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hooligans, will these anti
apartheid demonstrators
be seen tomorrow to
have helped change our
attitudes to people of
other races?



The Charles Hodgson Column

I get rather tired of people complaining about the insignificance of the individual these days. They say that the ordinary person doesn't have a chance against the superior power of bureaucracy and big business. They talk of becoming depersonalised—a cog in a wheel, a cypher, just one of a crowd—and of losing their identity. Don't they know their own strength?

For a start, we all have PHYSICAL STRENGTH; some more than others, it is true, but all of us have some. How do we use it, aimlessly or usefully? The gangs of football fans who terrorise shopkeepers and make life a misery for elderly pedestrians, may not set out to be a menace. They are probably just using up surplus energy.

At the other end of the scale, I remember an old lady, crippled with arthritis but just able to move three fingers on one hand and two on the other, who did the most marvellous crochet

work. You express your personality by the way you use your physical strength, by the things you make, by the jobs you do, and by the satisfaction you get out of doing them.

Then there is what we might call MECHANICAL STRENGTH; the way we extend our physical strength by using and controlling some machine. The woman who likes sewing gets a sewing machine, the handyman gets an electric drill. Again, this is a strength which can be used constructively or destructively. Every week, road casualty figures show how some drivers use their cars to bring death and destruction; others use theirs to pursue their business and to give pleasure to the family. When you are in charge of a machine, the opportunities are increased and the responsibilities become more serious.

Thirdly, we all have FINANCIAL STRENGTH. Most people are so busy grumbling they haven't enough money to realise what a force the money they have actually is. There is nothing like the use of money for showing what kind of a person you are. Just think of the vast range of choices and decisions opened up by just a small amount of money. How much shall I spend? What shall I spend it on? Can I afford that article? Do I need it, or is it a luxury? How much shall I save? What shall I do with it? How rainy is a rainy day? How much shall I give away? Who shall I give it to? What good will it do? You don't have to be a tycoon to know the power of money, or the difficulties of using it profitably.

Finally, there is the STRENGTH OF PERSONAL INFLUENCE. This is easy to recognise in the advertiser who charms the money out of your pocket, or in the comedian who makes you laugh. But again, it is something we all have. We all give advice, we recommend, we warn, we praise, we blame, we vote, we demonstrate. Indeed, the kind of people we are and the life we lead is an example which affects those around us. What kind of standards determine the influence you try to exert on others? A narrow "Every man for himself"? An easy "Anything goes"? Or some idea of Right?

I agree that there are tremendous pressures against the individual. At times it seems so much easier to follow the tide, to give up the struggle, and conform to prevailing attitudes.

But it isn't hopeless or completely one-sided. We are human beings, we are unique; we can make our presence felt and our individuality recognised. We have the strength if we take the trouble to use it.

CHARLES HODGSON writes from up-to-date experience of advising and training members of Church of England congregations to understand their faith and to put it into practice. He became a clergyman in 1943 and is now a leading Diocesan Adult Education Officer. As well as writing several popular books, Charles Hodgson has produced a variety of study kits for local groups. He has also pioneered week-end residential conferences for parish representatives and has a particular interest in group dynamics—the study of what makes people tick when they meet in groups of any sort.

You don't know your own STRENGTH

Good
for
a
laugh



Rachel Hooper aged 21 was born at Tonbridge, Kent. She is reading for the Finals of her Geographical Tripos at Girton College Cambridge. After graduation she hopes to serve for a year overseas with Voluntary Service Overseas. She is a Member of the Church Missionary Society, and in her vacations has done voluntary work at the headquarters.

A challenging report entitled "Act Now," which is concerned with race relations in Britain, has been produced by 21 years old Girton College, Cambridge student, Miss Rachel Hooper, for the Church Missionary Society, one of the Church of England's oldest missionary societies.

The report is based on a survey conducted by Miss Hooper in the summer of 1969. It is concerned not only with the racial problem itself but with the comparative failure of Church people to make any real contribution to its solution in this country.

Miss Hooper says, "When one looks at the work of local Churches in immigrant areas one is struck by the smattering of very good work being carried out but also by the huge gaps where seemingly little or nothing is being done." And again: "The Churches must become convinced that the field of race relations is one in which they can, and should, play an important part."

The report is not wholly critical. It is concerned with the work already being undertaken by statutory and voluntary organisations and there are also a number of practical suggestions for constructive activity by ordinary people in their local situation.

In a foreword Canon John Taylor, General Secretary of the Church Missionary Society says: "The challenge to create just and warm-hearted community relations in a mixed society is going to confront the British people for a long time. Ignoring the problem will not make it go away."

Act Now— a report on race relations

What's the family treat
that's good to eat,
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IT'S YOUR LIFE, MATE — AND THEY TAKE IT AWAY

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It was originally a recording made by a worker in his 60s.

I been here since I left school, mate. Know what I got when I first come here? Tuppence ha'penny an hour, for doing what I was told, mate. And a bit sharpish and all if I didn't want somebody's boot up me backside.

Take a look around you. At these blokes, I mean. What'd you describe 'em as? They don't do no real work, to start off with. The machine does the job for 'em. All they got to do is watch it. Slightest thing goes wrong and they starts screaming their heads off. Got no savvy, none of 'em have. Ask a bloke to give someone else a hand. Then what happens?

"It's not my job," he says. It's not his job to do what he's told, neither. Not these days, anyway. Sooner we gets back to "Either do it or out the gate" the better to my mind.

A Stripe

Being a charge-hand's like taking a stripe in the Army. You change sides, see? Not one of the lads any more. Get looked on as a "guv'nor's man" whether you are or not. Never bothered me, one way or the other. After all, somebody's got to do it,

haven't they? Extra money's always handy, too. Authority? Responsibility, I'd rather call it. A charge hand's like a buffer, see. Between the foreman and the men on the floor. Sorts out the niggling details, like. Sees to it too many dam-fool mistakes ain't made.

Tricky, mind. Check a bloke and what happens? Goes running to his shop steward. All three of you go to the foreman, get nowhere. Works convenor gets called in. Four of you, now, all up in front of the guv'nor.

The blame

Things get sorted out, one way or the other, and I get the blame whichever way it goes. If the guv'nor has to back down, it's my fault. If he proves himself right he's being bothered unnecessary. I get the blame for that and all.

Need a broad back and a thick skin to be a charge hand.

Funny atmosphere



The older worker in a factory has special problems.

about this place? Noticed it, have you? It's no secret. We been took over. Works'll be shut down for good in the next three months or so.

Hardship, mate? Hit this place hard, I can tell you. Watch where I point. Him, him, him, him and him, over there. Five men, right? How much service you reckon they got between 'em? Nigh on two hundred years, mate. Forty years apiece. Where they going to get another job?

Miserable

And who's to say they could do it if they was lucky enough to get one? They'll get redundancy money, but what good's that in place of a steady job? The spendthrifts will blue it. The saver's hang on to it. Both'll end up miserable. What I call the "in-betweens" is going to be hit even worse.

Take Sid over there. Forty-five he is. Been here twenty year. Not old, forty-five isn't. But they all take some long-haired young layabout to a man what's used to a day's hard graft.

This redundancy ain't all that fair. Not for every-

body, I mean. Take me for an instance. I done fifty-odd year of graft Right? And what'll I have to show for it? Two weeks' wages plus a few odds and sods. Sixty-five and you don't work full time no more, fair enough. And if you can't work full time you can't be redundant on account of you can't work full time.

Not daring

They reckon as they're not doing you out of nothing. Which they're not legal-like. But fifty years? Good times and bad? Wage-cuts? Lock-outs? Sometimes having to do two day's work in one, just to keep your job? Getting pushed around and shoved about and not daring to say a word on account of there was a line of men at the gate just itching to take what was choking you? That's worth nothing?

Take Charlie over there. Come here eighteen months after I did. I showed him the ropes. Know what he'll cop when he leaves? Twenty weeks' basic pay, that's what. Between three and four hundred quid. And I won't

get buttons. I don't begrudge him, mind, I just wish my old man had been a bit slower off the mark, the way his was.

Plan? For the future? What future? Working-man's got no future, mate. All he's got is today. That's when the day's work's done and that's what earns the day's wages. Yesterday's dead-meat, tomorrow ain't born yet. Lives from one day at a time, a working-man does. You don't reckon as you'll ever stop working. Like dying, it is. Happens to somebody else, not to you. I got no plans made. See what happens, I reckon.

Your life

You work all your life. Fair enough. Your place, ain't it? But what does it all boil down to? You get just enough to grub along. To start all over again the next week, to be honest. Every quid you save you has to go without something to do it. Year in, year out. Boy to man to old man. What have you got? Your job, that's what. Part of your life? Not a bit if it. It is your life, mate. You got nothing else.

And what do they do when they got no more use for you? I'll tell you what they do—they take it away. Yes, they take your life away.

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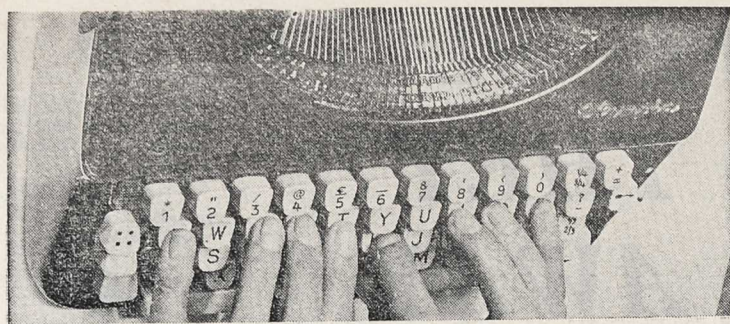
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'So useful at sea' -The typewriter from the sewing stable

by
Edyth Harper

Do typewriters and sewing machines have any connection?—Yes. The first marketable typewriter was produced by the American sewing-machine firm of Remington in 1873.

Early
models

had
floral

legs

and

worked

by foot

In 1714, Henry Mills patented a machine to write on paper. Progin, Burt and Thurber improved his invention but manufacture was too costly until an American postman, Charles Sholes, designed a model. He rashly sold the patent for £12,000.

The early "Remingtons" stood on tall legs decorated with floral iron scrolls. Worked by a foot-treadle, they cost £20, and were slow to capture the market. Remingtons advertised the new machine claiming that "pen paralysis, loss of sight, and curvature of the spine" could be avoided by using them, especially at sea!

Employers preferred to pay low wages to clerks who feared redundancy if machines entered the office. The Y.W.C.A. in New York however pioneered the training of girl-typists but British offices still banned such innovations. Girls would be in moral danger, said some, and women, of course, were less efficient than men.

Queen Victoria refused to look at anything that was typewritten. It was not until the end of her reign that the tap of typing was heard in the Palace when long-skirted, long-sleeved typists sat primly at their machines.

Sholes, the inventor, opened up a vast field of work that dramatically altered business methods—although he showed little business sense himself.

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Somerset's fair maids of February

What you call snowdrops depends a great deal on where you live. Somerset folk know them as Fair Maids of February. In Gloucestershire they call them Candlemas Bells. Mediaeval botanists referred to them as bulbous violets. In fact, it was not till Gerard's Herbal, first published in 1629 was revised four years later, that they were first mentioned by the name we know—the snow drop.

These charming early Spring flowers are found all over Europe. Natives of Greece, where they grow freely in the wild, they were described by Theophrastus three hundred years before Christ was born. At that time their roots were sought after to dress wounds. Gradually they came to be particularly associated with Mary, Mother of Our Lord.

A LEGEND

There is a legend which tells how, when Mary visited Elizabeth, her cousin, she had no gift to take her. Glancing back along the track she had followed, she saw clusters of tiny white flowers growing in her foot steps. Quickly she picked a bunch to carry with her, the first gift of snowdrops ever to be made.

Many beliefs are attached to snowdrops. It is considered unlucky to take them indoors before Candlemas Day. If you do so, someone is sure to die, but any amount can be put in vases after February 2nd.

Before the Reformation it was customary to decorate Church altars with snowdrops for Candlemas. Young girls, clothed in white, went in procession to the Church carrying these flowers for the altar.

St. Francis blessed the snowdrop for its message of hope. Certainly finding the first snowdrop in bloom is one of the most cheering things in Winter. Their French name, 'Perceneige' aptly describes the way the leaves stab upwards through soil and snow. To see them at their best indoors, stand the vase they are in, on a mirror. Then the pale green streaks inside the petals, and glowing orange stamens, show up.

Possibly the most charming legend of all about these little flowers is the one associated with Eve, when they earned another name of 'Eve's Comforters'.

According to this tale, Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden in Winter. The utter desolation outside the Garden caused Eve to weep. An angel, asking why she cried, was told she missed the flowers. With compassion, the angel caught some snowflakes in her hands, breathed gently on them and dropped them at Eve's feet. Immediately snowdrops sprang up to ease her banishment.

SPECIAL PLACE

Whether you bring them indoors, or enjoy a drift of white in the garden, snowdrops have a special place among our flowers. They give us hope for warmer days ahead and turn our thoughts away from wintry gloom to the prospect of seed-sowing and lawn-cutting and all the care that gardens entail. Perhaps we love them best for a lazy reason. Left alone, they delight in multiplying and give such a generous return for so little effort.

E.H.



Old timers knew a thing or three

If we are to believe some of the motoring hints dished out to enthusiasts in the pre-1914 era then a cake of soap held a place of honour in their toolkits. And I've one friend, who can now bear witness to its usefulness...

We were driving a heavily loaded mini van out on to the road at a point where there was no crossing made in the footpath. The van bumped rather heavily

down the kerb, and in the process a hole about a quarter of an inch diameter was punched in the bottom of his petrol tank. A hundred yards along the road my friend became aware of what had happened, stopped and got out to watch his nearly full tank

emptying itself on to the road in a steady stream.

My mind tends to dredge up the most unlikely bits of information from its dim recesses in times of crisis, and this time it said "Soap!" The stock remedy of early motorists for petrol leaks—though this was more of a torrent than

a mere leak.

Before very long I was grovelling underneath the back end of the mini trying to discover the right technique, and getting well washed in petrol in the process. The method which finally worked was simple enough: I broke off a small piece from a cake of ordinary toilet soap, kneaded it in my fingers to a ball the size of a marble and pressed it hard into the hole so that half of it

was jammed into the hole and the other half formed a sort of rivet head on the outside of the tank.

I told my friend the repair would get him home safely—a matter of ten miles or so. In fact there was a delay in getting a new tank, and he drove around for a week with no further trouble at all—just goes to show the old-time motorists knew a thing or two, or three!

BRIAN FAVELL.

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CAVERSHAM'S BLACK SPOT

WE PUBLISH THIS MONTH a photograph which shows how dangerous it is to cross Church Street from the corner of Hemdean Road by the Public Library to the new shopping precinct. The opening of the precinct naturally means that more people want to cross the road at this spot, and the opening of Thameside School makes it necessary for many primary school children to cross here on their way to and from school. The parking bay provided outside the group of new shops opposite the precinct brings an additional hazard as cars move out of this bay into the main road, and so obscure vision for pedestrians and motorists.

TWO BRANCHES OF THE TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, as reported elsewhere in this issue, have already made representations to the Town Hall for the need of a pedestrian crossing at this spot, and the Residents' Association have also made their views known. Until recently it was necessary for approval to be obtained from the Ministry of Transport before a pedestrian crossing was provided: this approval is no longer required and our Town Councillors cannot therefore blame delay at Whitehall for their own inaction in this matter.

The majority of the six town councillors who represent Caversham and Thames Wards do not even live in the borough of Reading. But one of the six actually lives in Caversham and is chairman of the Highways Committee. As chairman Councillor Stansfeld-Taylor has an obligation to see that the Highways Committee take action quickly. Two cases, one of them fatal have occurred near here recently. Do we have to wait for another before a pedestrian crossing is provided?

John Grimwade

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THE CAVERSHAM Bridge is glad to publish this appeal from a group of men who held office in the parish of Caversham while Canon Nash was Rector, and it is hoped that many readers will respond.

CANON HEWITSON NASH MEMORIAL FUND

Canon H. Hewitson Nash who died in November 1969 was rector of Caversham from 1943 until he retired in 1962. As a thank-offering for his ministry, and in order to keep his memory alive, it is the intention of those of us who served with him in the different districts of this parish either as warden or secretary of the Church Council, to establish a fund to help in the training of ordination candidates from this parish: some small plaque may possibly also be erected in the parish church.

We are convinced that a great many people have cause to be grateful for his faithful ministry and any contribution they care to send should be forwarded to the Treasurer, Mr. C. V. Burnside, at Langdale, Ilkley Road, Caversham, Reading. Cheques should be made payable to the "Canon H. H. Nash Memorial Fund."

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ALDERMASTON

by Roving Reporter

Events such as the Oberammergau Passion Play inevitably become commercialised and lose much of the atmosphere they wish to create. But there was nothing commercialised about the atmosphere at Aldermaston village church just before Christmas. As we strolled up through the lovely grounds of Aldermaston Court one frosty night, guided only by the light from the church porch, we could indeed have been on our way to Bethlehem to seek the precious gift.

The medieval York Nativity Play, which has now been performed there for 13 years, is, by its very simplicity, a joy to watch. Though the extremely good lighting effects owe much to the twentieth century, the play itself is performed much as it must have been in the fourteenth century.

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No, I don't suppose you would but that is what dozens of Caversham boys and girls do in order to give us our early morning news. Do we appreciate it? Well, one group of people who do and who realise the difficulties are the newsagents themselves. Which is probably why we met with such an enthusiastic reception when we called on them.

"It's about time someone mentioned them", said the daughter of Mr. Pearce of Gosbrook Road. "These youngsters have a lot to put up with".

"I'm amazed at the way they turn up so regularly", said Mr. Coulter of Woodcote Way. "The public should realise that many of these youngsters have to leave for school so early that it isn't easy for them to deliver papers in the time available".

One and all asked us to point out that it really is impossible to please everyone. Now that newspapers are so bulky it is often difficult to get them through letterboxes without tearing them; some customers object to them being left on the step, others prefer it.

On one day alone, said Mr. Kyle of Hodges at Emmer Green, a colour supplement accounted for an extra one and a half hundredweight which his boys and girls had to take out. Yet they seldom complain.

And, said Mr. Dent of Henley Road, they can never go on strike. He feels that, while we hear so much of the hooligan element, we don't get nearly enough publicity for children like these.

Mr. and Mrs. Aurthur of Kidmore Road, who are very pleased with their boys and girls, point out that they could probably earn more, with less effort, by doing a Saturday job. Yet they continue to turn up each morning.

It should not be forgotten that this is where many of them get their first experience of employer-employee relationship; it is where they first learn responsibility and loyalty. In almost all cases these relationships are extremely

recommendation, and are tremendously enthusiastic about them.

In George Street, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard were very keen to add their appreciation. In the 15 years they have been there they have employed very many youngsters: one of them is affectionately known as 'Grandad' since he is 17 and has been with them for three years.

The owners of the Corner Shop in Hemdean Road, Mr. and Mrs. Frostick, were very pleased indeed with the service they have and took the trouble to enter one of their boys for a recent national newsboys' competition. Like most of the others, Mrs. Frostick says that if you treat the children right they generally respond well.

Mr. Matthias of Martins Newsagents on Caversham Park Village, is very pleased with his boys who, he says, are very responsible.

Unfortunately Mr. Hunt, the manager of the other Prospect Street shop, had been there too short a time to add much, except that, as far as he can see, there are no complaints. And Mr. Newborough, on Caversham Bridge, says this year he has had the best bunch of youngsters he has had in the three years he has been there.

Almost all of these newsagents, particularly Mr. Kyle, said that the bulk of their customers were very understanding about the difficulties, but they did wish that the few who constantly complain about wet papers (how do you keep newspapers dry on a wet day?) unfastened gates and jammed letterboxes, would try to appreciate the problems which these boys and girls have.

We mention no names—one or two newsagents said that to do so would be unfair to those who, perhaps equally good, were not mentioned. But their appreciation was very sincere, and it is seldom that the 'Bridge' reporters have had such a happy task as this.



Photo: Evening Post.

Because the newsagents of Caversham felt all their helpers do a splendid job they found it hard to pick out people by name. The Evening Post, on the other hand, has a contest to choose the best Junior Agent of the year. There are over 30 junior agents in the Caversham area.

Congratulations to Quentin Curtis of 46 Mallock Road—for winning the award for 1969. His prize was a new bicycle. Up to a year ago he was Head Choir Boy at St. Andrew's. Quentin is also a member of Teen Action.

good. Mr. Kyle says that in his area the parents themselves co-operate extremely well; they not only ring up early to inform him of unavoidable absences, but often step into the breach themselves. This is true in other areas too.

Most of these boys and girls are only able to do the job for two years, between 14 and 16, though the byelaws vary in this respect, causing problems for some of Caversham's newsagents. Occasionally they come back to do Sunday mornings even after starting work. Mr. Pearce for instance, has one young man, now over 21, delivering in his own car, and another gentleman over 60 who has been coming from the other end of town to deliver papers for over 15 years.

It often becomes a family affair; Mr. Kyle has one family who have already supplied seven delivery youngsters and there are still another six to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeomans of Prospect Street, who took over in 1967, have one older girl working for them purely as a standby; she often copes, at a moment's notice, with two rounds. They employ six boys and two girls, mostly through



One of Caversham's many newsboys on his round—Sundays finds him serving at the Parish Communion at St. Peter's. Photo: Walton Adams.

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Education Programme.

Senior pupils at Queen Anne's School and The Grove School are getting to grips with the subject in various research projects.

Talks have been given to Caversham Rotary Club and the Thames Valley Round Table and will soon be given to one of the branches of the Townswomen's Guild.

The Lent ecumenical Bible groups with their general title—"God, Man and Human Need" will give Christians the opportunity to share in thinking about human need at its deepest level—man's spiritual need as well as his physical need.

Film being made.

The Ciné section of the Reading Borough Central Youth Club are making a brief 16mm film about Caversham. This will be available with some contrasting material—slides and a tape

recording—about the needs of the developing world. This education kit will be designed to last 20 minutes. It could be used in schools. It could also be inserted into the programmes of church and secular organisations without disrupting the

DIARY OF EVENTS

"Doubt and Authority"—Folk Concert. Suzanne Harris and Sydney Carter. 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5th. St. Luke's Reading.

St. Peter's Festival:

Flower Festival: June 27th-29th.
Concert of Chamber Music: June 27th.
Ecumenical Service as Preparation for "Mayday Week": Sunday, June 28th-6.30 p.m. Preacher: Bishop Trevor Huddleston.

St. Andrew's Summer Fair:

Saturday, July 4th—opened by Derek Nimmo.

Folk Evening in grounds of Queen Anne's School.

Wednesday, July 8th—Celebrities will include Humphrey Lyttleton and The Settlers Folk Group. Drama and Poetry Readings will be included in the programme.

Open-Air Meeting in Caversham Court:

Friday, July 10th, 8 p.m. Main speaker: Lord Chalfont, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

plans they have already made for the year. Bookings for the Mayday Week education kit should be made to the Organising Secretary, the Revd. J. Y. Crowe, 2 Blackwater Close, Caversham Park Village, Reading 75152.

Fundraising.

The St. Andrew's Summer Fair will raise money for a Christian Aid development project in British Honduras. The St. Peter's Festival and the Event in Queen Anne's School will raise money for an Oxfam development project and a Shelter rehousing project in this country.

Any money received over and above what is needed for each of these projects will be sent to the general funds of the charities for emergency work.

Mayday Week Shop.

A group of ladies throughout Caversham are planning to organise a shop to be open from June 29th—July 11th to sell good second hand articles and home made produce on behalf of Christian Aid, Oxfam and Shelter.

The shop will also sell literature about the needs of the developing world and an up to date selection of folk music. Ideas and offers to help? Please contact Mrs. Crowe (75152).

March preparation for Mayday Week.

Sydney Carter, who has written 'Lord of the Dance' and a large number of folk songs and modern hymns, and Suzanne Harris, the well known American folk singer, are putting on a joint programme with the title—"Doubt and Authority"—at St. Luke's church, Erleigh Road, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 5th. Through the medium of modern folk songs, poetry and discussion the programme will deal with the issues of man's future development.

Admission will be by programme—6/-, or 6 programmes for 30/- now available from the Rev. S. Dawson, 25 Ilkeley Rd. (72070).

Caversham Sign on 'The sign in'

We go to print too early to give full details about the interest aroused in Caversham over the National Sign-In on World Poverty. Anglicans, Free Church Men and Roman Catholics all attended a briefing session in Reading for this event and St. Peter's, where the signatures were laid on the altar at the Parish Communion on Christmas Day reports 146 signatures.



Photo: Evening Post.

The Settlers Folk Group at the Excel Bowling Alley on a recent visit to Reading. They will be singing at the Queen Anne's Folk Evening during Mayday Week.

Postbag

Dear Sir,

It is hoped that Thames Ward Voter (in January Postbag) deploring the emphasis being placed on world poverty is not typical of the average churchgoer. One of the most encouraging things about this campaign is that both those inside and outside the church are uniting to try to solve this problem and that each is looking at the other with new respect. Many who until now have regarded the church as irrelevant to present day life can now see it putting its belief into practice. Thames Ward Voter who apparently belongs to the Church should be proud that it is taking a lead in this campaign.

As to whether we can afford to help the poorer countries, we are one of the richer nations of the world, in spite of our balance of payments difficulties. The annual rise in our gross national product is more than the whole income of many of the poorer countries. It is nonsense to say that we cannot afford the sum necessary, not to support these poor countries, but to help them stand on their own feet.

The writer's remarks about being stabbed in the back somewhat suggests that he is living in a paternalistic past. We do not give money in order to buy respect or even gratitude but because we are all members of the human race.

I suggest that Thames Ward Voter finds time to do a bit of reading. The shilling Christian Aid booklets give background facts, and the British Council of Churches' report, World Poverty and British Responsibility makes challenging reading, though I rather gather that this voter does not much want to be challenged. However unless he wants to put people right off the church, he should refrain from expressing views such as he at present holds.

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Yesterday and Today

The firm started in Newbury in 1875 and moved to Caversham in 1902 to a site covering 8½ acres. During the 1939-45 War—fittings for Aircraft and Landing Craft formed a large part of the Company's output.

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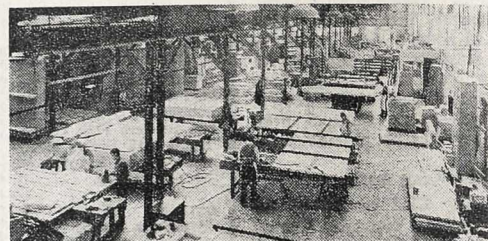
At present Elliotts is in the middle of a big reorganisation. New workshops have been erected which will make better use of the site—and allow Elliotts to release some space adjoining Patrick Road.

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Skilled Long Service

The firm employs about 350 people—40 of them being office staff. The majority live locally. Elliotts have always had a good name for training, and at the present time there are 30 apprentices and trainees at the company.

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J.Y.C.

WEEKEND WITH HORNETS

The performance of Govett), this time respect- "Rock-a-bye Sailor" at ably married but still in dis- Mapledurham Memorial grace with Emma Hornett, Hall at the beginning of Albert's mother-in-law. The December just missed the episode could also be described as "A weekend with SHAM BRIDGE. Although the Hornets". It is simple and late, I think it is still worth funny and the audience loved recording that the Maple- it. Unfortunately, the girls— durham Repertory Association was right in staging this sequence to "Watch it in the background and all Sailor," especially with the the glory went to Kathleen Bubb, Eileen Wake and Albert Wake—the Hornett trio. Patrick Ross, as secretary to the Secretary to the Royal Highness, seems to be well cast in these kind of roles; they suit him. The production was by Kathleen Lacey.

"Rock-a-bye Sailor" is hardly a story. It is part of a serial—like "Doctor in the house"—an episode in the life of Albert Tufnell, A.B. (Michael Gandon) and Carnoustie Bligh, A.B. (Richard

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CHARLES PEPPIATT

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Somewhat belatedly we would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Charles Peppiatt, a much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, who died in November after four years in hospital.

41 YEARS

Mr. Peppiatt lived in Caversham for 41 years; he and his wife moved into 153 Henley Road when the house was first built.

VETERAN

A first world war veteran, Mr. Peppiatt was discharged after being wounded in France; he then joined the territorials until 1936. He worked for the Southern Railway for 45 years, retiring when he was nearly 67.

HIS GARDEN

One of his greatest interests was gardening and he was always pleased to show off his garden to visitors.

THEY READ THE LESSONS

Members of many clubs who contribute monthly to this feature provided readers at the annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols that was held in St. Peter's on January 4th. The presidents of Caversham Heights and of Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guilds (Mrs. V. Birtwhistle and Mrs. A. Smith), Mrs. D. J. Green, President of Rosehill Women's Institute, and Mrs. D. E. Gillings a member of Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild were among the readers. Other readers were drawn from members of Caversham and Reading Rotary Clubs and of Round Table.

Blagrove Women's Institute

The combined birthday and Christmas Party was held on December 2nd at the gaily decorated Memorial Hall.

Mrs. Wright welcomed all guests including visitors from neighbouring institutes.

Birthday posies were distributed. After the business

LARGE FAMILY

The youngest of a large family, Charles Peppiatt was himself the father of ten children, six of whom survive him.

ROUND THE CLUBS

the party commenced with entertainment provided by the Whiteknights T.G. Music Group who gave a most delightful variation of songs old and new, members joined in with real party spirit.

An appetizing tea was provided by the committee who were the hostesses and the birthday cake was made and iced by Mrs. Wright.

After tea competitions were entered into with great enthusiasm carols were sung by the group and members which concluded the afternoon's entertainment. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Lacey.

The handicraft stall run by Mrs. Plumridge and Mrs. Taylor was well patronised raising about £32 for institute funds, many thanks to all members who helped to make this so successful.

The competition for an Xmas decoration was won by Mrs. Sholl 1st, Mrs. Goodall 2nd, Mrs. Moore 3rd, the decorations were used for the tables during tea, making it a very festive occasion.

Rosehill W.I.

The President, Mrs. Green,

opened the December meeting and welcomed visitors. After the routine business had been completed, the meeting was handed over to the members.

Mrs. Keeling, a member, gave a demonstration of the attractive Christmas table decorations which she had made from such everyday items as potatoes, baco-foil, and twigs and foliage from the garden.

The competition for Home Made Sweets was won by Mrs. Record, the runners-up being Mrs. Ellingham and Mrs. Currie.

Mapledurham W.I.

A very enjoyable Christmas Party was held at the December meeting. Alex Stelling made a superb Christmas Cake and Marjorie Waddell performed some very intriguing conjuring tricks. A presentation was made to Mrs. Skinner, who was thanked for her work as a convenor for the past three years.

The Jubilee Club, Mapledurham

Although the Club's Christmas party was held early this year, the festive spirit was there in plenty. Children came from Mapledurham Church Primary School, sang carols and gave

everyone a calendar which they had made in class. Tea followed. The tables looked most attractive with crackers, candles and gifts decorating them. The Christmas cake, a wonderful gift, was much admired by the many Club members who were able to attend the meeting.

Emmer Green

Townswomen's Guild

Not even a wet night and the school locked and barred against us marred our social evening in December. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver entertained us with a history of Gilbert and Sullivan illustrating their talk with songs. In spite of last minute absence of one of the Drama Group they gave a very creditable performance of "There's a fortune in it." By the sale of Christmas decorations the Art and Craft Group raised £4 12s.

The speaker at our monthly Meeting, Mr. J. M. Stack, a Welfare Officer at a large factory, gave us the benefit of his experience regarding the hardship and injustices caused when people fail to make a will. His advice was to get used to making a legal will when young and see it is kept up to date.

At the Meeting Members approved a letter to be written by the Secretary to the

Town Clerk and to Councillor Stansfield Taylor stressing the urgent need for a pedestrian crossing in Church Street, Caversham, to link the new shopping precinct with the Library.

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

The speaker at the December meeting was Mrs. M. Munday. Her subject was 'My Family of Dolls.' It is certainly a large family numbering 600 and still growing. Two hundred and fifty of them were shown to members, each with an interesting story. The 'Family' began 9 years ago when Mrs. Munday's daughter was 10. Dolls from abroad were given to her by relatives who had travelled. Then a wonderful surprise gift of a Russian doll from Mr. Kruschov really started the now famous collection of dolls antique and modern from all over the world, including a French fashion doll 100 years old. A very pleasant afternoon concluded with the singing of carols led by the Music Section. A pot plant was presented to Mrs. E. Goodworth who acted as accompanist.

The chairman, Mrs. A. Smith, reported that representation had been made to Councillor A. Goodman concerning the dangerous traffic situation opposite the St. Martin's precinct in Caversham. He had promised that the matter would be placed on the Agenda of the next General Council Meeting on December 12th.

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Fifty years ago the form of the class meeting still made demands that could terrify the fledgling member; it expected extemporaneous prayer, frank unobscuring of personal matters, confession of sin and testimony to the power of God.

Yet the cellular organisation of the Methodist movement was almost its greatest strength. During the Anglican-Methodist Conversations it was cited as a valuable feature of Methodism that the Church of England might adopt; nevertheless in most districts the class meeting has for some time been struggling for survival.

At Caversham Heights the class meetings flagged some years ago but were revived during the present decade. Now they are largely the occasion for providing, as one class leader put it, "the opportunity of deep, intimate fellowship which can be found in a small gathering, and of discussing such things as our belief or otherwise in Heaven and Hell and the meaning of the Cross."

During the past year one class has been studying the parables of Jesus; another theological pamphlets by Dr. Sangster and books of Dr. Leslie Weatherhead such as 'The Christian Agnostic'. Undoubtedly class meetings make members feel that they really 'belong'; they can be, in the words of another class leader, "a powerhouse for the Holy Spirit by which members are upheld in their faith and social work and moved to commend their Master to others".

Perhaps the hardest task that the class leader faces is to build up an atmosphere where discussion can be uninhibited; people are always apprehensive how much and how deeply the articles of their faith can be questioned without the whole structure tumbling about our ears. The class meeting cannot neglect new thoughts on morals and ethics, but it is difficult not to approach them, not least those of Dr. Robinson, with a

brave show of open-mindedness but a mind already made up.

But however warm the fellowship and purposeful the discussion, there remains the question of whether the present character of the class meeting will be appropriate to the Seventies.

J. Arthur Rank would see the class meeting become more outward looking, and is producing a series of 'talking point' films with which he hopes to encourage church people and their friends from outside the church to join in 'home fellowships' and find inspiration in mutual discussion of the issues that his films raise.

Whether or not there is appeal in this evangelical approach, the scheme does present classes with the challenge of re-examining their role and planning their activities to perform it.

AN EVENING WITH MAUD

'Maud's Reading' is the title of the talk that Mr. W. H. Tee, Reading's Town Clerk, will give to the Caversham Heights Methodist Church Guild at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 10th February 1970. Maiden aunts, writes Mr. Tee, have always been well known for their generous gifts, but it remains to be seen if Reading will consider that the gift of 879 square miles and a population of 794,000 by her new Aunt Maud is generous or otherwise.

The Guild extends a warm invitation to all interested residents (denomination no object!) to hear Mr. Tee discuss the pro's and con's of what Auntie has in store for us.

SQUASH UP AT COLLEGE.

Christmas saw the usual southerly migration of ex-Young Peoples Squash members from the rigours of northern study, and some were ready to disclose their hopes and fears for 1970 and comment on the term past.

'Spence' Hollingum, in his first year of electrical engineering at Birmingham, looks forward to establishing himself in a flat where he fondly imagines study will be so much more congenial than in chilly digs. He complains, but with little bitterness, that relentless work has even prevented him joining a demonstration in favour of hotter gas fires.

Russell Kirby, in his final year of chemistry at Manchester, lives in hall, where his will to work has to overcome not cold but noise—and the coffee pot! More than fifty members of the Christian societies, he reports, took part in the demonstration against Springbok apartheid, but, he declared somewhat cynically, only the social studies students have time on their hands to demonstrate for less critical causes. Russell hopes next year to proceed to a Ph.D.

Ingrid Caddy, on the other hand, who completes this summer her drama orien-

tated course at Bretton Hall College of Education, plans a VSO year before settling down to introduce Pinter into the Primary School. Bretton Hall, she observes, has found little time for demonstrations except for more pay for teachers!

Footnote: the Squash, demonstrating in favour of Christmas, collected no less than £36-10-0 for the National Children's Home in three nights of carol singing, and are very grateful to their captive audiences in Caversham for their generosity.

Bangers and Mash with the Young Wives

Encouraged by the success of their bread and cheese lunch in September, the Methodist Young Wives announced a hot lunch on the second Saturday in December. The hall in Ardler Road was comfortably full, 70 customers arriving at various times from twelve o'clock onwards, and the service was smooth, quiet and cheerful. Soup, sausages and creamed potatoes, mince pies—not only was it good food, but the occasion for friendly conversation, and it is hoped that such events may be held from time to time in the new year.

Bouncing Methodist

Methodists at Gosbrook Road rejoiced with Society Steward Peter Stephens and his wife Joy at the birth of a son, Philip David. The baby weighed 7½ lbs. Peter is also Youth Leader and Youth Council Secretary, and Joy, besides helping with the Youth Club, has been active in a number of other parts of the life of the church.

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Toy Services

Two car-loads of toys were driven away from Ardler Road after the Annual Toy Service of the Methodist Sunday School. They were going to brighten Christmas for children under the care of the Berkshire County Council, having been received by a representative of the Children's Officer. Scholars acted a play entitled "The Reporter," written by the Superintendent, Mr. Ray Hodgkinson and his wife Jean. Children also sang Geoffrey Ainger's carol "Mary's Child." A collection was made for the National Children's Home.

Another large contingent were taken from St. Peter's to the Chiltern Nursery Training College after the usual popular Christmas Eve service. This year the candle on the Christmas tree was lit by Mary Hargreaves and her brother Edward read the lesson at the blessing of the Crib. The collection which amounted to over £10 was given to Christian Aid.

Village or New town

Referring to the centre of Caversham as 'the village' often raised a smile, yet until recently still retained something of the atmosphere of a village. All that is gone now. The ever increasing number of cars combined with the opening of the new shopping precinct has turned it into a busy and noisy shopping centre. As the editor said in the December issue, it is no longer the place to stop for a chat.

The Gas Showrooms and the Green Shield Gift Shop, attract so many people to Caversham who find it difficult to park near the Reading premises. Of course this brings trade to Caversham, at least to the shops in the precinct. Very few are prepared to take their lives in their hands to cross over to the older established area of Caversham.

Church Street will become not less but more busy as time goes on and the recent fatal accident that occurred there will be followed by others. A pedestrian crossing will not solve the problems brought about by this enlargement of the centre of Caversham but its need is rapidly becoming more urgent with the increased traffic and the precinct a fait accompli, whether we like it or not.

Meanwhile we can only welcome the new shopping centre being built at the Emmer Green end of Caversham Park Village where the real need for extra shops has long been and where the road pattern will not produce the same chaos experienced in the village!

M.C.

LENT 1970

Plans are now complete for launching ecumenical Bible study groups on an even bigger scale than was the case last year. In 1969 over 300 people, Anglican, Free Church and Roman Catholic were involved in more than thirty groups in different homes throughout Caversham. The success of these groups was such that it was obvious that many people wanted further ecumenical Bible study this coming Lent.

SPECIAL COURSE

In 1969 a choice of different subjects was made available and notes were provided by the Bible Reading Fellowship. For 1970 two of the Anglican clergy, the Methodist minister and a Baptist layman have written a special course entitled "God, man and human need." Ash Wednesday falls on February 11th and it is hoped that the first meeting of the groups will take place in the week beginning Monday, February 16th.

TRAINING SESSIONS

To help leaders two training sessions have been arranged—the first at St. Andrew's Hall on Friday, January 30th, and the second at Caversham Free Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 3rd—both at 8 p.m. Anyone will be most welcome at either of these meetings and the five session course will be explained on those evenings to those who are willing to act as leaders.

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At the December meeting of the District Committee a report was received on the state of the organ. No work has been done on this for over twenty years: the electrical equipment is in a very poor state and the organ is badly in need of a major overhaul and clean. Unless this can be done in the course of 1970 it is probable that the instrument will soon be unplayable: already when the electricity load increases during the course of Sunday mornings some notes are completely out of action. The District Committee, faced with the need to find £1,200 for this work agreed to give it fuller consideration at their next meeting when the 1970 budget is considered. The bellringers also reported that the bells would be unsafe by 1972 unless repairs are undertaken which will also cost in excess of £1,000. The likelihood of there being money available for this work seems at the moment extremely unlikely. At the same meeting a working party was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the publicity and refreshments in connection with the forthcoming flower festival which is to be St. Peter's contribution to Mayday week. The flower arrangement will, as previously announced, be undertaken by the Thames Valley Flower Club.

Mrs. Richards who came home from Australia in February after the tragic death of her husband in a car smash has now gone back with her four boys to Australia. During the ten months that she and her family were with Mrs. Richard's parents in Blenheim Road they made many friends, and they will be much missed. They take with them the good wishes of many at St. Peter's as they return to Australia.

Holy days. February 2nd Feast of the Purification. Holy Communion at 8 p.m. (Corporate Communion for members of the Mothers' Union). February 11th Ash Wednesday 7 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. The Parish Communion.

No half crowns. The virtual elimination of the half-crown as a coin did not reduce the Christmas day collections at St. Peter's; instead there was a substantial increase and the new 50p coin was much in evidence. The collection at the Midnight service amounted to £47 on behalf of Christian Aid and the morning collections brought £71 for the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Congratulations to Julia Woolley who at Christmas announced her engagement to Nigel Stanbrook.

Welcome back. Their many friends in the congregation are glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Barry Martin (plus Paul) back in Caversham, after three years at Newbury; their new address is 33 Valentine Crescent.

Party Time at St. John's

Pre-television times were re-called at St. John's when members of the congregation enjoyed a Christmas party that re-called the old days of do-it-yourself family entertainment. Accompanied by Mr. R. Jackson members of the choir sang carols, and Corinne Turner and Nicholas Tipton played the flute. An excellent supper was followed by dancing and games. Much of the success of the evening was due to the organiser and compere, Mr. J. Houghton.

More departures. A healthy community needs people who will make time to serve that community. Two such people, Mr. and Mrs. W. Evans have now moved to Maidengrove near Henley. For the past fifteen months Mrs. Evans has been the East Caversham area manager for the Bridge scheme of Social service and she and her husband will be much missed in that part of Caversham. They take with them the best wishes of many people for their future in a new neighbourhood.

ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

Church Council meets twice in December

It is unusual for the Church Council to meet twice in the same month but two important topics formed the main item of the agenda at two meetings in quick succession. At the first Mr. Arthur Peacock, the Borough Youth Officer addressed the Council; consideration was given to the way in which younger members of the congregations can share in the life and worship of the parish, and Town Hall-Church relations were discussed. The members of the Council much appreciated the opportunity of meeting Mr. Peacock, and after further discussions between him and the clergy it is hoped that there may be some fresh developments regarding youth work in Caversham. At the second meeting the working party on Christian stewardship which had met under the chairmanship of Mr. W. A. Vincent presented its report, and this was adopted unanimously. The principal recommendation was that a further stewardship development campaign should be held in 1971. This will be comparable to the campaign held in 1966 but a professional company is not to be employed; instead the assistance of the Diocesan Stewardship Adviser will be enlisted.

Engagement of Caversham organist

Mr. Michael Dare organist of St. Barnabas, and formerly assistant organist at the parish church has recently become engaged to a fellow teacher, Miss Beryl Clark. Miss Clark's parents live at Basingstoke but she teaches and lives in Reading. Mr. Dare and Miss Clark hope to be married this summer at St. Peter's.

Statistical round-up

Last year heavy snow reduced congregations at Christmas—this year a 'flu epidemic meant that many people were in bed. Communicants on Christmas day totalled 1,159, the smallest for many years: St. Peter's and St. Barnabas recorded an increase on last year (though fewer than 1967) and the other districts a decrease. Communicant figures for the whole year showed a decrease of 1640 compared with 1968. There was a small increase at St. Peter's but a fall elsewhere: the most serious decline was at St. John's where communicants have fallen from 6,596 in 1965 to 4,240 in 1969, and for the first time the figure at St. Barnabas surpassed that at St. John's. There were 62 weddings (70 in 1968) and 78 baptisms (64 in 1968). The number of people confirmed fell from 58 to 40, but a larger number are now receiving instruction for the confirmation in May. Although Church life may be more vigorous in Caversham than in many parishes these figures leave no room for complacency, more especially as the population of the parish is increasing weekly.

MAPLEDURHAM NEWS

The annual carol concert in Trench Green Hall, despite the departure of its founder, took place again this year. There was a varied programme of readings, poetry and carols, presided over by Mr. John Sholl. In addition there were two noteworthy carol singing parties, which seemed to capture something of the spirit of Christmas, and so enrich it for others. One was a group of girls, who accompanying themselves on guitars went carol singing in support of Shelter. The other was a group built around the children in St. Margaret's choir, supported by their families and friends, these were collecting for the Jubilee Club. In their case the musical accompaniment was provided by a group playing recorders. These parties really did add to the celebration of Christmas.

Coffee and Creche on Sundays
Members of the congregation can now be invited to Mapledurham Church House any Sunday morning after the Parish Communion for coffee, tea or squash and biscuits on their way home. It is realised that some will not be able to stay more than a moment, while others may wish to stay longer talking to their friends. Everybody must feel free to come and go as they please. In all families there is a period, when one simply cannot bring one's children to church — though this

period is shorter than most people realise. An effective solution is for parents and others to run a creche between them, taking it in turns to look after the children so setting the other parents free for worship. If sufficient parents would support it, Mapledurham Church House is available for a creche. Please will those interested get in touch with Mrs. J. Stevinson, 222 Upper Woodcote Road, 71605.

Musical Evening for Shelter

The Rev. Roger Packer, Priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's, and Caversham's Methodist minister, the Rev. Terence Harris are combining on Friday, February 6th at 7.45 p.m. with a concert at Caversham Heights Methodist Church in aid of Shelter. Mr. Packer will give an organ recital and Mr. Harris will be singing some folk songs. Admission will be by programme — price 2s. 6d.

MARIAN GROUP OF ST. ANNE'S

The Marian Group held its December meeting in the home of one of its members at Emmer Green. Mrs. Bannon and Mrs. Barnes, members of St. Barnabas congregation, brought along a magnificent collection of Christmas decorations, and demonstrated how these could be made simply and cheaply at home. Refreshments were served.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, FEBRUARY, 1970—SEVEN

ST. ANDREW'S NEWS

Christmas Appeal

For the second year in succession the collection at the Christmas Services was given to the Church of England's Children's Society. In spite of the fact that numbers of communicants were down when compared with 1968, the collection went up from £55 2s. to £63 15s. Many thanks to all who contributed.

New Ideas

At a recent meeting of the Sunday School Teachers a number of new ideas were discussed and will be adopted during the course of this year. In general it was felt that the children of the Sunday School should play a much greater part in their own worship. With the help of their teachers, therefore, the children will be encouraged to write their own prayers. At this year's Family Service on Mother-

ing Sunday as many children as possible will take an active part. Later in the year it is hoped to produce a Sunday School Magazine.

Christian Aid

The 1970 Summer Fair will be St. Andrew's contribution to Caversham Mayday Week. It will be held on Saturday, July 4th. The proceeds this year will be sent to a Christian Aid agricultural project in British Honduras. In particular it is hoped to raise enough money (£400) to buy a three furrow disc plough and a cultivator. After considering several projects from various parts of the world, the District Committee were attracted to this one on the grounds that very little is heard about the needs of Central and Southern Americas. Further details about the project itaged to write their own self and the running of the Fair will be given in due course.

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THE MISSA NORMATIVA

In his Advent Pastoral Letter, the Archbishop of Birmingham went out of his way to ask us to be patient over the further changes which have been made in the liturgy of the Mass; and to try to understand the reasons for them.

As reported in the Catholic papers, these changes when inaugurated in Rome received a certain amount of opposition. The "new" Mass became effective in France at the beginning of December, and in conservative Spain it has been welcomed by the majority of Catholics. As we are due to start it in this country on the 15th February, I thought I would try to find out a little more about it.

Having talked to a religious, I understand that the changes have been made in order to simplify the structure of the Mass so that the various parts can be seen more clearly. This is evidenced by a clearer separation of the Liturgy of the Word from what follows. This is something the Anglicans have always done and is also seen in the Greek Orthodox rite. This seeming innovation is in fact a return to the primitive practice of the Roman Church. It can therefore be seen as being more in tune with other liturgies, even so far apart as Baptist or Greek Orthodox. As has been evident for some time, there will continue to be emphasis on direct participation by the congregation.

In the "new" Mass greater stress is laid on the position of the celebrant and congregation as sinners before

their Creator from the initial Act of Penance onwards.

SOME OF THE ACTUAL CHANGES

On Sundays and Feast days there will be three readings from the Bible:—

- (1) *From the Old Testament, (a field somewhat neglected hitherto by R.C.'s).*
- (2) *An extract from one of the Letters of the Apostles.*
- (3) *An extract from one of the Gospels.*

The whole scheme of the readings has been revised so that the whole Bible, (Old and New Testaments), will be covered in three year cycles, as I believe has already been the practice in Germany. On weekdays there will be only two readings.

Each of the readings now ends with "This is the Word of the Lord". To this the people reply either "Thanks be to God", or "Praise be to Thee, Oh Christ!"

Another change is that the Kiss of Peace is to be given throughout the congregation, although the precise form is to be determined by the individual hierarchies. I believe in Germany they cross arms and join hands as in "Auld Lang Syne"—all very jolly. I foresee possibly some resistance here from the stolid Anglo-Saxons.

I had always wondered why other denominations ended the Lord's Prayer with "For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory". It is therefore interesting that in the "new" Mass, after the Lord's Prayer, a slightly altered version of the "Liberate Nos" follows, (from which Peter,

Paul and Andrew have been banished), and at the end of this the congregation replies "For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory".

INTERESTING ESCHATOLOGICAL NOTES

- (1) *The acclamation after the Consecration: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again".*
- (2) *The new ending to the "Liberate Nos" is "Expectantes beatam spem et adventum Domini nostri Jesu Christi." (At time of writing, the English version is not yet finalised).*
- (3) *At the Communion when the Priest says, "Behold the Lamb of God", this contains an invitation to Communion when he adds, "Beati qui de cenam Agni vocati sunt".*

I am afraid all my hopes of once more having a nicely bound Missal with everything relevant in it are dashed forever; it would seem the complete liturgy of the Mass will be far too bulky to be contained in one volume.

(*Eschatological: pertaining the Four Last Things, i.e. Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. I had to check this and in case some of you might need to give this note).

CAVERSHAM PARK VILLAGE

Christmas Eve Carol Service

10.30 a.m. on Christmas Eve saw some 10 adults and 20 children crowded into 2 Blackwater Close for a brief carol service. There was room for more people—and it is hoped that next year with a bit more publicity there will really be a full house. The carols included a couple by Sydney Carter. Children read the lessons. Coffee and squash were served after the service.

Enquirers' Group

A monthly "no holds barred" discussion group has met on a couple of occasions. About a dozen people have met together on each occasion. The group is open to newcomers who may or may not have any church allegiance. The aim is to enquire into and discuss any aspects of the Christian religion which are of interest. So far the questions dealt with have been "Christianity—relevant to every day work?" and "Does the Welfare State make the Church irrelevant to the life of the community?" Anyone interested in joining the group should contact the Rev. J. Y. Crowe (75152).

House Communion

10.30 a.m. Ash Wednesday, February 11th, and Wednesday, February 25th.

MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 11th December, 1969. The Vice-Chairman of the Council, Mr. E. F. Dawe presided at the meeting.

Arising from the proposed development at Cliff House and Ridge Hall, Upper Warren Avenue, the Parish Council are anxious the escarpment above The Warren should remain in one ownership and that it should be protected from any loose development. The County Planning Authority also share this view and now the developers of the site are prepared to dedicate the land to the Parish on condition that the trees and land are maintained to a reasonable standard, and also that it should remain an amenity space.

The Council were advised of the Henley Rural District Council's intention and proposals for areas in the Parish at

present without main drainage to be included in the system. The areas involved include Chazey Road and Upper Warren Avenue, and parts of The Warren. The Parish Council welcomed the proposals, but it appreciates that because of the various problems relating to such proposals it will be some considerable time before any work can commence.

The Council were pleased to support a Scheme dealing with Road Accident Emergency Care that has been launched by some 30 doctors in the Henley RDC area, with the collaboration of the police, ambulance and fire services. The Scheme is designed to save lives when death might otherwise occur after a road accident.

The Council have for many months been pressing the Oxfordshire County Council to impose a speed limit restriction in Hewett Avenue, Blagrove Lane and other roads in that vicinity. Unfortunately because of certain conditions that have recently been laid down by the Ministry of Transport none of these roads comply with these conditions.

METHODIST CHURCHES

CAVERSHAM

- February
- 1 Mr. R. S. Morris
 - Rev. T. R. Harris
 - 8 Rev. T. R. Harris (2)
 - Mr. B. R. Crawford
 - 15 Mr. W. S. Earle (3)
 - Rev. T. R. Harris (3)
 - 22 Mr. L. E. Scott
 - U.M.S.

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS

- 11-00 Rev. T. R. Harris (1)
- 6-30 Mr. D. P. Collinson
- 11-00 Rev. A. J. Badcock
- 6-30 Rev. T. R. Harris (2)
- 11-00 Mr. R. Davies
- 6-30 Rev. P. G. Jarvis
- 11-00 Rev. J. S. Stephens (3)
- 6-30 Rev. J. S. Stephens (3)

Notes: 1. Parade Service; 2. Holy Communion; 3. Home Missions; 4. University Methodist Society.

TRANS-ATLANTIC WEDDING



Photo: Walton Adams.

It was a very happy occasion at St. Peter's Church in December when Isobel Evans, daughter of Mrs. Isabella Evans of St. Anne's Road, married Gordon Seward, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Seward of New York.

Isobel, who trained in Glamorgan and received her N.N.E.B. in 1962, has lately been working as a children's nurse in New York, where she met Gordon.

He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and is now working with I.B.M. His family are very proud of their ancestor, William Henry Seward, Secretary of State under Abraham Lincoln. It was he who purchased Alaska for the USA, and it is interesting to learn that it was known for a long time as Seward's Folly.

Relatives and friends from America attended the wedding, at which the Eucharist was celebrated. Isobel, in crystal organza and carrying a posy of ivy and tea roses, made a very pretty bride. And her bridesmaids in dark green velvet with heavy cream lace collars and cuffs, made a particularly pleasing picture for a winter wedding.

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Why accidents

NATIONAL COMPASS, FEBRUARY, 1970—5

A method of research into road accidents has been developed which could allow first-hand information to be collected on the spot and bring together the engineering, medical and traffic aspects of the same accident.

This is the outcome of a detailed two-year survey carried out by the department of transportation and environment planning at the University of Birmingham, headed by Professor J. Kolbuszewski.

An accident research unit consisting of a mechanical and civil engineer, a doctor, a traffic engineer and a psychologist went to the scene of accidents, sometimes arriving at the same time as the police or ambulances.

The team, which covered accidents in city and rural areas, had the co-operation of police, hospitals and the motor industry. They studied the

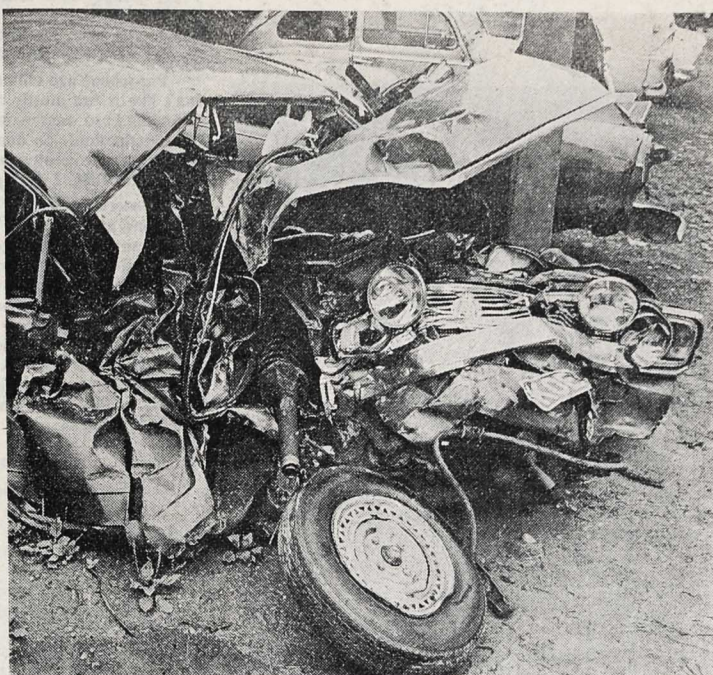
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causes of accidents and of the injuries involved.

Professor Kolbuszewski stated: "We cannot make any assumptions. We must examine and examine yet again, using true data on which to base our next moves."

This first phase has discovered that in the accidents studied a road user alone was at fault in 31 per cent of pedestrian accidents and the environment contributed to 69 per cent.

Nearly 40 per cent of vehicle accidents in urban areas were head-to-side crashes and excessive speed accounted for over twice as many accidents as excessive drink.



SIX NEW DISTRICTS DECIDE ON COMPASS

At a time when most Church publications are in grave economic difficulties we are pleased to report an upward trend in the circulation of *Compass* Newspapers helped by six new editions that have joined the group this year.

"New Life" was at one time an independent local Church newspaper serving the **Up Holland district of Lancashire** which has now decided to use the *Compass* pages. The new

look edition is a joint enterprise between local Anglicans and Methodists with an initial circulation of 1,200.

Four of the new editions have incorporated "Compass" into the name of their paper. One of them serves the industrial villages of **Somercotes and Riddings in the Erewash Valley of Derbyshire**. This was originally a coal mining area on the edge of sheep farming country but now most people are employed in light industry.

Compass Hartlepool is a Church of England paper distributed on a local council estate with a population of 8,000 and around the area of the old mission Church of St. Barnabas where there is a population of some 2,000. The area has a lot of light industry and the paper is taken out by a team of nearly 100 distributors.

Compass Preston covers the area of Penwortham and this edition put out by St. Leonard's Church has taken over from a traditional style parish magazine.

A large new Birmingham edition of *Compass* has been launched in the **Hall Green** district by the Anglicans and Methodists who are already working very closely together and share the same Church building. Their team put the first edition into no fewer than 4,000 homes.

The other new edition to serve **Boulton, a large suburb of Derby**, is called "Table Talk." The area has developed rapidly since the 1950's and most people round the area work either on British Rail or in Rolls-Royce.

As time goes on two things become increasingly obvious — that a growing number of people who are concerned with the Churches task of communicating with those who are not normally in touch with them, are turning to newspapers as the best way of doing it, and that in the face of rising prices an organisation like *Compass* Newspapers makes it possible for good local Church newspapers to exist.

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DISC CORNER

At home with folk style

Folk strings along easily with today's feelings for the down-and-outs. So the Church is at home with folk-style when it updates its concern for the world's hard-luck stories. A new release from the Church of England's Church Missionary Society is an eye-opening example.

"Go deep into human need," says the blurb leaflet about the two folk songs on this 6s. 7in. disc.

Pauline Filby, well-known coffee-bar singer, composed and recorded "I'm Hungry," a haunting plea for the love and meaning which feed man's deepest hungers. The Nigerian conflict sparked off this song and Pauline's deep, dark voice makes you feel the need, even though the words are hard to catch on occasions. The clever backing of guitar and string bass brings out the sad, rhythmic melody attractively.

DELIGHTFUL

The flip side is a collector's piece. None other than Nadia Cattouse is the the delightful and expert singer. And none other than John Taylor, General Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, is the composer.

The song is called "The Larder." The melody may not be very imaginative but who would want the theme of world poverty dealt with cheerfully. John Taylor takes a look at the food-stores of a rich man and a poor man, starting from the fact that the food-store is where Jesus told his first disciples to go to pray.

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Its success relies on the two people who present the 20 minute programme. They are two from a group of regulars so the children get to know them well. They are young and attractively warm and friendly, and wear the sort of interesting clothes that small children notice. Some have families of their own and most have trained as actors or actresses. They speak deliberately but never talk down or babyfy. They can sing, dance and play, and have to make, stick, and paint as well.

If it's Rick and Julie's turn to present Play School they say "Hello" and they may already be busy doing something, perhaps with "The Toys."

PERMANENT

The Toys are permanent members of Play School. There is Humpty who is large and cuddly looking, there are two bears Big Ted, and Little Ted, and two dolls Jemima, who is a rag doll, and Hamble an old-fashioned wax doll.

There are large blocks which are used as seats and tables and sturdy enough for very make-believe use—such as trains or drums or ramparts. Behind Rick and Julie are screens—some covered with paintings that are sent in by children who watch — and there's a big blackboard.

There is a set pattern for the week. Monday is useful box day. Tuesday is dressing up day. Wednesday is pets day. Thursday is ideas day. Friday is science day.

Within this pattern each day's Play School is created inside a firm framework so the very young can recognise

PLAY SCHOOL

by Diana Dewes

each part and know the little tunes that belong to them. Each item is very short and complete and just right for holding the attention.

First comes the calendar. It has a seasonable drawing and shows the day, the date, and the month. Then it's time for the weeks poem with a picture to illustrate the words.

On pets day all the Play School pets arrive—in a tank two fish called Bip and Bop, a cockatoo on a stand—Katoo, a pair of budgies Papina and Papino, white mice, and a gentle rabbit called Benjamin.

Music is important to small children and to Play School. Given an appropriate moment they'll pop in a song, sometimes to the piano or the guitar, all the pets have their signature tunes. And the clock which comes after the poem is introduced with music. The time is told on the clock and revolving below the clock is a turntable with tiny intricate models on it. Whatever little figures are on the turntable is the subject for the day's story.

MEMORABLE—DELIGHTFUL

Rick or Julie read it sitting in the "Story Chair" and making it live with the help of pictures or models or actions. There's a brief film before the end of Play School following the subject of the story. From a great variety of these some are very memorable — delightful ones about the postman, and a windmill, and moving house, and animals in winter.

And then Rick and Julie find that it's time to say goodbye.

If we could be allowed only one T.V. programme to take to our desert island, Mom, Helen 3, and Anna 1, would have no hesitation, we would unanimously take Play School.

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With expert manipulation (for the usual percentage I could help here) he could become the next British champion.

If it is true that boxing is only as healthy as its heavyweight division then British boxing is in the death throes.

Honest workman that he is JACK BODELL currently wearing the heavyweight crown, inspires like yesterday's lettuce. The man he beat for the championship CARL GIZZI, is as fearsome as DORA BRYAN wearing a feather mop.

LIKEABLE

When that most likeable of men HENRY COOPER won the title in 1959, not even the most ardent of his admirers thought that ten years would pass before he voluntarily relinquished it.

Modestly at the mouth, Uncle Henry is now preparing to hobble forth once more to restore the status quo.

With such ripe pickings one can't really blame the old warrior, but those of us with some sentimental attachment to the sport would be sorry to see him finally KO'd by a Mr. Anonymous, assisted by Father Time.

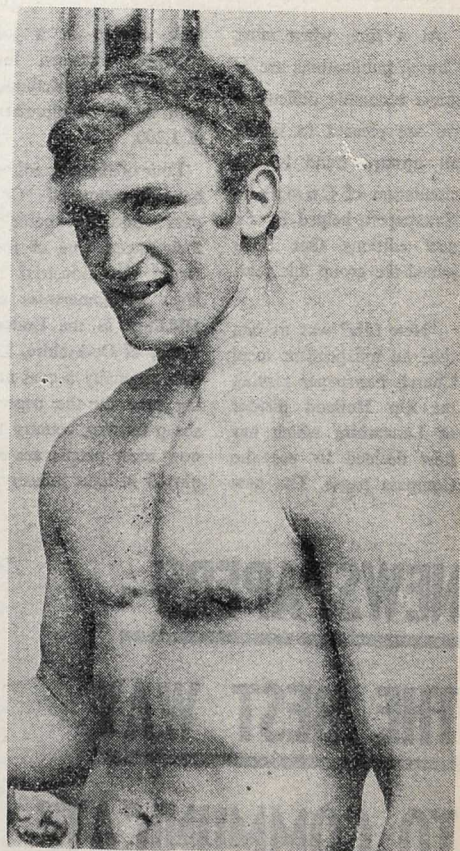
The opposition is meagre at the moment that we can anticipate with some degree of certainty a comeback by those two non-starters JOHNY PRESCOTT and BILLY WALKER, not to mention even BRIAN LONDON.

DETERRED

I am deterred from making the effort to get into some sort of shape myself only by the presence of one JOE BUGNER.

For a nineteen year old Mr. BUGNER looks a very capable young man—whose reaction to being hurt is two fisted and very much to the point.

They do say he is too good looking by half to be a champion—they said the same about GENE TUNNEY.



Joe Bugner

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HAIR—It's the long look now

All the trendy ones have grown or are growing their hair—and this applies to guys as well as dolls. Jack now spends nearly as much time and money on a hair cut as Jill does, and these days he goes for long back and sides at the very least.

Nearly all girl models, too, are long hair dolls. They know that the long-haired girl can play about with so many different styles—sweeping the shoulders, tied back with a gay bow or clip, or piled high for parties.

Long hair can look really dishy, but it can look just an untidy mess of lank rat-tails. If it's going to look really lush, long hair can't just be left to look after itself. It needs a load of care and attention.

Washing their hair and keeping brushes and combs clean are jobs that both guys and dolls can do for themselves. But one person they can't do without is a trained hair-

dresser to cut and trim. Hair grows at the rate of half an inch a month, so sooner or later every guy and every doll needs a jolly good trim and tidy up.

Buy the best shampoos, hair-spray and combs that you can afford. Poor quality ones can make the hair look dead and lank, and remember that greasy hair needs washing much more often than dry. What you eat also makes a difference to your hair. Too many greasy, fatty foods not only give spots on the face but they also make hair greasy and in poor condition.

A diet of meat, fish, eggs, butter, cheese and milk helps to produce healthy hair, and so do fresh fruit, vegetables and salads. Cabbage, onions and cauliflower help to give a gloss to the hair because they contain sulphur.

The average adult head of hair has between 90,000 and 140,000 hairs

on the scalp. Blondes reach the 140,000 mark because their hair is usually finer, while the red-heads having thicker hair come at the bottom of the scale. Don't get fussed if you gather a daily dose of hairs in your brush and comb. An average healthy head of hair loses 30—60 hairs a day.

YOUNG COMPASS approves of the longlook, but says, 'For Pete's sake see that your hair is lush and shiny.'

February and all that

And hark! how blithe the thrush sings!

He, too, is no mean preacher:

Come forth into the light of things,

Let nature be your teacher.

February is the month when the birds begin to mate—a good month to do a spot of bird watching. Start a Bird Calendar for the month of February. Note in it the different birds you can spot, and the dates when you first hear them singing. Cut out pictures of birds from magazines and stick them on your calendar. Artists could draw their own pictures of birds and colour them.

A reminder

If the weather is cold and icy, remember to put out crumbs for the birds, and a pan of water. You may have to clear the ice away each day and put out fresh water.

Would you believe it?

St. Valentine's Day (February 14th) was once a much busier day for the Post Office than Christmas. During Queen Victoria's reign the Postmaster General issued notices asking people to 'Post Early for St. Valentine's Day'. But by 'early' he meant early on the day before, and not as we have to do with our Christmas cards, at most ten days in advance.

Join the Valentine fun

Whatever your age you can join in. Get a thin card or sheet of good quality paper, and fold it. On the outer cover draw and colour a large red heart, or a pretty girl or a handsome boy. If you've got some narrow lace, stick it round the edge of the cover. Inside your Valentine write your message. Try writing it in verse. It can be funny or just sheer sloppy! Where to send it? Well, there's Mum, or some lonely old person, your boy friend, or your girl friend. It's more fun not to put your name on. Put a big question mark instead, and leave them guessing. And don't forget to put lots and lots of crosses below, for kisses!

Odd man out

In each of the following sets of words, one is a stranger. Which is it? (Answers in first column).

Israel, resale, Egypt, serial.
Opal, pearl, ruby, tiara, amethyst.
Golf, cricket, croquet, goal, ice-hockey.
Cautioned, education, auctioned, policeman.
Peach, plumb, apple, orange, banana.
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"I thought, Move over Lord, you've got competition," said Jack, "But it was the sort of thing they told me when I was made up to foreman. I doubt if my wife or neighbours would recognize the description!"

"They tell us often enough, 'You are the front line of management,' especially when there is something unpopular to do. It's certainly the place where the buck stops—it can't go any further!"

"But when we ask for recognition of the respon-

He's in the line of fire from both sides

sibilities we're told then that we're the bottom rung of Supervision, not really management at all!"

From 'the other side' he's the visible target, the worker gone over to the bosses' side, the object of the first onslaught.

He's the guy in the line of fire from both sides.

Harry, a union representative, made another point: "With all these mergers and changes a man needs to be heard. But we find ourselves in huge corporations where our position is ill-defined and our voices rarely heard. It makes us uneasy.

"Loyalty to the men who work for us, or loyalty to the boss has become a sick joke—who's going to be loyal to us? We've been left out in the cold in the middle of a

great power struggle."

So, supervisors have joined staff unions to try and find a voice.

"And look what happens! Most workers don't accept us as 'real' trades unionists—and most managers believe we can't be real members of management because we're unionists!"

They certainly are Aunt Sally — and they never know from which side the

next knock's coming.

That's how they feel anyway—and yet they know that their task is vital to industry.

DOORMATS

They could just let themselves be door mats outside the bosses' door for the stewards to walk over on their way to where the real authority is kept. It's almost comfortable that way. They can say "But I'm just doing as I'm told or I could have told you that, but who asks me? I don't make any decisions."

But most foremen are ready to be, if only they're allowed to be, maybe not the saints of our opening paragraph, but the "front-line of management", an "enabler" for the workers, a strong link in the chain, men with self-respect and yes, pastors to those they're responsible for.

I fancy they might think "Come here Lord Help me to be allowed to be a responsible man."



Kindly supervision from the foreman



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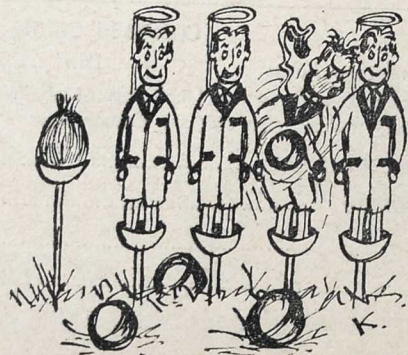
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