry. The paste will set quite hard in about twenty-four hours.

For Compass Club members

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When a man can't control his urge for a drink

AFFLUENCE HAS PROVIDED people with the opportunity to drink more freely. "Social drinking" has increased—and is the accepted thing amongst people of all ages—children included!

Britain's national expenditure on alcoholic liquor in 1967 was £1,590,000,000. This figure is greater than the money spent on cars, motor cycles, radio and electrical goods combined.

Nevertheless, most drinkers indulge in moderation. They know how to hold their liquor and they feel no insatiable craving afterwards for

By Percy Burnell

another drink . . . and another. But some have passed that stage and the chemical composition of their bodies is such that it takes only ONE drink to change them into entirely different people. Alcohol becomes as necessary to them as breath itself. They have lost the power to choose whether to drink or not.

A DISEASE

These people are ALCOHOLICS, and alcoholism is a disease—a most distressing disease. It is just as disastrous for them to take alcohol as it is for diabetics to consume sugar. As yet there is no medical cure for this frightening disease, hence, an alcoholic is an alcoholic until the day he dies.

It is an accepted fact, proved by experience, that the mental and physical deterioration of an alcoholic is so serious that he is as likely to die from his disease as is a cardiac sufferer from a heart attack.

Alcoholics Anonymous is an organisation which exists to combat the disease which has brought misery to family life and the total ruin of many a career.

I once knew a man over six feet tall, and proportionately big, who was an expert salesman, but he was ruined by Alcoholism. I've known him to sell his wife's jewellery to buy liquor, run through fifty to sixty pounds in a weekend, and drink himself into a state of unconsciousness. Many a time his good wife



He could be one of the country's many alcoholics

Project '69 Focuses on Alcoholics Anonymous

threatened to leave him—but stood by him.

PATHETIC

How pathetic he looked when he called to see me—after a bad bout. So penitent—so genuinely penitent. I've seen him weep out his sorrow—his remorse. "I'll beat it this time," he used to vow. And he meant it. I knew him once to go for nearly six months, then I missed him, and my fears were not groundless. He was back in hospital for electric shock treatment.

Well, this friend joined Alcoholics Anonymous and was helped by it. Its many members in Britain and the U.S.A. all have one thing in common—each of them is an alcoholic, and each of them knows that he is only one drink away from alcoholism.

The problem is centred more in the mind than in the body. The Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore, U.S.A., prepared a questionnaire designed to help those who are worried about their drinking habits, to decide whether they are alcoholics, or in danger of falling for the disease. If so they can be put into immediate touch with a branch of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Most people's impression of an Alcoholic is a down-and-out—a tramp—

who sleeps rough. But many of those who ring up for information are professional people, often in influential positions and holding great responsibility—lawyers, bankers, teachers—even doctors and parsons. Their religious beliefs are just as varied.

GREATER POWER

One of the booklets issued by the Association says: "Every member of A.A. has his own interpretation and conception of God and religion . . . the only necessary concept to participation in Alcoholics Anonymous is your belief that a power greater than yourself exists and is much more capable of running your daily life than you have shown yourself to be."

Today is what matters. That is where the stress is laid by A.A. Yesterday is done with—tomorrow is not yet here. Sobriety for TODAY is the all-important ideal. Each member carries a little booklet in which twelve steps are outlined. These help him to turn his will and his life over to God's care.

MEETINGS

Some 150,000 alcoholics have been helped by the A.A., by means of the TWELVE STEPS, weekly meetings of members, when they discuss their problems together and find ways and means of helping each other, and meetings when they invite friends and families to join with them.

WHEN THE NEED IS URGENT THERE IS A TELEPHONE NUMBER TO RING. USUALLY THE CALL IS PICKED UP BY AN ALCOHOLIC WHO IMMEDIATELY GOES TO THE RESCUE. STAY "ON THE WATER WAGON" IS THE DETERMINATION OF EACH MEMBER OF THE A.A.

VIETNAM: Limb unit makes medical history

The Quaker artificial limb unit at Quang Ngai, Vietnam, is training 22 young Vietnamese boys in making and fitting artificial limbs. Roger Marshall, a Wolverhampton limbfitter who joined the team last November has been impressed by their enthusiasm to learn new techniques and their appreciation of the problems of amputees. He was also struck by the high morale in the hardpressed unit.

"In the midst of danger and insanity it is easy to despair," he writes. "We are always conscious of how little we can do and the enormity of the problem, but somehow this feeling never takes hold. When we see each man, woman and child walk out of our Rehabilitation Centre on two legs, with a new dignity and lease of life, we know that it's worth it."

Shipments

Recently, the American Friends Service Committee announced the authorisation of a plan to send a series of shipments of procaine penicillin to civilian war sufferers in National Liberation Front areas of Vietnam. In each case these will be of equal value to medical shipments being sent to the service unit at Quang Ngai.

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