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## Death and Fish Fingers

I think it's about time I made an honest confession. I'm bored by the things that set the world alight, tired of the issues that fill the minds of statesmen, unaffected by disasters that seem to drag on from month to month like Vietnam and Northern Ireland. I'm not proud of the fact. I'm just stating it. I turn on the news, put my feet up and watch people dying. As I've seen it all before I find it difficult to stifle a yawn. I open my newspaper and find another headline about industrial chaos and I hastily turn to the sports page. I thought there was something wrong with me until I started talking to my friends—but with varying expressions of the guilt they feel—many seem to be in the same boat.

So in case you feel the same, I have been trying to think of reasons for my failure.

### OVER EXPOSED

First of all I feel over-exposed to news—especially grave, serious news of traumatic events, and when that news is part of the sausage-machine dispensation of television, it's hard to take it seriously. There is a terrible trivialisation of tragedy when the commercial channel can make an immediate break from a dead child in Vietnam to a hoard of chubby youngsters extolling the virtues of fish fingers. From a shaved, tarred and feathered girl in Londonderry to glamorous young things making the world swing by using a particular brand of tooth-paste. And the BBC is not exempt. They too can go from a documentary on drugs to the inanities of Come Dancing without pausing for breath. They pretend to take it all seriously—but do they really?

### REAL THING

Another trouble is that there is so much synthetic death and violence, tragedy and human suffering in films and plays that the real thing seems rather old-hat and amateurish.

This sort of thing is only half the story, though. The other half is to do with my inability to feel involved with things that do not affect me personally. I try hard—and so I ought—to feel involved, but it's hard work and not greatly helped by the problems I've already mentioned.

I want to do something about my failure. I'm working at it—but I could do with a bit more help from the people who put out the news.



## THAT'S LIFE

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### AGAINST THE ODDS

At the end of last year a young American evangelist arrived in this country. He walked from city to city carrying a large wooden cross. He spent some time in Northern Ireland.

Recently he was back, holding rallies throughout the country. Later this year he will be off across Europe carrying the cross.

His name is Arthur Blessitt, a 31-year-old Baptist minister with a church on Los Angeles Sunset Strip. His progress

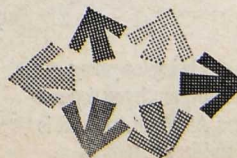
around the country is marked by the presence of little orange and blue stickers with messages like 'Turn on to Jesus'. They appear on walls, windows, traffic lights and on the clothes of followers.

'What do we offer? We offer joy,' he says. 'Why should I worry about my reputation? Think of John the Baptist. He wore camel hair and ate locusts and honey. That must have been weird, in his day.'

It's easy to criticise Arthur Blessitt. To pick holes in what he says, and dismiss the fervour of his mass rallies as temporary emotionalism which disappears as quickly as it springs up.

It's easy and its comforting. Because people like Arthur Blessitt can make us feel uncomfortable. He sees his whole life as an opportunity of bearing witness to his faith. Which is something that has landed him in a load of trouble and unpleasant situations.

Arthur Blessitt has deliberately set out against the odds. He is not someone to be ignored.



# PERSONAL POSERS

## Our Vicar neglects us . . .

Our family has always been closely associated with the local church. From time to time my husband has held positions of responsibility in its organisation. Our old vicar was a regular caller at our house, and really seemed like one of the family. Two years ago a new vicar came. We have continued to go to church regularly, but he has only called very occasionally. He seems to spend all his visiting time with people who have little to do with our church—or drinking in the pub! We, and a lot of church families feel rather neglected. What should we do?

M.T. Birmingham.

The simple answer to that is to ask him. He won't be offended, and I expect he will be very pleased that you asked.

In the Church of England the vicar has a responsibility to everyone who lives in his parish. You don't have to be very perceptive to see that only a small proportion of those go to church. Those of you who do go know the vicar already. You know where to find him, and you have only to ask if you should ever want him to help. Just think of the proportion of people who go to church in your area, and the proportion who don't, and you may understand how your vicar divides his time. After all, the Church is not a cosy little club. Someone once said that it was the only organisation which existed for the benefit of non members.

You say you feel neglected. There are lots of people who never darken the doors of the church who complain that the vicar never goes to see them. What's he to do? But as I said, your best bet is to talk to him about it.



*Have you got a problem? Readers are invited to write to "Personal Posers". Our special team of experts at 319, Gazette Buildings, Corporation Street, Birmingham, 4, will do their best to tackle your queries.*

## My husband says I'm a bad manager

My husband has been giving me the same amount for housekeeping for years. He won't tell me what he earns, but I know that he has had several rises. I am finding it more and more difficult to cope with what he gives me, but he refuses to listen when I tell him I can't manage. He accuses me of wasting money and being a bad manager. Have you any advice on how to get through to him?

G. C. MIDDLESEX.

I presume you have pointed out to your husband how rocketing food prices have knocked a big hole recently in both home-keeping money and increased wages. If he fails to see that he is stupid. If he sees it and refuses to give you a share of his rise in wages he is either mad or evil.

Assuming you've tried reason only some fairly dramatic action will 'get through'. You could, quite fairly, refuse to housekeep. Before doing anything as drastic as that—and presuming you love your husband and really want to stay with him—you could seek help from your doctor or Vicar, the local Marriage Guidance branch, a probation officer or social worker. Sometimes the introduction of a third party can break the deadlock which builds up between two people.

# LETTERS

## BORED

Sir,

In answer to S.E.B. Aldrige (May issue) I suggest her son might be interested in contacting Birmingham Young Volunteers. It will give him a chance not only to forget his own boredom but to contribute to the lives of others less fortunate than himself and at the same time enlarging his own social circle.

The type of projects volunteers are doing is as follows: Visiting the elderly and handicapped people—doing shopping, pension collecting, letter writing, etc. for them; Pushing old people out in wheel-chairs; Decorating; Dirty clean up jobs; Gardening; Babysitting; Helping out in Homes and Institutions including hospitals; Working in Playgroups and Nurseries or Children's Clubs.

May I stress anyone volunteering their services will not be forced into a situation they are not interested or happy in.

If anyone reading this is interested contact Birmingham Young Volunteers 236 2344.

LIZ WHEELDON.

*The Editor comments:*

There are a large number of similar organisations to Birmingham Young Volunteers all over the country, anyone interested should get in touch with their nearest centre.

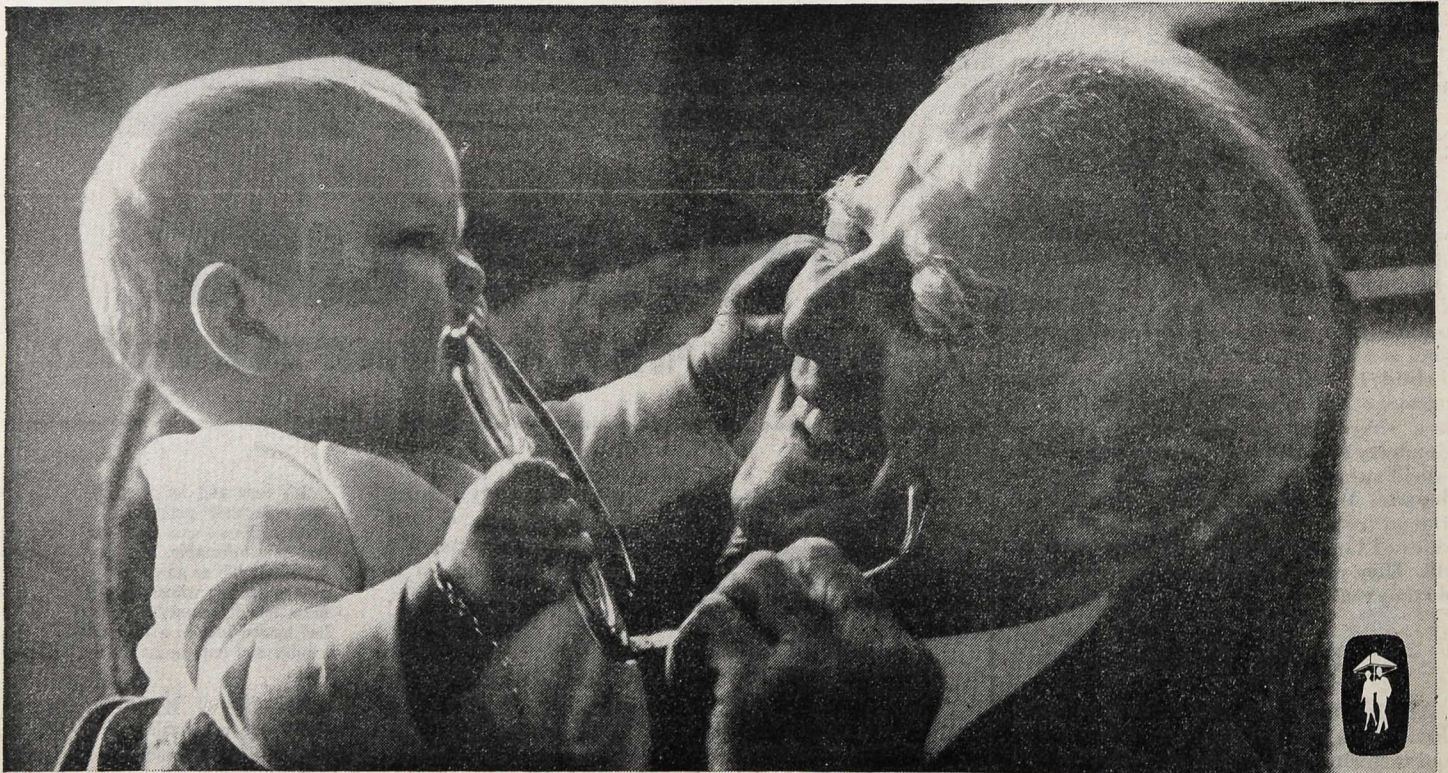
**Young Volunteer Force** Foundation with London Headquarters have centres in St Albans, Stoke-on-Trent, Watford, Wolverhampton, Cardiff, Chesterfield, Gloucester, Newcastle, Newport.

**Task Force** find volunteers for the elderly and lonely in London. There are also Young Volunteer groups based on voluntary organisations or statutory activities and some established in hospitals in practically every town and city throughout Great Britain.

## POSTSCRIPT TO SUNDAY TRADING

In the article about Sunday trading (June issue) I suggested that it would not be long before the furniture firm at Darley Dale, in Derbyshire found a way around the Queen's Bench decision which went against them. They have! The area has been designated a Tourist Attrac-

tion in which souvenirs may be sold on Sundays. You will be able to bring home to granny a couple of armchairs or a dining-room suite marked 'A Souvenir from Darley Dale'—or some such inscription—from your next Sunday outing in the district! ERIC L. KING.



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## LOOKING IN ON THE POLITICAL SCENE

### THE FOURTH FORCE

A new force has quite recently come into play in the industrial disputes of the country. It used to be just Government, unions, and management. Now there is also public opinion.

At an early stage of the spring railway fight Employment Secretary Maurice Macmillan told union leaders that he feared the public would not understand their refusal to call off a work-to-rule. The railwaymen did not have the public on their side, we were told, as the miners did.

The public is not consulted. Its opinions are assumed. A useful lever, a powerful fourth force has been discovered for use as and when desired. It is vague but powerful. And it should not be used in this way. Because it is you and I and if we are to be influential as a separate body we should be asked to choose representatives of our views.

The Prime Minister had something like this in mind when he said in May what we have to do now is to find a way in which the interests of the consumer and the community as a whole are properly protected.

But . . . isn't that what our system of government is meant to be already?



## LEFT WING LABOUR

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THROWS LIGHT  
ON THE  
PARTY LINES

It used to be said that England was by nature a Conservative-supporting country and that any left-wing Government would only be a short interlude between right-wing Tory ones. History so far has supported that view; the Labour Party has provided on the whole a stop-go Government—here one election, gone the next.

Certainly Socialism in this country has never become a strong enough movement to be a permanently controlling one. This is one reason why socialist policies of national ownership, planning and central control have been modified to gain more support, particularly since the 1951 defeat of the Attlee Government. The party is still recognisably left-wing in comparison with the Tories, but many of its best friends would now hardly be prepared to call it truly socialist.

### INDISCREET

Another reason for its impression as a non-government is perhaps its lack of the suave professionalism of the Conservatives.

In its Conferences, which have a wide influence on its policies and decisions, the Party shows this by democratically but damagingly allowing all its sections to parade their criticisms and clarion calls. The other two parties are more discreet and so seem to be that bit better organised for governing others.

### KEPT POWER

It was the Trade Union movement which eventually gave rise to the Party at the

start of this century "to increase the representation of labouring men in Parliament". And still the unions, with their massive supporting funds and their block votes at Conference, are a real power behind the left-wing throne.

Conference elects the Executive Committee which controls Labour's headquarters at Transport House

and tactfully advises the local associations.

The Leader of the Party, elected by the Parliamentary Party and not by Conference, exerts his authority largely through his membership of the Executive.

This has not always been an easy task and is not made lighter by that democratic openness allowed to different factions.

### PROFILE

The Rt. Hon.  
Peter Walker M.B.E., M.P.

"The water in our rivers will become cleaner every year, the air in our cities will become cleaner every year and water around our coasts will improve".

That was the confidence of Peter Walker, Secretary of State for the Environment, in the face of the alarming report "Blueprint for Survival", published earlier this year.

Confidence like that over a problem like pollution is exceptional. But then the man who has been MP for Worcester for 11 years is on many counts an exceptional man.

Take his appearance. He is exceptionally like a Conservative MP ought to look—outstandingly well dressed and groomed, with a clear, benevolent eye, a firm, determined chin, and a straight nose.

Take his age—now and at every stage since birth only 40 years ago. Peter Walker achieves things at exceptionally early ages: Young Conservative at 13; MBE at 28, youngest member of the Shadow Cabinet at 34 when appointed spokesman on Transport; youngest member of the



Cabinet at 38 as Minister of Housing and Local Government.

All this professional exceptionalism is beginning to show in the tricky field of the environment. And it is certainly needed there. All Walker's political experience has trained him for this. His confidence in tackling the dumping of dangerous materials, the level of lead in petrol, and noise abatement among other polluting factors today.

His confidence also needs to be catching. Because, after all, he is still young enough to live until he is proved right: or until we all go under together.



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# The Criminals amongst us

**"ON EVERY CROWDED DOUBLE-DECKER BUS THE ODDS ARE IN FAVOUR OF AT LEAST FOUR CRIMINALS BEING ABOARD"**

(Statistician's report)

It's almost 10 years ago since the nation caught its breath with shock at the Great Train robbery. But in the decade following the robbery crime in Britain has soared to a new and savage peak—and perhaps the most shocking of all is the increase of crimes of violence with use of guns.

**"SOMETIMES I CARRY A SHOOTER (pistol). ALL DEPENDS IF I'M GOING TO SHAKE A DRUM (burgle a dwelling place) WHERE THEY KEEP DOGS, FOR INSTANCE. MIND YOU, I ONLY CARRY IT FOR FRIGHTEENERS . . . I WOULDN'T USE IT. YEH, IT'S LOADED . . ."**

The train robbers were given severe sentences as "a deterrent to others". But, by three years later, more people than ever had turned to crime. 1,000,000 crimes were reported to the police in 1966

—the highest ever—and each year since, the figure has steadily climbed the up-graph.

Yet the picture doesn't end here by any means. In an average year, the police solve less than half the crimes reported to them. And only a useless guess can be made as to the number of crimes NOT reported. Not reported for reasons of fear, complicity, blackmail, embarrassment, or loyalty to a family member.

But those activities classed as 'crimes in the street' come very much nearer to the man-and-the-woman-in-the-street. Crimes and offences against the person — robbery, pick-pocketing, assault and batteries, rape and murder, burglary; these are the offences with which most of us are familiar, these are the crimes which can affect us personally.

**"Don't put your handbag on top of your shopping baskets, ladies. YOUR attention can be distracted; MINE won't be . . ."**

In the West End of London alone, Scotland Yard estimates that pickpockets reap a harvest of purses and wallets to a value of at least a quarter of a million pounds per year. Not so long ago the London police closed their

dossier on a gang of shop-lifters who had stolen almost £3,000,000 worth of goods over a period of a few years. Does this type of crime affect the average man or woman? It does, of course. Shop-lifting helps to keep prices high. The honest shopper is subsidising the thief. So what must one do if one SEES shop-lifting taking place? Ignore it? Tell the staff? Affect a citizen's arrest? Well, you cannot decently ignore it, and you might be ill advised to make an arrest under Common Law powers. Tell a member of the staff immediately seems to be the answer; but certainly do not ignore the incident on the grounds that "it is none of my business". Any nation that wishes to prevent crime must participate in the detection of its criminals. The same criminal who robs the super-market may be robbing your house tonight. A terrifying aspect of crime increase is the numbers of young people involved, and the cults of violence which spring up among them. Skin-heads and pseudo Hell's-Angels are but two groups which hit the headlines with alarming frequency. Their activities, from 'pakki-bashing' to 'gang ropes' need no elaboration from me. Recently, in the South of England, an elderly driver with his wife in the passenger seat blipped his horn to pass through a herd of Hell's Angels. These were mounted on powerful motor-bikes, taking up the entire road. These brave young men immediately surrounded the car—all still moving at speed—and systematically smashed all the windows with belt-buckles and waist-chains. One can imagine the fear and horror felt by the man and his wife—not to mention the utter danger of a possible pile-up.

**"YOU THINK YOU OWN THE WORLD, MAN? WE'VE GOT AS MUCH RIGHT TO THE WORLD AS YOU HAVE—MORE, BECAUSE WE'RE THE YOUNG LIONS, MAN. IF WE SAY GET OFF THE PAVEMENT, THEN YOU GET"**

Not long ago, the G.P.O. became alarmed at the £500,000 a year which vandalism was costing them. The Post-Office gave talks and lectures to schoolchildren about vandalism . . . and had to stop, because the vandalism INCREASED as a direct result.

But it is robbery or physical assault—or a combination of both—which the average citizen has to fear at a personal level, with burglary high on the list. A burglar



discovered on the premises must be regarded with the same caution as a trapped cobra. You don't know what the intruder is armed with, to what extent of violence he will go to avoid capture. Better to let him go with your household goods than end up dead or injured for life.

appearing at the edges. I predict that when the troubles in Ireland are put down a new wave of armed banditry will sweep the remainder of the British Isles, as more and more firearms find under-world circulation. This happened after the last war, as many readers will remember.

not paying fines imposed for his behaviour. The mind literally boggles.

**"WOULD I USE VIOLENCE IF I WAS CAUGHT DOING A JOB? WELL . . . I'VE BEEN PUT DOWN (in prison) A FEW TIMES . . . IF A THUMP ON SOMEBODY'S HEAD WOULD KEEP ME OUT, I'D THUMP . . ."**

Archie Hill investigates

## CAUSES FOR CONCERN

**"SAY YOU KEEP MONEY IN THE HOUSE, SEE, YOU'LL HIDE IT SOMEPLACE . . . UNDER A RUG, BEHIND A PICTURE OR MIRROR, IN A TEAPOT OF FLOUR BIN, MAYBE IN AN OLD SHOE—I'LL FIND IT. I'VE HAD MORE EXPERIENCE FINDING THINGS THAN THE AVERAGE HOUSE-OWNER HAS HAD HIDING THEM"**

It does not require a prophetic of doom to declare that crime will increase and worsen. We look askance at America, where crime is the 'norm' rather than the 'abnorm'. Yet it is only a matter of time before we in England are confronted with the same scene. The picture is already

Personally, whilst I have every sympathy for the ex-criminal who is going straight, I have no sympathy for the actively-engaged criminal and thug, those persons who will not hesitate to use viciousness and violence against innocent citizens. Our magistrates and Judges must take heed, and put the villains out of circulation for longer periods. Recently, a man convicted of embezzling ONE MILLION POUNDS got a seven years sentence. He'll be out in just over four years. Another man who sprang out on a young woman, savagely bit and beat her, then raped her, got five years. He'll be out in three years. A man I know personally has spent eighteen years of his life in prison (with accumulated sentences) for nothing more serious than being drunk, disorderly, and

The thin blue line of the British police force alone stands between the citizen and criminal anarchy. Yet, recently, the police too have come under heavy censure and criticism for criminal behaviour within their ranks. But, in the final analysis, a country gets the police force it deserves. If ours deteriorates it is because decent people are not giving it the support and backing it needs.

A police officer recently remarked: "We take a tougher view of criminals NOT because we're brutal or because we believe that criminals are our enemies. It's because we see at first hand the misery which crime brings to the victim. It's the copper—not the psychiatrist or reformist or 'progressive thinker'—who sees the raped body of a child, a family swindled out of its savings, the shot or battered victim of a robbery."

The police and courts must deal with today's adult criminals. But we parents must see to it that OUR children do not take their places. It's time, perhaps, to decide the value of difference between kindly psychologists and disciplinary smack-bottomists.

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## ASKING

THE GOSPELS CONTAIN MANY PLAIN STATEMENTS OF OUR LORD ABOUT PRAYER, AND ALTHOUGH A SMALLER PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION JOIN REGULARLY IN PUBLIC WORSHIP, it is remarkable how many requests for prayer are received from people who would not think of themselves as regular worshippers. It may perhaps help if I attempt this month to explain the implications of the saying of our Lord "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it you".

We have both to ask—and to ask in Christ's name. We can check up easily enough to see if we have done the asking. But we are not to suppose that it is necessarily just a once-for-all-time asking. On the contrary the teaching of our Lord suggests that the asking has to be sustained, and our willingness to go on asking is a test of our sincerity. The parable of the judge and widow teaches us to be persistent in prayer. But there is a reason for this. God delays to answer so that it may be possible for Him to give what is really needed and not just what we ask for. It is easier for a father to comply with his child's requests than to refuse, for a quick answer will bring a quick satisfaction. But the satisfaction in such a case may turn out to be shortlived. It takes a stronger love to refuse or to withhold until someone can really profit from a gift. Again there are some gifts that we can only really use when we want them enough, and it seems as though God cannot give the best gifts except to those who greatly desire them; so our continued prayer is evidence of our real desire. The great Nonconformist preacher Spurgeon said: "It may be your prayer is like a ship which when it goes on a long voyage does not come home laden so soon, but when it does come home it has a richer freight".

### IN CHRIST'S NAME.

The asking has also to be "in Christ's name", and it is often the case that when people say their prayers have not been answered it is because their asking was not "in Christ's name". Suppose for example a widow makes great sacrifices so that her son can qualify as a doctor; she could well have done with him earning and helping to support the home, but she goes without many things for herself and prays that he may qualify as a doctor. And then he fails his exams. Then in some way a prayer which was honestly believed to have been Christ's will cannot in fact have been so. But we have to remember that God sees everything and we see only a part of his purpose; something perhaps was apparent to God which could not be so to the mother. Her son perhaps had other gifts which would only develop later but which he would never had used had he become a doctor—and many other explanations are possible.

### SUFFERING.

There is always of course the baffling problem of suffering. The Gospels suggest from our Lord's many miracles of healing that He wills health for us; and yet in spite of much prayer someone we love dearly may be condemned to a long and painful illness, or the father of a young family may die. It is I think a help to remind ourselves that our Lord, rather surprisingly to us, did not spare his own Mother from the agony of watching Him on the Cross, and in a peculiar way suffering sometimes seems to be the privilege of those whom He would make his closest friends. And if that is the case then some of our prayers for the removal of suffering will not get the answer we think they should get because they will not be for the highest good of those for whom we pray. When we stop and think it is true that asking in Christ's name is not as straightforward as we may have at first imagined.

### ACTION.

There is space for one more thought. Prayer must never be seen in isolation from action. Of course if we pray for

## COUNTRY LIFE—KEEPING THE PEACE

Dick Ball is at war. It's his job. The enemy? Vermin; chiefly rats, carrion crows and grey squirrels. For the last four years, having moved from a property in Lancashire, Mr. Ball has been keeper to the Mapledurham Estate. Like the walkers who use the many footpaths on the estate, whom he recognises and welcomes as having a responsible attitude to the countryside, he is enjoying this lovely corner of Oxfordshire. But Mapledurham seems to have more than its shares of pests. The many carrion crows, distinct from the common crow, are a constant threat to ground nesting birds including game birds. Without these, and without the grey squirrels Mr. Ball believes there would be far more song birds; yet the squirrel population has increased since the government no longer awards a bonus for their eradication.

### More chance of survival

Among other things, Dick Ball is responsible for game birds. By May the young pheasants are being artificially reared in brooders. At six weeks they are put into release pens to get them used to being out. The next stage is complete freedom but food is provided three times a day as a means of ensuring that the birds do not stray from the district. So familiar are they with the sound of Mr. Ball's voice, and his land rover, that they come to him readily at feeding times.



Walton Adams

Many people find the business of rearing birds for sport repugnant. Dick Ball's reply, however, is that they have more chance of survival now than they did fifty years ago. Syndicates may make it cheaper to take up shooting and many more guns are joining in, but they are not the crack shots of days gone by, when the same people went from shoot to shoot, day

by day, for the whole season. Keeping — the family tradition.

There is always something of interest turning up in the countryside. Like the pair of Canada geese, recently arrived on the Mill Pool, which Ball hopes will nest nearby. He also says there are more badgers and deer in the locality than is generally thought. Long hours, sometimes

sunrise to sunset, are a regular part of Dick Ball's job, but his family have been keepers for generations. It's in his blood.

It is also a way of life which is attracting young men of varying backgrounds today. They are finding the slower, more peaceful life of the countryside infinitely rewarding.

M.K.

the Church overseas we cannot all rush off and visit the people we pray for. But unless we take our prayers for the Church overseas into our budgeting we are shirking matters. So when we pray we must also ask ourselves how we can be involved in the lives of those for whom we pray. Praying is indeed no easy matter because the answer to our prayer for others may well be that God calls us to do something on behalf of those for whom we pray—and that may be uncomfortable for us.

*John Grimwade*

### P.S. School for Scandal

The delay in informing parents and children of the results of the 11-plus exam was inexcusable, but it is good to see that the co-opted members of the Education Committee have exercised their undoubted right and voted as they have done. For four years I was myself a member of the Education Committee, I resigned because I grew so tired of seeing educational policy dominated by party politics. One councillor is quoted as saying "The electorate of Reading are entitled to expect that their will will be expressed through their elected representatives".

The real truth is that voters have long since got tired of party politics in local government, and at least the Education Committee, by being obliged to have co-opted members, has on it a number of people with some knowledge of educational problems and with independent minds of their own so that they do not vote as any one party tells them. It is a great pity that other committees of the Town Council are not obliged to have on them co-opted members.

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## 21st BIRTHDAY

—The Caversham Community Association recently held a 21st Birthday party in St. Andrew's Hall. Cutting the cake is Mrs. Weal while Mr. Joseph Rampton looks on.

# THE DOLMETSCH CONSORT

*An appreciative audience, which happily included many children, filled St. Peter's Church, to hear the Dolmetsch Consort and the Henley Singers at the Christian Aid Concert on Saturday, May 20th.*

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The splendid flowers arranged for the Whitsun Festival added to the enjoyment of the evening, and the concert raised over £100 for Christian Aid Week. It is good to know that the Dolmetsch Consort have already agreed to another visit in 1974.

## OBITUARY

### Thomas Reece

Mr. Thomas Reece of 31, Burnham Rise, whose death occurred recently had for many years been a regular worshipper at St. Barnabas where he had also been a sidesman. Born in Brocks Barracks he was at one time a server at St. Mark's Church. For forty seven years he was on the staff at Thorneycrofts (now British Leyland). His funeral service which took place at St. Barnabas Church on April 21st was attended by many neighbours and colleagues. In lieu of flowers donations amounting to £53 have been sent to the British Heart and Chest Association.

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## TALKING POINT RELIGION & THE BLACKBOARD JUNGLE

by Laurance Stevens

When you face a class of secondary children timetabled for "Religious Education" and find that nearly two-thirds of them are Muslims, you begin to think pretty seriously about some of the assumptions behind "compulsory religion" in schools!

Not that it's that compulsory! The children could have been withdrawn, but preferred not to be. And as for allegations of "indoctrination" flung about by some secularists, all that I can say is, anything less effective as indoctrination would be hard to imagine. Harold Loukes' book, "Teenage Religion", now ten years old, showed fairly conclusively that school teaching of religion was failing to produce even informed opinion, let alone sway converts by the thousand.

But the old grumbles are still heard. Why is it that a school could in theory turn its back on Maths, English or Science without breaking the law, but is required to provide a period of religious instruction for every child each week and to hold a daily religious assembly? The simple answer is that the 1944 Education Act says so. Passed in time of war, the assumption was that this was a Christian country, needing a revival of "the spiritual and personal values in our society and in our nation". Fair enough! It is the prescription, rather than the diagnosis which comes in for most criticism. Changed times have changed our assumptions.

Things have changed so

much since the war. Habits of church-going have declined, secular pressure against religion has become more vocal, and the presence of immigrant groups has brought a greater awareness of beliefs and experiences other than those of Christianity. At the same time, Christian thought has not stood still. Religious truth is often expressed in different ways, and a greater understanding of the way that children's religious ideas develop has shown that they are rarely capable of abstract thought until their early teens. The 1944 Act's prescription of large chunks of "straight" Bible teaching has not produced the expected results, and is seen to lead to confused ideas in children which they may never get sorted out, as they have often "given up" religion by the age at which they could grasp some of its abstract concepts.

In addition, while some have despaired of Religious Education because of its ineffectiveness, others have protested that it amounted to indoctrination.

Ignoring the fact that every public opinion poll has shown that the overwhelming majority of parents want their children to have religious and

moral education, I believe that there are strong educational reasons why children should be given religious education.

### Education rather than evangelism

Setting aside the belief that Christianity is true, it can be said that its writings and teaching are the main carrier of the ideals by which this nation lives. Our understanding of the rights and dignity of human persons and the importance of good human relationships has grown historically out of the Christian tradition. It might be argued that we could have found our ideals from other sources, but we did not and we cannot start again from the beginning. No child in this land can be said to be properly educated without some knowledge of the bases of our ideals and morality, quite apart from those specifically religious questions of meaning such as "Where do I come from?" "Whither do I go?"

But that is not to say that the teacher's task is to equip his pupils with settled answers, or to ignore the claims of other views. His task is to stimulate the deep and searching questions about life and to create an informed and critical approach to them. Whether he is a committed Christian believer or no, his task is that of an educator, not an evangelist. Just as in another sphere—that of sex education—many schools seek to prepare young people for the task of running a home and raising a family, it is not part of the school's task to urge them to get married and raise a family within a few years of starting work. The teacher must show his pupils that commitment is part of the religious experience, but not call for it on the part of pupils. That is the task of the Church.

None of this makes the teaching of RE an easy assignment. What with the shortage of trained staff and pressure of external examinations, it is all too easy for a school to quietly "drop" it when pupils reach the age of specialisation and exam-cramming. No doubt the subject has frequently been badly taught. But we would not remedy "bad" Maths by dropping it, but by revising our teaching methods and subject matter to improve it.

The recent raising of the school leaving age ought to be the opportunity for really imaginative new approaches to R.E. "The one sad doubt", as Walter James has written, "is whether at present the Church can live up to its own demands. Improved training, better equipment, more time, these are no use without a flow of able men and women teachers of religion. Only the Church itself out of its own life can produce them; it is beyond the powers of the best-intentioned I.C.A."

## HELP FOR THE HANDICAPPED

A recent enquiry to the Red Cross about aid for a handicapped person, led to my first contact with the Thames Valley Supply Company. Situated in Chatham Street, the Company, run by Mr. S. L. Perrin, provides an interesting display of the many aids for the handicapped and disabled in which it deals. They include wheel chairs, commode chairs and walking aids, with a special line in ileostomy and colostomy equipment.

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### PERSONAL SERVICE

While most of his work is with private and public hospitals and institutions, he prefers to deal with individual members of the public, believing very much in personal service. Recently the parents of a spastic child, having failed in a nationwide search to find a firm able to make a semi-reclining wheelchair to meet the child's requirements, as a last resort got in touch with Mr. Perrin. He was able to contact a small manufacturer willing to make a model to the required specifications. The chair was delivered within six weeks.

Mr. Perrin is providing a much needed service in the community. The Caversham Bridge wishes him every success for the future.

M.K.



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# GOODBYE BOROUGH

Anyone who thought that the anomalies now existing owing to Caversham's now being administered by two different authorities would be removed when the new Local Government Act comes into force, is in for a disappointment. Those parts of Caversham now in Oxfordshire will continue to be administered from Oxford and Henley as before.

The County Borough of Reading on the other hand, (in common with other boroughs and county boroughs) will cease to exist as a county borough, but the area within the present borough boundaries will be administered by the new Reading District Council for all those matters which are better dealt with on a fairly small scale. This includes housing, museums, public health, (apart from medical services) and amenities. But by 1974 matters that are better planned on a wider scale such as educa-

tion, social services, and highways, will be administered by the County Council of Berkshire.

Berkshire will lose its northern part, now within the areas of Wantage and Abingdon Rural District Councils to Oxfordshire, but will gain Eton and Slough. Its seventeen separate councils will be reduced to six, of which the new Reading District Council will be one.

So whereas some of the anomalies which now occur in Earley and particularly

Tilehurst, will be removed because for certain matters they will be administered by the same council as Reading will be, in Caversham the boundary will be not only a district council boundary but a county one.

The present system of local government was established at a period when a different pattern of life existed from the one we now know, and clearly changes were needed. The question that arises is whether these changes are the best that could be devised.

Mr. W. H. Tee, Reading Town Clerk, who addressed a meeting organised by the Caversham Residents' Association, had his reservations. Perhaps it was because he openly admitted his prejudices that his talk was not only informative but held his audience's interest. He must have had many of them agreeing with them when he said there was a weakness in attempting to impose a standardised system of local government on a concentrated urban area and on a wide rural area. Although he himself could sympathise with the government's need to

Mr. Dennis Slade and Miss Kift talking to pupils at Thameside school about old Caversham.

keep to its parliamentary timetable and get this Bill through before the spring of 1973, nevertheless it had meant a rushed job, which was bound to lead to local dissatisfactions, particularly with regard to boundaries. He did however feel that when the Bill becomes law, which it certainly will, the best course will be to help make it work satisfactorily. Theoretically, it should be possible to review it every fifteen years.

Questions from the audience were brisk and numerous. Several reflected concern about representation on the County Council. How far could individual councillors know the problems of such a wide area? Who would have the time available to do the job properly? Reading will have to find sixteen members to sit on this council and we shall be electing them in March 1973, and the following June will have to elect thirty-nine district councillors. Will the best people be in a position to make themselves available?

It seems a pity that when local government reform was long overdue, there has not been time to produce a more satisfactory Bill. However it was a privilege to have the Town Clerk himself, who of course lives in Caversham, to explain the proposals so clearly.

M.C.



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## BYGONE DAYS

Recently some older pupils at Thameside Primary School have been finding out about life in Caversham earlier this century. In their search for information they invited along some older local inhabitants and spent a very worthwhile afternoon asking them questions. Needless to say, the time sped by and it was difficult to say who had enjoyed the episode more, the questioners or those who reminisced.

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### From the world of music

#### CAVERSHAM 'EMIGRANTS' ON THE STAGE

There was an exciting finish at the Tilehurst Eistedfodd on 13th May between the Highdown and Stoneham school brass bands, Highdown School winning first place with 86 points and Stoneham second place with 85. Pangbourne County Primary came third and Stoneham string orchestra fourth. The brass bands were conducted by Mr. Watkins and the Stoneham string orchestra by Mr. Gillman.

"An evening of light music" was held at Stoneham School on 5th May, in which the brass band, the string orchestra, two choirs and several soloists took part. One of the soloists was Caversham boy Roger Wintle who gave us a rendering on the cello of "The Train" by Catharine Lovell. Apart from Roger, three other Caversham boys took part in the programme: K. Hazell, 1st tenor horn in the brass band, Gareth Chick, 1st violin in the string orchestra and D. Harris in the junior choir. Hazell, Chick and Wintle also sang in the senior choir. Stoneham is preparing a major performance for July: Gilbert and Sullivan's "All The King's Men".

St. Andrew's congregation will be interested to hear that Frank Boshier, who appeared in many performances of the Mapledurham Repertory Association and Caversham Drama, is back "in business" with Hemel Hempstead Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society. Last year, he appeared in Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe" and this year, in the second half of May — for a whole week! — in Finian's "Rainbow". His daughter Eve, who used to be in St. Andrew's choir, is a member of Longdean School Madrigal Group which gave very successful concerts last March. She also sang in duet "In Excelsis" by Giovanni Gabrieli.

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When he arrived here with his wife Billie and young Jonathan, many of us merely thought what a nice young couple they were: nobody could foresee then what an impact Fred was going to make on the parish.

## YOUTH WORK

One could of course list many activities for which he has been responsible in the past three years, his work with youth groups, the Sunday schools and so on. One could talk about Billie's work on the Committee of the Caversham Heights Methodist Play Group. They will, of course, be missed in all these places. But most of all they will remain in our

thoughts as a truly friendly young family, offering in their daily lives the kind of Christian witness which we so badly need.

We will remember, and miss, Fred breezing into our homes on all kinds of unexpected occasions, being prepared to discuss anything and everything with such an air of positive enjoyment that nobody could mistake his visits for duty calls. And we will remember how friendly and helpful Billie always was when we telephoned or called.

## A CLERGYMAN'S WIFE

In this parish at any rate a clergyman's wife often has

the hardest job, staying home and minding the children, being prepared to deal with all kinds of emergencies in her husband's absence and sometimes, no doubt, feeling that she might as well live on Paddington Station for all the privacy she gets at home. But Billie, like Fred, has a natural friendliness which has done much to make her husband's work possible.

For her this move means a return home, for Fred is to be priest-in-charge of St. Columba's, Rammoor, a suburb on the outskirts of Sheffield. It is a job he is looking forward to; it is an ecumenically minded area where he should have plenty of opportunity for meeting people in their own homes. All the same, he will miss Caversham where, he says, we treat our clergy well. He has particularly enjoyed the opportunities for private retreats and for days off for catching up on necessary reading; many people will know that he has been studying part-time for his Master Degree in Theology.

## FROM DEACON TO PRIEST

He came here as a young deacon; he leaves us as an experienced priest convinced of the great need for the kind of pastoral work only the church can offer. We pray that he and his young family, not forgetting young Clare who was born soon after their arrival here, will be very happy in their new life and we hope they will find time for the occasional return visit. One thing is certain, they will always find a welcome in Caversham however long we have to wait.

W.D.



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Members of the Parochial Church Council found themselves confronted with a number of important items at their May meeting. It was unanimously agreed to support the request from the Borough of Reading who are considering widening Grove Road and may wish to purchase a narrow width of land outside St. Barnabas Church and Hall. Members were also informed that planning permission had been given for eleven garages to be erected on the north side of St. John's Church. In view however of the discussion which had taken place with the Bishop of Oxford on his recent visit and of the request made by the Archdeacon of Berkshire at his visitation that all parishes should consider very carefully the use of their resources and buildings the Rector was asked to consult with the Archdeacon of Berkshire. The Council then saw the filmstrip, Mr. Global Christian which had been prepared by the missionary societies of the Church of England. This was introduced by Mr. O. Jewiss; the discussion that followed brought out very clearly the need for the Council to take very seriously the Archdeacon's request about the Church's use of its resources and a working party with a representative from each district was asked to report to the June meeting.

**FAREWELL PRESENTATION.** The Rev. Frederick Dawson with his wife and family will be leaving Caversham in the middle of July. A farewell presentation will be made on Sunday, July 9th at 7.0 p.m. in Balmore Hall. Those who wish to contribute should give their donations to any of the Church or District Wardens.

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## ST. JOHN'S NEWS

St. John's is grateful to all who helped during the recent Christian Aid Week. Special thanks to Peter Tipton for organising the collection and the Bring and Buy sale, which alone brought in £34. Thanks also to Kate Harris for an excellent report to the congregation on the recent Christian Aid Conference at the University. The Spirit of God at work in the world through the relief organisations was a fitting theme for Whit Sunday worship. But the needs of the developing world should be kept before the church and the wider community all the year round.

### ENGAGED

Congratulations to Jane Harris, one of St. John's Sunday School teachers, on her recent engagement. Her friends wish her every blessing in the future.

### KNIGHT ERRANT

Freddie Knight, whose name is synonymous with scouting in Caversham, is currently touring parts of the United States at the invitation of friends he made at the 12th World Jamboree in 1967. His itinerary includes Yellowstone Park; then on to Utah and Nevada and from there to Indianapolis. One week is being spent at "Ramsberg Camp Site." Covering over 400 acres the site has its own bulldozer for roadmaking, a canteen seating 300 people and a workshop which must be the envy of many a big firm. An added attraction in the adjacent 100,000 acre National Forest with the largest lake in Indiana providing 11,000 surface acres of water all of which the scouts can use.

The last stop before coming home is Philadelphia.

Caversham scouts can look forward to many a new camp fire yarn from Mr. Knight's latest travels.

## SHIMMER FAIR

The Fair will be held this year on Saturday, July 1st. It is the intention to introduce more of a Garden Party atmosphere to the occasion by the serving of teas in the grounds of St. Andrew's House.

The funds raised this year will be given to St. Mary's Mission in Ovamboland, South Africa, where there is an urgent need to provide hostel accommodation for the girls who work in the local hospital. This is expected to cost nearly £1,000, and the Fair organisers are hoping to give this project a tremendous start.

## Mapledurham's Patronal Festival

Canon Peter Walker, at present Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge, is to be consecrated Bishop of Dorchester on July 13th. A week later he will visit St. Margaret's, Mapledurham and be the celebrant and preacher at the Parish Communion on St. Margaret's Day, Thursday, July 20th. The service is at 7.30 p.m. and refreshments will be served afterwards in Mapledurham House.

## 'Messiah' at Gosbrook Rd.

On Tuesday, April 25th the Mortimer and Burghfield Choral Society visited Gosbrook Road Methodist Church and gave a performance of Handel's 'Messiah'.

The Choir, conducted by Mr. Gordon Prior, impressed us with its interpretation of this work, and everyone in the Church that evening will remember the pleasure they gave.

The soloists, who all come from Reading and surrounding district were Jean Phillips soprano; Patricia Kerr, contralto; Edward Howell, tenor and David Morgan bass. The accompanist was Eric Baker. The Church was full for this occasion and it was a pleasure to welcome friends from other Churches.

The concert was in aid of the roof fund and the sum of £34.75p was raised.

## CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST PLAY GROUP

The Annual Meeting of the Caversham Heights Methodist Playgroup was held on Tuesday, 16th May, 1972.

The retiring chairman, Mrs. A. Pape, reported that the transition to a more formal organisation had been successful and that there is a good attendance at each session.

Several events have been held—coffee mornings, evenings for helpers, and an open meeting on Primary Education.

After the adoption of some amendments to the constitution, the new committee was elected—Mrs. J. Davis, chairman; Mrs. M. Molesworth, secretary; Mrs. E. Cox treasurer; Mrs. C. Clark and Mrs. J. Summers.

On October 20th, 1972, at 8 o'clock the well-known Phoenix Choir is giving a concert at Caversham Heights Methodist Church. PLEASE BOOK THE DATE.

## Caversham Baptist Free Church

The 106th Sunday School Anniversary at Caversham Free Church opened with a difference this year. On the Saturday evening, a good number of parents and friends gathered for an informal evening when children and young people sang, recited, and played musical instruments ranging from piano to guitar, flute and violin. After refreshments, a film about the opportunities of Sunday School work was shown. The service on Sunday morning was led by the Rev. Neil Hall, minister of Kings Road Baptist Church, and in the afternoon and evening by the church's own minister, Rev. Laurence Stevens.

## Methodist Sunday School Anniversary

The Sunday School Anniversary was held on May 6th and 7th this year. A Family Party was held on the Saturday when some of the children entertained the parents with a few musical items. Mr. Alderman and Mr. Cooper organised the games and all enjoyed a buffet supper.

On the Sunday morning the Sunday School Anniversary weekend continued with the children taking part in the service when 'The teachings of Jesus' was enacted. The evening service took the form of a teachers' dedication service. Both services were conducted by the Rev. T. R. Harris. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Jean Trevis for taking over the Sunday School at such short notice as Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hodgkinson had unfortunately had to leave the area owing to a move to Wembley. They will be missed by everyone at Gosbrook Road. We wish them every happiness in their new home.

### CAVERSHAM PARK

Family Service every Sunday 11.15 a.m. in Caversham Park School Hall.

## ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S GROUP

St. Andrew's Women's Group held the Annual General Meeting on April 27th. The retiring chairman, Mrs. Betty Price, was thanked for her work during the past two years, which has resulted in some informative and entertaining monthly meetings and enjoyable social occasions. These included a film show, Hair and Fashion demonstration, a cookery demonstration, talks on butchery deen freeze techniques and a demonstration of Christmas Floral Art.

The new chairman elected was Mrs. D. Manser, and new committee members were Mesdames Pearce, Martin, Hallett, Vinde and Wing.

The group is an open one, with chairman and committee members belonging to the Christian Church of any Denomination. Meetings take place at 8 p.m. on the fourth Thursday in each month in St. Andrew's Hall, and new members are welcome.

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Other happenings of late include a film show, an entertainment and a visit from our young friends at the Church Primary School when they came in to sing.

Mrs. Russell our President welcomed Mrs. Seago the new group link V.C.O. to the May Meeting. Mrs. Seago very ably explained the Resolutions for the A.G.M. to be held at the Albert Hall in June.

30 members from Rosehill attended the Group Meeting on April 27th and Mrs. Booker's beautiful flower arrangement won 1st prize and a cup for us.

A colour photograph of our Green and Pleasant Land Exhibit was shown to members.

The result of the competition (for a Sponge Cake) was 1st, Mrs. Bayford; 2nd, Mrs. Burtenshaw; 3rd, Mrs. Sansum.

**BLAGRAVE W.I.**

The May meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, Upper Woodcote Rd. The speaker was Mrs. Seago, VCO, who explained the Resolutions for the Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall in June. The link Delegate, from Rosehill Institute, Mrs. Bradley, was present to hear the voting. Mrs. Waite proposed a vote of thanks. A report on the Denman College Representatives Meeting, at Denman College, was given by Miss Reynolds. Mrs. Price reported on the recent Group Meeting at which Blaggrave came second in the Flower Arrangement Competition. The monthly competition, a knitted square, was won by 1, Mrs. Plumridge; 2, Mrs. Beates; 3, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Waite.

**MAPLEWOOD W.I.**

At the May meeting Mrs. Hedgcock and Mrs. Colquhoun were welcomed by the President, Mrs. Betty Lewis. A team from the Institute, consisting of Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Osborne and Mrs. Alford, discussed A.G.M. Resolutions. Voting for Bursaries followed and Mrs. Parcell won the 1st Bursary and Mrs. Wilson-Jones the 2nd. At Mrs. War-

**ROUND THE CLUBS**

wick's coffee morning £10.87 was raised for W.I. funds.

Maplewood tied for 3rd place in the Story of Animals or Birds Competition at the Group Meeting. There was a very good exhibition of members' handicrafts.

**EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

Mr. Came commenced by giving a broad outline on the changes the years had brought to Sothebys. He then went on to discuss and show slides of some of the most beautiful pieces of silver which had passed through their hands. He enlightened members a little on the intricacies of Hallmarks, and explained how trends in the design of silver had tended to fluctuate between the extremely ornate and the comparatively simple. His talk was interspersed by some very amusing anecdotes and he left his audience feeling that a visit to Sothebys could prove most interesting. A raffle was held at this meeting.

**CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

On April 26th a coach party of Guild members visited the John Groom Home for Disabled People at Edgware. Flower copying is the major work of many of the residents at the home and parties of visitors throughout the year find this work of interest. The flowers are made of fine cotton lawn and the high standard of reproduction has made Groom's flowers very well known.

On May 1st, members were invited to the home of Mrs. N. White to hear Miss E. Baker speak about her recent visit to America in connection with T.W.G.

Miss M. Davys addressed the Guild meeting on May 18th. She gave a very interesting talk about her work as a school teacher in the beautiful city of Peking as it was in the 1940's. Several members requested that the Committee should invite Miss Davys to continue the story of her experiences at some future date.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. H. Clark. During the social half hour which follows the tea break a mock debate was held. Mrs. A. E. Smith presented the motion "that all cars and aeroplanes should be abolished". Mrs. B. Stratford supported by Mrs. E. Fitzzeustace spoke for the motion. Miss E. Baker and Mrs. C. Mitchell spoke against. The motion was lost!

**CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

Tutankhamun's tomb and the many treasures found therein have been very much in the news lately with the present exhibition in London, so members were very pleased to welcome Mr. Richard Adamson, sole survivor of that famous dig, as guest speaker.

In 1918 Mr. Adamson went to Egypt in the military police. At that time of British military rule there was much unrest and political

activity against the British. Eventually a group of Egyptians sought to usurp the British position but some were caught and Mr. Adamson had to give evidence at their trial. This made him a marked man in Cairo, so to relieve the tension his superior transferred him to Jerusalem.

Before going to Jerusalem Mr. Adamson was sent to supervise the return of military equipment being used by Lord Carnarvon for his excavation of the Valley of the Kings as his concession from the Egyptians was due to foreclose in a couple of weeks.

Lord Carnarvon had been organising the excavations on that site for 20 years and had almost given up hope of finding a Pharaoh's tomb intact. In 1908 Howard Carter joined the dig and worked on the site with the Egyptian workmen. By 1922 when Mr. Adamson arrived the work force was down to six. Once when Mr. Carter was absent Mr. Adamson was watching the work on the site and he saw some boulders being uncovered, but these were covered up again by the Egyptians. Mr. Adamson was no archeologist and did not realise the significance but when he mentioned it to Howard Carter on his return it became apparent that discovery had been made as boulders are unusual in the natural sand and granite. The workmen were obliged to uncover their findings. Lord Carnarvon was immediately summoned and renewed his concession. Further excavation revealed some 16 steps going down 30ft. in the hillside and then a door made of rock granite and boulders and covered with plaster. But, someone had already been there. It was obvious a hole had been made and then resealed. Would this prove to be just another empty tomb? 20 other tombs had already been found to have been robbed. By the state of the plaster the scientists could say that this tomb had been broken into 15 years after the original sealing had been made.

The entrance was uncovered and there was a passage 30ft. long at the end of which was a second door. As only one tomb was expected a hole was made in this door to test the air on the other side. Everyone present looked through this hole in turn without speaking. At first nothing could be seen but a hazy yellow cloud. Gradually the eyes accustomed to the dark the yellow cloud assumed shapes — golden objects filled the room from floor to ceiling. When the door was opened these objects could be identified as beds, stools and other furniture and it also was apparent that there was another tomb and two life-size statues guarded a further door.

Howard Carter realised that this was the tomb of a Pharaoh of some consequence and he determined that every single object would be preserved as far as possible. So work then pro-

ceeded for the next three years, photographing each object from each angle, numbering and cataloguing and where necessary, for example with a trunk full of clothes, preserving.

Mr. Adamson was in charge of the security required for this priceless find.

At last the first chamber was cleared and the finds stored in another empty tomb in the Valley.

It had been obvious that the tomb robbers had taken several things from the first chamber and also attempted to scrape the gold covering off some of the wooden furniture and statues, this was in some cases 1/4 in. thick, but they evidently had not got through to the actual tomb.

It had also been apparent that the tomb was of a young king as many games and toys had been included among the treasures. The second chamber disclosed the tomb of Tutankhamun. When the excavators came to the King's coffin they found in fact three coffins—one inside the other. The third coffin was made of solid gold and the lid alone weighed 1 1/2 tons. Then the mummified body of the

boy-king was revealed. The doctors organised the x-ray-ing and thorough examination of the body. Gradually the bandages were removed and the body was re-preserved exactly as it was found. As the bandages were unwound jewels and daggers were found among them. The boy-king was discovered to have suffered a severe blow to his head which probably caused his death. Historians seem to be of the opinion that ever-powerful priests of that time detested Tutankhamun's worship of the sun gods and decided that neither he nor any of his blood should rule Egypt. In all it took 10 years to complete the full investigation of Tutankhamun's tomb and during this time of course many people wanted to see what was going on and the Egyptian Government sent round so many official visitors that Howard Carter complained that the work was being impeded and he then became persona non grata and was sent home to Britain. Mr. Adamson was able to show a necklace which had belonged to Queen Hatshepsut 4,100 years ago!

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11.00 a.m. Matins (not 3rd Sunday).  
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion (3rd Sunday).  
12.15 a.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday).  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 3rd Sunday)

#### St. John's

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9-15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARISTI.  
6-30 p.m. Evensong (1st Sunday).

#### St. Andrew's

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9-15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARISTI.  
11-15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong. (not 3rd Sunday)

#### St. Barnabas'

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARISTI  
11.15 a.m. Family Service (2nd Sunday).  
6.30 p.m. Evensong. (not 3rd Sunday)

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May 7—Richard Newlands.  
Daffwd Thomas.  
May 14—Charlotte Esau.  
Mark Robson.

St. John's  
May 14—Denise Jordan.

St. Andrew's  
May 7—Penelope Hounson  
May 21—Helen Piers.

St. Barnabas'  
May 14—Lisa Drew.  
May 21—Ann Bailey.

### CAVERSHAM PARK

May 21—Sarah Crunden.  
Eleanor Wilkins.  
Marcus Burton  
(Anglicans).  
May 28—Justine Bartlett  
(Methodist).

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Nicholas Dart, Wendy Davison, Philip Hatton, Neil Horne, Michael Mawby, Julia Neave, Sally Neave, Christine Oates, Olive Patey, Jane Smith, Joan Stroud, Ian Turner, Elizabeth Tombs, Margaret Turner.

St. Andrew's  
Paul Barker, Rosemary Day, Lynn Edwards, Fran-

ces Gosling, Nicholas Hayes, Tracy Jackson, Christopher Jefferis, Paul Jefferis, Diane Ketch, Sherry Lovegrove, Claire McCatherine Morris, Gillian Morris, Timothy Nicholls, Combe, Andrew Morris, Hilary O'Dair, Eva Roberts, Lynn Rowark, Susan Wells.

St. Barnabas'  
Nicholas Allen, Kathryn Bone, Beryl Dare, Juliet Heath, Lorna Matthews.

St. Margaret's  
Andrew Binks, Susan Binks, David Stevinson, Richard Stevinson.

### MARRIED

St. Peter's  
May 6—Hugh Patrick and Rosaline Gunner, Derek Grey and Maureen Wenman.

May 13—Patrick O'Connell and Eva Borchardt.

May 20—Andrew Stevens and Anne Perrott. Andrew Lovegrove and Anne Cooper.

May 27—David Riordan & Patricia Hawthorne.

St. Barnabas'  
May 6—Kenneth Hawes & Kathleen Samson.

St. Margaret's  
May 20—Christopher Hubbard and Susan Powell.

### FUNERALS

St. Peter's  
May 10—Winifred Gore.

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May 5—Lilian Cleave.  
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# DISSIDENTS GET THE TREATMENT

by Janice Broun  
Political Agitators often find themselves in Mental Hospitals

In Russia nowadays, many people with distinct views of their own live in fear of receiving notes requesting attendance at the nearest psychiatric clinic for a "check up". If they ignore them, an ambulance arrives at the front door...

It is known that each of the fifteen Republics now has a special prison psychiatric hospital where the authorities send those whose views are embarrassing. Under Stalin, people just disappeared; no questions asked...

The growing Civil Rights movement has provided many who are not guilty of breaking any law, but whose trials would outrage world opinion. Instead these dissenters are "certified" as being not legally accountable for their actions, and quietly disappear.

Christians have been involved. Partly for his outspoken protest against this practice, leading Orthodox lay writer Levitin Krasnov is serving a three year prison sentence. The Russian Orthodox Church has often been criticised for the reluctance of its members to be involved in controversial subjects, or for not trying to make converts. Now they have outstanding creative artists among their members, Solzhenitsyn for one. Others have deliberately committed themselves to protest on behalf of others suffering injustice, and have paid the penalty.

Poetess Natalia Gorbanevskaya's 'Red-Square at Noon' has just been published here. For two minutes, she and seven others demonstrated in August, 1968, against the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia. The others were, apart from one who recanted, sent to prison or exile. Gorbanevskaya suffered from two

years of investigations as to her sanity followed by two years imprisonment, the last year of which was spent in the special psychiatric prison hospital at Kazan.

In these places dissidents and genuinely disturbed patients are locked in the same cells, and beatings up and violence are encouraged.

The staff are not trained psychiatrists but any doctors ready to sacrifice medical ethics, and well known K.G.B. investigators and warders disguised as orderlies in white overalls.

Those dissidents who are ready to change their minds are freed. No medical examination is made before the injection of drugs such as sulfazin, aminazin ad haloperidol, drugs which cause acute discomfort, achig limbs and severe depression. In Kazan 'patients' have been strapped to beds for three days and not even allowed a bed pan. It is difficult for those not given drugs to remain normal in such surroundings. Gorbanevskaya was reported to be in very poor health last May, and was only released early this year.

Gennadi Shimanov is typical of the young intellectuals being increasingly attracted to the Orthodox Church. He can write an amusing book 'Notes from the Red House' on his enforced stay in Kaschenko asylum in 1969 for his religious beliefs. He was not given drugs; merely put in wards with disturbed patients. He now lives under the threat of compulsory drug treatment.

Visualising his return to hospital he writes—'Aila (his wife) would come to visit... they would bring out an imbecile, giggling, dribbling. 'There's been some progress' the doctor would say. 'He no longer believes in God.



Natalia Gorbanevskaya and her son Yask.

He can only think with difficulty, of course, and can hardly speak... but even before he only talked nonsense'.

Although there is in Russia a deep seated traditional respect for the simpleton, the extent of the commitment of these Christians and many like them seems terrifying to us.

Solzhenitsyn wrote, 'Spiritual murder; like the gas chambers these crimes will never be forgotten, and all who took part in them will be condemned endlessly, while they live and after they are dead.'

# NEW DEAL for Unmarried Mothers

by Stuart Linnell

The January edition of the "Social Service News" featured details of a recently published memorandum of the National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child.

The main proposal contained in the memorandum was that children of unmarried mothers should be paid an allowance equal to national insurance unemployment benefits. The same allowances should be paid to children of divorced or separated parents. The Council suggests that the money should be collected and paid out by the State.

This proposal is made, say the Council, because of the inadequacy of the present system of contributions by fathers which, "depends both on the father's willingness to accept the financial responsibility and on his ability to pay a realistic amount towards the cost of rearing a child".

Also recommended is the setting up of family courts to deal with all family and domestic matters, including divorce, annulment, separation, maintenance, guardianship, consent to marry, affiliation, custody and access, disputes about paternity and adoption.

The terms "bastard" and "illegitimate" should be dropped in law and "natural child" used instead. Fathers names should be inserted on birth certificates and illegitimate status not recorded.

Unsupported mothers working part-time should be allowed to earn more than £2 per week without reducing supplementary benefit.

A new attitude towards schoolgirl mothers is advocated. "Pregnancy in a very young girl should be seen as one of the hazards of growing up, not as something to jeopardise her future career and development."

The Council suggests that the present £25 maternity grant be increased to cover baby and maternity clothes and should be paid irrespective of national insurance contributions. They also consider that the grant should be made available to those very young mothers who are not, at present, eligible.

Some would say that these proposals are realistic and long over due, as no doubt some of them are, but, in attempting to provide for the genuinely unfortunate, might they not also be feather bedding the promiscuous?

# Just a thought

by Dee Moss

The theatre's the in-thing. We've watched the new one growing in Birmingham; we await the new Rose theatre in Kidderminster—all over the provinces new theatres are arising. The young generation will appreciate plays if Number Three Son is any guide to current trends. He's just asked for ten new pence so that he can watch a group of travelling players at school.

Not so long ago I took a pair of schoolboys to see

their first London play. It was a surprise outing and only in the foyer of the Mermaid Theatre did they realise the nature of the treat. From programme purchase to interval they watched and listened in absolute silence. (To parents whose previous attempt at entertainment had been a noisy circus, this was bliss).

The interval gave opportunities for pop and ices and a heated discussion on the virtues of the space-age hero but curtain rise found two little figures perched on seat edges, missing nothing. At last the villain was relegated to outer worlds and the hero suitably rewarded. (This was a slightly old-fashioned play in futuristic trimmings.) As the final curtain fell we clapped with decorous enthusiasm—all except one little boy. One of mine.

Andrew stood on his seat, eyes shining, yelling at the top of his voice — "Thank you very much. It was wonderful!"

Because parents do not like to be made a spectacle for fellow theatre goers, we hushed our boy, explaining that audiences do not stand on seats and shout at players, no matter how good the performance. But ever since that day I've regretted our pompous words. The young have the right idea. Praise should be shouted. It's great to get up and yell "Thank you very much".

We should all do it more often. To each other, for we have a lot to thank our friends, neighbours, postmen and Uncle Tom Cobby for. And most of all to God.

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# TWO SIDES OF SUMMER

BY EDITH HARPER



## Don't forget your Umbrella

Probably there are more umbrellas in Lost Property Offices than any other article, yet at one time they were an object of ridicule.

When Jonas Hanway walked through the streets of London in the middle of the 18th century, onlookers jeered at him. Hanway had been to China on business and was impressed by the umbrellas he saw in common use there. He decided to bring one home but all his courage was needed to use such a novelty in England.

The Chinese had seen the practical advantage of a portable shield against rain since the 11th century B.C. and possibly earlier. In many Eastern countries such as India and Persia, their use was restricted to important people and gradually an umbrella became a sign of Royal status. They gave protection against a powerful sun and saved many potentates from a drenching.

Gradually, British people took to the idea but at first, they were only considered

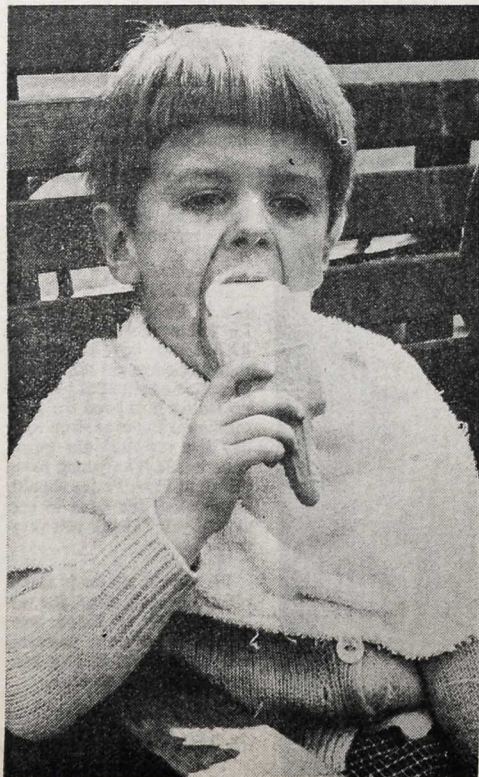
suitable for the weaker sex. Men continued to get wet though many must have wished they could shelter under an umbrella without losing face. By the time Queen Anne was on the throne, umbrellas had become a masculine prerogative too, although coachmen are said to have raised voluble objections. If their fares could walk and keep dry, who would hire a coach.

The feminine version, parasols and sunshades became a fashion accessory in Victorian and Edwardian days. Jewellers such as Fabergé devised elaborate handles for the rich. Queen Alexandra used hers as a walking stick

and Queen Mary was an umbrella fan. Her immaculately rolled, tall umbrella went everywhere with her by day.

The demand produced new tradesmen, the umbrella menders, now a dying race for the modern fashion is to throw away the old and buy new. Umbrellas nowadays come in all shapes and sizes. They have invaded beaches and gardens. Decorative or plain, fat, tall, short, or collapsible the umbrella has lost its status symbol in the Western world at least. Perhaps that is why so many end up in Lost Property Offices to wait for an owner who rarely bothers to claim them.

## All sorts of Ice-cream



When Marco Polo, the thirteenth century traveller from Italy, arrived there after his adventurous journey to China, he brought back among other novelties, a recipe for ice-cream.

By our standards it does not sound particularly appetising as the Chinese made it with flavoured milk and water which was frozen, to be sold in street markets. However, by the time Charles I reigned in Britain, his Italian cook produced really tasty ice-cream, served in an attractive shape. For his Royal master he turned out ice-cream eggs with the yolks flavoured with strawberries covered by a vanilla white and shell. The Italians spread their skill as ice-cream merchants around the world. In 1770 a Genoese sweet-maker called Giovanni Borio delighted Americans with his brand of ice-cream but needless to say, it was a luxury for the rich, in any country.

Today over 100 million gallons are made in Britain alone annually, by over 90,000 manufacturers, a total beaten only by America. Half of this quantity is flavoured with vanilla but other varieties tasting of chocolate, strawberry, raspberry, coffee, citrus fruits and peppermint are also popular.

Once a luxury for the few, ice-cream became a popular treat for the masses, particularly for children. Modern nutritionists praise it for its food value so it appears on hospital menus. Yet before 1962 the cream content was as low as 10%, the remaining 90% being made from whale oil or other fats. Regulations were introduced in that year by the Food Standards Committee for a standard dairy ice-cream in which the cream came from cows and cows alone. Manufacturers also had to mark other brands with a statement on the wrapping to show the 'cream' came from vegetable or non-dairy fat.

Once a summer food, ice-cream keeps the factories making it busy all the year round. New kinds constantly appear on the market. Tubs, bars, wafers, cornets and blocks sell constantly. Ice-cream vans tour the streets. Deep freezers keep a ready supply of all varieties but your connoisseur of this delicious food prefers a glass dish piled high with a rich and creamy variety, made (preferably) with Cornish cream.

Ice-creams have come a long way from frozen Chinese milk and water and show no signs of losing their popularity in the 20th century.

## GOOD HEALTH

### COPING WITH A CAR-SICK CHILD

by Jean Fielding

Parents can help to prevent motion sickness in a child by obeying a few simple rules. Many doctors stress that carsickness is partly psychological, due to the boredom of sitting still for long periods.

Avoid any mention of illness but keep the child on a fat-free diet the day before the journey. Give a light breakfast of cereal, toast and fruit before you start, and don't allow any chocolate or ice-cream while travelling.

If your doctor has advised anti-sickness tablets, do remember to give one at the time ordered, usually an hour before the trip begins.

To prevent the child becoming over-excited during the preparations, keep him occupied with small tasks. Try not to become flustered yourself with last-minute panic, as this may react adversely on a highly-strung child.

#### Keep the windows open

Fresh air is essential so keep the windows open, and if possible, avoid smoking in the car, as this often causes nausea.

Fasten the child's safety-belt or harness for this will prevent him jumping around too much, though he needs room for movement. Pack all the luggage in the car-boot or on a rack to leave the inside of the car uncluttered.

Don't drive too quickly as many attacks of vomiting occur on motorways where stopping is forbidden, and speed does appear to accentuate the trouble.

Never plan too long a journey in one day, and stop for five minutes every hour or so to enable the youngster to stretch his legs.

Encourage the child to look out of the front of the car, as staring at the moving objects from the side-windows can trigger off an attack of dizziness by disturbing the delicate balancing mechanism of the inner ear.

Refrain from pointing out landmarks like: "Look at that castle . . . cow . . . river . . ." for the child's brain is already over-stimulated with the changing scenery.

#### Warning

Fruit or glucose sweets can be helpful, while plenty of fruit drinks are useful. A flask of hot tea proves invaluable if the child feels shivery.

This is a warning sign, so stop the car as soon as possible, and lift the child into the fresh air, covering him with a rug. Often the attack will clear without vomiting.

Don't permit the child to read while travelling and carry a few items for emergency action in a plastic bowl hidden under a seat. A towel, flannel, soap, disinfectant and a bottle of water are necessary. Even if you are in a great hurry, try and appear relaxed for the child's sake.

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## WHAT TO LOOK FOR AT THE SEASIDE

It's easy to spot yellow, orange, grey or brown periwinkles in rock-pools, their heads poking out of their shells and their tiny feelers waving round. If you pick one up, every bit of him will suddenly vanish inside his shell. Before you place him back in the water, count the number of rings on the shell. These will tell you how old he is. Winkles and whelks are other shellfish to look out for. These, like the periwinkle, have shells all in one piece, and their shells are called univalve shells.

Shells that are in two parts are called bivalve shells. Cockles and mussels are bivalves. Mussel shells are especially beautiful inside, and sometimes you can find a broken shell with its pearly lining. Each mussel builds his own shell from material he draws in from the sea. Many bivalves live hidden in burrows in the sand, and on a flat sandy or muddy beach you may walk over the homes of thousands of bivalves without knowing it. If you tiptoe along the edge of the waves when the tide is coming in, you will almost certainly see little spurts of water spouting up out of tiny holes. These are made by the tubes of some bivalves. As a wave comes over them they draw in water, take air and food from it, and then squirt the water out. Dig down where you see these little fountains, and you'll find a live bivalve. When you pick him up he will tuck in his foot and his tubes and close his shell as nearly as he can. But as soon as you put him down, out comes his foot and he digs himself in again at a great pace.



## IS YOUR TOWN HERE?

There's the name of a town hidden in each of the following sentences. (Answers below).

I prefer bathing in a Welsh pool rather than in an English pool.

"File your nails very sharp," said the carpenter.

I'm afraid my left boot leaks.

"I ate tons of ice-cream", John boasted.

Stiff lint isn't any use at all.

Squirm at locks, if you wish; I like them.

## YOU GOTTA GET A GLORY

Here is the song of an old African man who believed in being keen. You could make up a tune with a modern beat and then sing the song.

Oh, you gotta get a glory  
In the work you do!  
A hallelujah chorus  
In the heart of you.

Paint, or tell a story,  
Sing, or shovel coal,  
You gotta get a glory  
Or your work lacks soul.

To those who get a glory  
It is like the sun,  
And you can send it  
glowing  
Through the work you've  
done.

O Lord, give me a glory  
And a workman's pride:  
For I gotta get a glory  
Or you're dead inside!



## Answers to Hidden Towns

Etom; Flint; Matlock; Welshpool; Filley; Bootle.

## EARS — AND NO EARS

So everything has gone wrong—at home and at school, and everybody seems to be up against you. You drop in on James or Bill or Sally to pour out all your troubles. Most likely they won't be able to do much about them, but you'll feel a mighty sight better for having told them what's wrong. So will James or Bill or Sally if they drop in on you to tell you about their troubles, while you just sit and listen.

That's where Martha went wrong when Jesus dropped in to tell her and Mary, and their brother Lazarus, how grim things were getting for him in Jerusalem. Of course they wanted to make him welcome, and Martha started to get a meal. But, oh dear, what a flap she got into. Instead of rustling up a quick snack, she insisted on getting a full-blown meal. She'd no time to sit and listen to anybody's troubles. Mary could see that what Jesus wanted more than anything was to sit back and talk. So she sat and listened. Martha got more and more hot and flustered. She was terribly cross with Mary, and at last she asked Jesus to tick Mary off for not helping.

"Let's have just an easy, simple meal, Martha," Jesus said. "Mary's guessed what I really need."

# Another Fun Book

REVIEWED BY BRENDA HOLLOWAY

Last year on this page we reviewed the first Fun Book, and said we looked forward to the appearance of the next book in the series. It has now arrived, under the title of FUN IN LONDON, by John Banks and Peter Hume, and we are as delighted with it as we were with its predecessor.

London belongs to us all, for the roots of much of our history is there. And this book brings history to life. It is described as a Children's Guide and Activity Book, and tells us some of the things to look out for when visiting such places as Hampton Court, the Tower, and the Houses of Parliament, and where to find the site of a gallows, a Roman boundary stone, and a Roman mile-

stone. But it isn't all about bygone days by any means. There's plenty of help in discovering modern London, too — markets, shops and streets, events and ceremonies to see, trips to make by river, and such modern buildings as the GPO Tower, and a section on Natural Life in London. The book contains spaces for the children to write or draw their impressions of what they've seen—a real boon when Mum and Dad want a bit of hush after tramping round all day. There's information galore of the kind that children love, and many grown-ups often find interesting too—for example, how to identify the various footguards by their buttons and hatbands.

The book is well illus-

trated, and the authors have thoughtfully included a map of the Underground and a sketch map of central London, as well as how to get around by bus.

This is an ideal book for a family holiday in London, or for day trips for Londoners themselves to make. Holiday makers certainly won't be able to complete the book on even a fortnight's visit, but it's the kind of book you can tuck away when you get home and bring out again next time you go to explore your London. The price is 45p—and worth every penny of it—and it is obtainable from Penwork (Leeds) Ltd., 224 Wilbraham Road, Manchester M16 8GN. Postage 5p.



## LOOKING IN WITH ERIC LAWSON



A LIVELY LOOK  
AT THE TV SCENE

### CURBING THE TRENDY PERSUADERS

When the BBC was created as a State Monopoly almost half a century ago, one of the main points of its Charter was that it should pursue a policy of political impartiality.

Over the past decade or so this high standard has been eroded gradually by a small number of TV documentary producers who have sought to use the media as a means of putting over their personal and often anarchistic views. Now these haughty intellectuals, who feel they have a divine right to thrust their opinions at the viewers, are to be curbed.

A 28-page code, "The Principles and Practice in Documentary Programmes" warns BBC producers to stifle their personal views. "There are people", says the code, "including the Prime Minister, who are constantly denied access to such a platform. Just because a man happens to work for the BBC, certainly gives him no right to it".

The code of practice, issued on the orders of Hugh Wheldon, managing director of BBC Television, goes on to say that "if a producer still feels intent upon expressing his views he should leave the B.B.C. and make his name in some other

field". I wonder how many will be high-principled enough to comply with that advice!

There can certainly be no quarrel about anti-establishment bias in A MAN CALLED IRONSIDE on BBC-1; it is always firmly on the side of law and order. The gimmicky, gadgety who-dun-it with its wheel chair-bound central character, Chief Robert Ironside of the Los Angeles fuzz, manages to sustain a pace and slickness which always seems lacking in our home-grown cops-and-robbers series. Chief Ironside, played by Raymond Burr—late of 'Perry Mason' and the Bible-reading slot on 'Stars on Sunday'—exudes authority, yet inspires affectionate loyalty among his minions on the police force. Charlie Barlow could take a few lessons!

I've been meaning for some time to say a word about BRADEN'S WEEK—the Saturday late-show which comes on after MATCH OF THE DAY just as you're thinking of brewing the Horlicks. If ever there are telly people of whom one can get real fond they are the Braden team of Bernie himself, Esther Rantzen, John Pitman and that old campaigner in the compere's chair Ronnie Fletcher. Nor must one forget that adorable dolly Hilary Pritchard, the zany Chris Munds, and those delightful 'Children of the Week' persuaded to talk to us by Harold Williamson. Bernie old lad, long may your programme prosper.



Left to right, Don Mitchell as MARK SA NGER, Raymond Burr as Chief IRONSIDE with guest Michael Christian who played TIM PATTERSON in SIDE POCKET, a story in the "MAN CALLED IRONSIDE" series.

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In past years the television coverage of the Olympic games, and other major sporting events, has been presented in such a way that the programmes become more important than the sport itself.

Of course, the commentators will continue to effervesce at the conclusion of the most exciting races, and to eulogise as we watch repeat after repeat of the high-jump finals, but, just for once, let us hope that the fact that the athletes are the competitors, rather than the television companies, is conveyed loud and clear.

### TIE BREAKER

I am pleased to be able to congratulate Lamar Hunt and the International Lawn Tennis Association on reaching what appears to be a sensible solution to their problem.

What a pity it could not have been achieved in time to save Wimbledon.

### OVERLAP

There's no doubt about it; soccer is making a very determined effort to ensure that it is not forgotten while the sun shines (occasionally!) over Lords, Edgbaston and Trent Bridge.

Close-season tours, Home Internationals, Youth International Tournament, Anglo-Italian Tournament, etc. . . the list is endless as one season overlaps another. Not that I'm complaining, but we

### SPORTS SPOT

by Stew Linnell

#### HOW'S THAT

all need a holiday, don't we? However, may I take this opportunity to congratulate Messrs. Clough, Revie, Allison and Shankly for providing us with one of the most exciting championships for many years.

Meanwhile, on the cricket pitches of England it's all happening! Weather permitting, this would appear to be one of the most absorbing seasons for many a year. Not so much from the playing point of view, but in trying to remember whether we are 'Benson and Hedge-ing', 'John Player-ing' or 'Gillette Cup-ing'.

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