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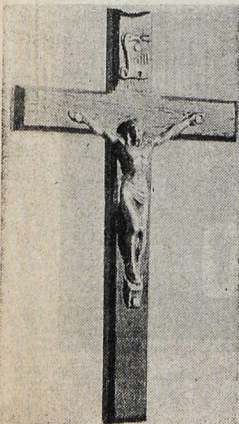
Round her neck this girl wears a replica of one of the most barbaric forms of execution the world has known. But would we accept it as normal if she wore an electric chair or gallows? No, we'd think her choice gruesome, horrible and grotesque.

Time seems to have robbed the cross of its enormity, and yet the Romans put thousands to death by crucifixion - including Jesus of Nazareth.

What must people have thought in the early days when Christians adopted the cross as their symbol? Perhaps they considered them kinky as well.

WHY DID THEY CHOOSE IT?

Only because the first disciples were convinced that Jesus was undefeated by execution. "He is risen" they said and only through their experience of Jesus alive-what we call the Resurrection-could they possibly have come to choose the cross as the badge of their faith.



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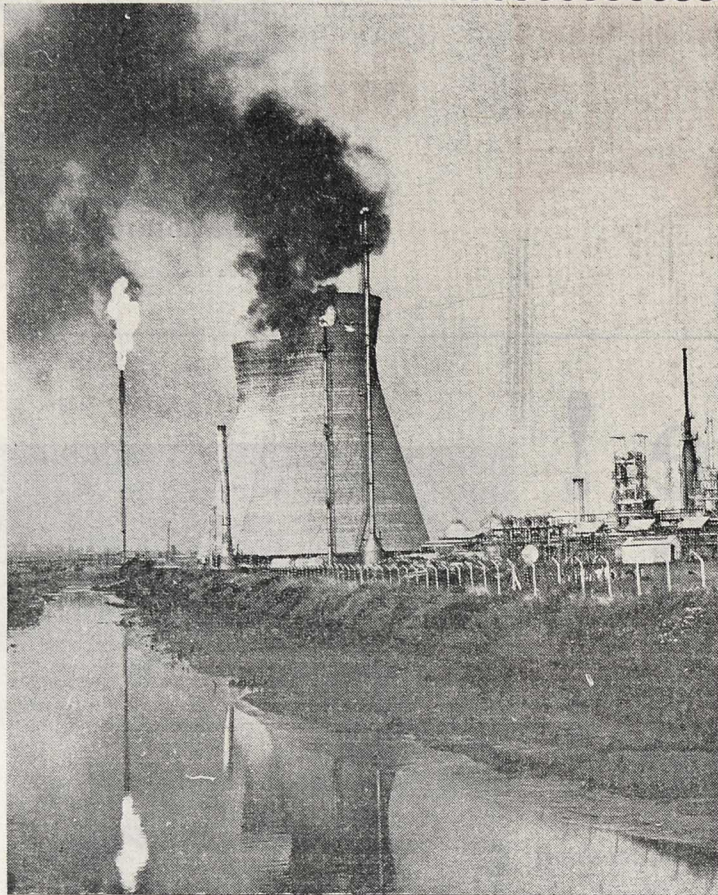
Have you noticed how the liberty of the individual is being steadily eaten away in our society? There seems to be a passion among government departments and voluntary societies of all kinds for stopping people from doing what they want.

In recent years there have been a number of laws about pollution—laws about clean air to stop you from burning smoky fuel in the wrong places; laws about litter to stop you from filling the streets with rubbish; laws about noise to stop you from deafening your neighbours.

Of course they are not always enforced. You can still see smoky chimneys and litter-strewn streets, and you can still be deafened by motor bikes, heavy lorries, and low flying aircraft. But it's the principle that matters. Whether the laws are enforced or not, why shouldn't I spread my soot, and refuse, and noise if I want to? What right have the authorities to interfere with my life like this?

LOT FURTHER

Now this is important because the interference is only just beginning. There is an organised campaign under way by a number of self-righteous busybodies to combat what they call the threat of pollution to our environment. This goes a lot further than smoke, lit-



MUCK IS SPREADING

The Charles Hodgson Column

ter, and noise.

It includes the discharge of sewage, the disposal of industrial waste, the use of pesticides and chemical fertilisers, the risk of oil tankers losing their cargoes at sea, and what to do with nuclear material when the electricity generating stations have finished with it.

They talk of pollution as a threat to mankind, something which could poison the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we eat. Unless, that is, it is controlled very quickly. That is the point. They want to interfere with our way of life for the sake of other people, mainly a generation not yet born. They also talk about pollution as a threat to wild life; they show pathetic pictures of dead fish or oil caked sea birds, and they give statistics about the likely disappearance of wild animals and birds.

Let us recognise this for

the sentimental rubbish it is. Look at the facts of life! If the farmers can make a bit more money by getting rid of the hedges, why should they worry about the birds which used to nest there? If my wife's favourite detergent washes whitest, why should we worry what harm it may do once it goes down the drain? So long as



I can do as I like and have what I want, the prospects for wild life and even the future of the next generation are not my concern. Live for now; let the consequences take care of themselves; and ignore the gloomy prophets who foretell disaster.

What it all amounts to is that they want to interfere with my liberty for the sake of the common good.

DANGEROUS

And that is a very dangerous attitude.

Because if you once start thinking about other people

if you once start changing your way of life to suit them

if you begin to accept some responsibility for someone else

to act out of consideration for them

If you once start thinking like that there is no telling where it will all end.

Conversion

Following the Rev. John Banks review of David Wilkerson's "Purple, Violet, Squish" we received the following letter from a Minister of the Elim Pentecostal Church.

Dear Sir,
Your book reviewer, John Banks, hopes that David Wilkerson doesn't think that conversion solves all problems.

If conversion is real, obviously it must have solved the addiction problem for the convert—or he is not converted. Therefore a final cure does not require "a lot of medical" help.

Having been to the main (Brooklyn) Teen Challenge centre, I can assure Mr. Banks that these centres are having a success so great that it will leave many incredulous. Converts receive no "soft" faith however nor

any medicine.

Mr. Wilkerson knows the importance of a new environment for these converts. But it is no more his job to change society in general than it is a psychiatrist's job to deal with the social and national evils that create psychiatric problems.

"Outlook" a local edition of "Compass" carefully avoids all reference to God, Christ or the power of the Gospel, as a rule. The first time it mentions conversion—a great New Testament doctrine—it attacks it. Perhaps Mr. Banks thinks conversion solves no problems at all?

GEORGE CANTY.

John Banks writes:

A character somewhere in one of Shakespeare's plays says, in an exasperated comment, "How absolute the knave is." No doubt Mr. Canty thinks this about me but isn't he guilty of the same sort of sweeping statements of which he accuses me? I asked the question whether conversion is enough; I did not "attack" it, or say I disbelieved in it. I do believe and preach it but I see it as a beginning not an end. I do not in fact believe a man to be soundly converted unless he does try to change the social order; a thing Mr. Canty seems to think is neither his business, nor the business of the psychiatrist.

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BATS AID THE BLIND

NATIONAL COMPASS, MARCH, 1970—THREE



Dr. John Armstrong observes as a blind person uses an ultra-sonic aid.

By Dee Dover

The blind, in the main, are an independent lot. They prefer to work rather than to receive social benefits. Even with the density of traffic they trot off to work, sometimes accompanied by a dog. They insist on education and cock a snook at the rest of us by reading their own Braille books and papers.

There are an estimated 113,000 blind persons in Britain today and most of them are determined to make it on their own.

One of the most recent scientific developments which it is hoped will give blind people greater mobility is the sonic aid. This is a small device which sends out a beam of ultrasonic energy, if there is anything in the beam's path it returns an echo. This is received by the blind person on a small instrument somewhat like a hearing aid.

SQUEAKS

Echo-location is the

method bats use to move around. Being nocturnal creatures they flutter around in the dark uttering high pitched squeaks and using the information which is echoed back to them to find their way.

IDEA

It was this knowledge which first gave Professor Leslie Kay, then of the Department of Electrical Engineering at Birmingham University, the idea of using a similar method of navigation for the blind. Under the auspices of St. Dunstan's Scientific Committee experimental work began. A device was developed by Ultra Electronics and by 1962 ten Sonic Aids were on trial.

There were many difficulties in the early stages and different schools of thought as to how the device could best be used. Professor Kay had taken up a post at Canterbury University in New Zealand and was working with the

aid mounted into 'hearing aid spectacles.' At St. Dunstan's they were training people to move with a 'hand held' device. The results varied. Obviously more field work was necessary before the aid could be made generally available.

MODIFIED

In 1967 St. Dunstan's gave a three year grant for research to be continued and Dr. John Armstrong of the Department of Psychology at Nottingham University was put in charge of the work. The ultra sonic device had been modified and it was decided to use this along with the traditional stick.

Most blind people now prefer the long cane which gives them a wide area of protection. Although objects at face level can still cause accidents.

After his initial laboratory tests and field trials Dr. Armstrong felt that a sightless person would gain maximum benefit from the sonic aid if it were worn on the forehead. This was found to give protection for the whole body.

The sonic aid is not just a gadget which can be clipped onto a blind person to give them 'eyes.' As with any other device they have to be trained. The sightless person has to know and understand the differing pitches of the echoes. Once the basic skills have been mastered the blind person can move around with greater safety.

Dr. Armstrong now has ten people who are being trained to use the device. He describes the results to date as 'very encouraging.' Dr. Armstrong already has one blind person walking from home to work using a sonic aid.

The development of

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Nobody should live on charity forever.

Christian Aid Week. April 13-April 18.

GIRL GUIDES ARE SIXTY

The colour film celebrating the Girl Guides' sixtieth birthday this year is called "Perpetual Spring." In 23 minutes it shows how trendy an oldster can try to be.

Accompanied by a gay theme song the cameras follow Guides putting their promise into up-to-date action all over the world.

Like other early-century uniformed bodies the Guides aim to modernise their organisation. Already a new "air-hostess" uniform with some new names and badges have polished up the appeal.

In 1970's Diamond Jubilee one new-look feature is the replacement of the 50-year-strong "Guide" weekly, with the new title, "Today's Guide."

President of the Association, Princess Margaret, has pinned the Diamond theme on its first number. She wrote, "Jubilee Year is the time for looking forward as well as back."

Seems Quaint

All the same the past is worth a look, even though it sometimes seems quaint.

Under Agnes, sister of Scouting-founder Robert Baden-Powell, "Girl Scouts" were launched in 1909, becoming Girl Guides in the following year.

Their first handbook, published in 1912, was entitled "How girls can help to build up the Empire" and their younger sisters were called "Rosebuds" before B-P himself suggested "Brownies" for little people who love fun and do good turns.

Quaint or not, the movement snowballed. There were 400 at the first rally, at Edinburgh in 1911 and 6,000 at the 1918 Hyde Park Rally. Now there are 6 million Guides in 87 countries.

Special interests

Rangers, Sea Guides and Air Rangers followed the parent body, catering for special ages or interests.

Today's Guides have two special links with the past. The first is the Chief Guide, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, B-P's widow, who has held this office since 1918. The other is the annual Thinking Day, joint birthday of the Founder and the Chief Guide, when all members of the movement exchange greetings.

A star-studded history; strong links with the past; an up-dated appeal. Diamond Jubilee year gives the Girl Guide movement a chance to see whether these can give it a real perpetual spring.

CAR SENSE
by Brian Favell

GOOD MANNERS

Easter for many years was the period when "weekend motorists" dug their cars out of cold storage, re-licensed them and ventured out on the road for the first time for six months. It was a time noted for maniac drivers: a time when the all-the-year-round driver kept off the road if he could.

Times have changed: there is not now such a marked difference between the carnage at the various major festivals. Nearly everyone now is an all-the-year-round driver: the trouble is that driving standards as a whole have gone down, while car performances have gone up.

When I first started driving in 1945 there were comparatively few vehicles on the road: petrol rationing saw to that. Speeds were leisurely. Although the 30 limit was nominally treated with disrespect, actual cruising speeds tended to be about 35 m.p.h. Anyone doing 40-45 could count on passing nearly everything on the road. If you overtook another car you waited until you were fifty feet or so ahead of it before pulling in.

Some time between 1950 and 1960 there was a very marked change. Cruising speeds became higher: almost overnight one discovered that doing a mere 40 meant being the slowest vehicle on the road. A mentality of "the weaker goes to the wall" began to be noticeable. The Ford Popular had to give way to the A30; the A30 gave way to the Rover.

The Sixties have become an age where good road manners are a liability. Over-takers—and undertakers—not merely swing past you at 50 in a built-up area but cut across into your lane before their rear end is clear. To maintain an adequate stopping distance between you and the vehicle in front is merely an invitation to someone behind to overtake and cut in front of you. To maintain a legal speed, or a safe speed in bad conditions, is merely to invite abuse.

Years ago cars were the toy of the well-to-do and the hobby of enthusiasts. Good manners were part of the game. Now cars are everybody's plaything: a means of self-expression (devils jargon meaning the self given right to do as one pleases, and to hell with the rest of the world).

But cars are now also necessary; we have to learn to live with them and control them, instead of being controlled by them—which means that we have to devise workable rules for their use, and learn to abide by those rules when they work against us. Now is none too soon to start.

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Sydney Carter, poet and writer.

Photo: Janet Kerr.

Sing for their supper

SONG COMPETITION.

Budding song writers should start racking their brains for the "Caversham Mayday Week" Song Contest. Entries will be accepted up to the end of March, and should be sent to either The Rev. J. Y. Crowe, 2 Blackwater Close, Caversham Park Village—or the Rev. Fred Dawson, 25 Ilkley Road, Caversham.

Words and music are wanted for a song underlining the theme of "Mayday Week"—"M'aidez!"—"Help me!"—when as a community we shall be listening in to the needs of the poor and the deprived all over the world. Songs expressing the concern shown through Christian Aid, Oxfam and Shelter about the frustrated hopes of the poor in the developing world, and those who live in the slums of this country will be judged by Sydney Carter and Peter Smith.

FOLK EVENING ON JULY 8th.

A 5 guinea Record Token will be given to the writer of the "Mayday Week Song," and the winner and the runners up will be invited to perform their songs on the night of the big open-air Folk Evening in the grounds of Queen Anne's School on Wednesday, July 8th. The celebrities at that evening will include Humphrey Lyttleton and The Settlers Group.

MEET ONE OF THE JUDGES.

Sydney Carter is well-known as a poet and writer of modern folk songs and hymns such as "Lord of the Dance." He and Suzanne Harris, who has declined to be a judge as she is likely to be returning to the U.S.A. in the near future—are both giving a Folk Evening at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 5th at St. Luke's Church, Erleigh Road.

January 26th - 17th

THE WEEK AFTER JANUARY 25th each year has about it for Christians something of the anti-climax that for so many people, follows after Christmas each year. Over the days of the Christmas holiday there is an almost universal feeling of goodwill, and then about Dec. 29th that feeling suddenly evaporates. Each year in January there is a great sense of Christian unity for the week 18th—25th, and then on the morning of January 26th we seem to be back in our separate denominational compartments.

As I stood at the door of St. Peter's on the Sunday night of January 25th after so many of us, Anglican, Free Churchmen and Roman Catholics alike, had worshipped together at Evensong I was struck by the way so many people said to me: "When do we do this again?"—or "Why only once a year—why not more often." And indeed why not? A few days earlier in a crowded St. Laurence's Bishop Worlock, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth had said to many of us: "We must not shrink from opportunities of gaining greater understanding, and this will be increased by the frequency with which we meet, work and play together."

But it has, alas, to be realised that there are still many Christians who think that all we need achieve is some sort of spiritual unity. I have never been able to understand what they mean by this. It is clearly something quite different from the organic unity for which our Lord prayed to his Father, as we read in Chapter 17 of St. John's Gospel. And we must strive to be one simply because Christ prayed that we should. Even if he gave no reason we should be compelled to seek unity or to abandon our claim to be Bible Christians. But our Lord goes further and gives a reason—the reason why we are to be one is "that the world may believe." And we Christians must grasp the painful truth that until we are united the world will not believe. Unity is essential for evangelism. Evangelism will fail without unity.

By the time these lines appear in print a great many Caversham Christians will once again be sharing in Lenten Bible study in house groups. How splendid if from these groups could come suggestions as to how the different Caversham churches could act upon our Lord's prayer for our unity. When are we going to start merging some of our organisations—our work with children, our youth clubs, our women's organisations? Is worshipping together once or twice a week sufficient? Do we "meet, work and play together" with frequency as suggested by Bishop Worlock in St. Laurence's?

The failure of the Church to attract many of the younger generation is in no small measure due to the fact that our divisions are meaningless to many today—we have only ourselves to blame if the decline in Church membership which is so pronounced throughout the country becomes more acute.

What do YOU think should be done in Caversham?

What are YOU prepared to do to make our Lord's Prayer for the unity of his followers come true?

John Grimwade

TO CORRESPONDENTS

The Editor regrets that a considerable amount of material submitted for publication in this edition has not been printed. He hopes that contributors will appreciate that with the amount of advertising varying each month it is impossible to forecast how much space is available. Correspondents are asked to write as concisely as possible, and to submit their material for the April edition by Tuesday, February 24th.

THANK YOU HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE!

Caversham residents will be grateful to the Highways Committee for the pedestrian crossing that has been established in Church Street. News of the decision to establish this crossing was made public after the Caversham Bridge had gone to print but before publication date. As stated last month local authorities are not now required to obtain Ministry approval before a pedestrian crossing is provided but Councillor Stansfield-Taylor has pointed out that this only obtains where a local authority has provided the Ministry with an overall plan its crossing proposals. We understand that Reading has not yet done this, although a scheme is now being drawn up; in the case of the Church Street crossing Ministry approval was given as a special concession. But why this delay, on the part of Reading, in submitting an overall plan to the Ministry? At least it is good to know that a scheme is being drawn up—and perhaps by the time this appears in print the scheme will have been sent to the Ministry.

J.G.G.



Suzanne Harris, folk singer.

Suzanne, a young Roman Catholic, has already written many songs on the issues of poverty, population and pollution. She has sung in St. Paul's Cathedral, and at folk evenings up and down the country, and more recently in churches and chapels in the London area.

Admission will be by programme—6s: or 6 tickets for 30s. Applications for tickets should be made to Miss D. Pavey, 32 Radnor Road, Earley, Reading—phone 63761 or The Rev. Fred Dawson, 25 Ilkley Road, Reading 72070.

The title of the evening is "Dialogue with Doubt and Authority" and is designed to be relevant at one and the same time for a party of the younger generation who haven't time for religion, and for churchgoers.

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The House by the Lake, an exciting thriller in three acts by Hugh Mills, will be staged by the MAPLEDURHAM REPERTORY ASSOCIATION at the Memorial Hall on March 12th, 13th and 14th. A play of considerable suspense in which a professionally discredited doctor and his sister plan to eliminate their half brother, the cause of

their present poverty and misery, and to start life again in another country. . . . The play was first presented in May 1956 at the Duke of York's Theatre, London. The carefully chosen cast includes Yvone Taylor, Joy Osbourn, Maureen Ashby, Kathleen Bubb, Joan Scott, Albert Wake, Ray Lacey, Patrick Ross and Frank Boshier. If you have good nerves—you simply must see this play. On March 12th, 13th and 14th.

PLAY GROUP FOR MAPLEDURHAM

It is some years since the idea of a play group in the area of the Upper Woodcote Road was first mooted. The difficulties which were originally encountered in obtaining the Memorial Hall as the regular premises for such a project have now been largely overcome. If all goes well it is now hoped to start such a venture in

April 1970. The organising committee intend that the facilities shall be available every week day morning during regular school term time. Children from three to five years of age and up to twenty in number will be under qualified supervision.

To discover the degree of interest in such a project, the organiser would welcome all interested mothers to a coffee morning on Tuesday, March 5th, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Memorial Hall in the Mapledurham Playing Field.

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All persons who are registered as Local Government Electors of the Parish are entitled to vote at the meeting.
B. A. FOWLES, Chairman Mapledurham Parish Council.

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ROAD ACCIDENT EMERGENCY CARE SCHEME

Mapledurham Parish Council would like to draw the attention of all local organisations to the campaign about to be launched in this area to help raise funds for this very worth while cause to save life.

A fund raising committee has been formed in the Henley area to enable Doctors in the South Oxfordshire area to be provided with special life saving equipment, not normally carried by medical practitioners, and not provided for under the National Health Service. About thirty Doctors have agreed to participate, and the fund is hoped to provide them with special equipment such as respirators, inflatable splints, plasma, special blankets, flashing lights, etc.

The ultimate goal is £6,000, and £300 of this has already been raised. If any of our local organisations can help towards raising this figure, their efforts and their money will not be wasted! All contributions to be sent to Mr. Williams at the National Provincial Bank, Henley-on-Thames, or the Secretary of the fund raising committee, Mrs. Lewis, Hewgate Court, Station Road, Henley-on-Thames.

MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 8th January, 1970. The Chairman of the Council, Mr. B. A. Fowles presiding at the meeting.

The Council were informed of correspondence received from Reading Corporation concerning the future of Upper Woodcote Road. Oxfordshire C.C. had previously informed the Council they had no plans for upgrading the southern portion of the B.479—more or less the length of the road which passes through the Parish of Mapledurham. From the details contained in the letter from Reading Corporation, it was apparent Reading's interest was one of considerable interest to the Parish and the Borough Council, bearing in mind the existing plan which might eventually take the B.479 across the Playing Fields and link up over the river with the roads on the Reading side of the Thames. Although this is unlikely to take place for at least 10 years the Parish Council are deeply interested because of the disturbance the re-routing of this road would create crossing the Playing Fields, and also bearing in mind the proposed re-siting of a new Hall/Pavilion, as the Parish Council feels it is necessary that the existing Hall on the Playing Fields should be replaced.

The Council have been asked by Oxfordshire C.C. to send its observations in connection with the escarpment between the proposed development at Ridge House, Cliff House and The Warren. In view of the steepness of this portion of land, the Council are to inspect the site before sending its observations to Oxford.

The Parish Council have submitted its Precept to the Henley R.D.C. for 1970/71 which will have the effect of the present Parish Rate remaining at 3d.

St. Margaret's News

AN OPEN MEETING

An open meeting for members of St. Margaret's was held on January 27th at Mapledurham Church House. There was a lively discussion of various matters including worship, the formation of ecumenical house and Bible study groups during Lent and the nature of Stewardship.

Only a very short time was allocated to the discussion on worship. For the present the Parish Communion will be further abbreviated on the second Sunday in the month in an attempt to create a space between the two services, and experiments will be made in the form of the 10 a.m. family service. Meanwhile members of the church will go on thinking about and discussing this problem with a view to coming to a decision during April.

GOOD FRIDAY FOR CHILDREN

Children between the ages of 5 and 14 are invited to keep Good Friday at Mapledurham Church House from 12 to 3 p.m. The theme for the afternoon will be "Sheep and shepherds," and the programme will include various activities, hymns, prayers and a picnic lunch. Mrs. Stevinson would like two or three adults to help her in this experiment, and also to be given the names of those children wishing to take part as soon as possible.

A CHILDREN'S PARTY

About 20 children who come under the care of the Borough of Reading Children's Department were entertained at a Party in Trench Green Hall on January 10th. Several willing helpers made the afternoon a very happy one for the children, with a fine tea and all the excitement of Father Christmas with a sackful of presents.

ROUND MAPLEDURHAM CLUBS

MAPLEDURHAM WI

At the January meeting Mr. Fox from Rentavillas gave a very interesting talk on the development of villas on the Continent, and illustrated his talk with colourful slides.

The competition for rag dolls and aprons was won by Mrs. Deacon, Mrs. Hill being a very close second, and Mrs. Spencer third.

The 15th Birthday Meeting was very well attended, and visitors from other Institutes were also warmly welcomed by President, Mrs. Ridley. Mrs. Mabel Crowther spoke on "Pup-pets through the Ages", and the vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Rowe. Mrs. Duckworth invited any members who are interested in joining the Drama Group to attend a meeting at her house. Mrs. Betty Lewis said that 20 Friends of Reading Hospitals had been invited to inspect the fine new buildings of the Maternity Block.

The Birthday cake, made by Mrs. Chennell, and decorated by Mrs. Matthews and Miss Dormer, was cut by Mrs. Stiles and Mrs. Duckworth, Vice-Chairman

of the BFWI Executive. Visitors to the Group Meeting on 23rd April at Grazely Hall are very welcome.

MAPLEDURHAM JUBILEE CLUB

This club, for the older people of Mapledurham, continues to flourish. Among new members is Mrs. Gardner of Dyson's Wood Hotel. Mrs. Allwright from Rose Farm is a new helper. Carol singers in Mapledurham kindly gave us their collections for our funds. Members would be grateful for any oddments of wool with which they can make items for the Club sale of work. Please leave at 7 Ilkley Road, Caversham. Thirty eight members and helpers had a very enjoyable afternoon in January at the Oxford pantomime.

BLAGRAVE WI

The January meeting was presided over by the President Mrs. Wright. Birthday posies were distributed.

The talk this month was "on Gardening" given by Miss Moore of the Berkshire College of Agriculture.

The competition for "Mincepies" was won by Mrs. Hector.

The raffle was won by Miss Reynolds.

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ARE CHRISTIANS TROUBLE-MAKERS

by Terence R. Harris

WAS JESUS A TROUBLE-MAKER? When Herod heard of His birth "he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him." On occasions throughout His life He troubled the civic and religious authorities, the ordinary people, and even His own disciples. When Pilate was judging Jesus word came from his wife: "I was much troubled over Him today in a dream." Even after His death there was the disturbing news of the resurrection. The chief priests bribed the soldiers to say that the disciples had stolen His body away. They added, "And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." What a trouble-some Fellow He must have been!

WERE HIS FOLLOWERS TROUBLE-MAKERS TOO? It appears that they were. Peter and John appear to be the first to get into trouble with the authorities over their preaching and healing. Stephen caused so

much trouble that he became the first martyr of the Christian Church. After only three weeks in Thessalonica Paul and Silas were the cause of uproar. The Jews cried out: "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also." One wonders if they had turned the world upside down or whether they had turned it the right way up! Need they have got into all this trouble?

IT APPEARS THAT CHRISTIANS ARE TROUBLE - MAKERS.

I question, why? When you meet Jesus for the first time, and understand something of His person, work and message you will be troubled. He helps us to see things as they are, and as they ought to be. Dr. Martin Luther King had a vision of Jesus and His Kingdom of love and right relationships. With horror he viewed racial discrimination. Because he was filled with the spirit of Jesus he had to be a trouble-maker.

This trouble-maker of Jesus crossed people so much that it was inevitable that he had to face the possibility of a

Cross. Jesus said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

I SUPPOSE WE COULD SAY THAT LENT IS A TIME WHEN WE TROUBLE OURSELVES. Are you one of those folk who does not like to be troubled? Are you going to grow in the Christian life if you are always satisfied with yourself? There are so many people who just let life carry them along with it. Are you one of those folk who accepts the status quo, because it would cause trouble if you said something about it? Are you going to see reforms in society if no one says or does anything?

Could it be that Jesus is calling us to be trouble-makers, in the truest sense of the phrase? I wonder.

Wedding



Mr. Clifford King and Miss Janet Webb were married at St. Andrew's Church on January 10th.

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WELCOME TO WEST CAVERSHAM BOYS' CLUB

It is goodbye to Chazey son so far. A week-end tour Boys' Club on 1st February. Just the title—that's all! To avoid confusion, it has been decided to rename the Club Boys' Club and St. Athan. WEST CAVERSHAM And on 14th March the BOYS' CLUB, as most of Asman Boys' Club from the boys now come from Birmingham will be visiting Caversham and the HQ is, Birmingham is fixed for April. When it was founded twelve 25th.

years ago most of the boys came from Chazey Heath. Paul Mason, Nicky Ford, Alan Holloway, John Home, Malcolm Gray and Tony McCartney competently handled the Christmas Pudding distribution to old folk; and Julian Saunders and John Home are assisting with the compilation of the Reading Youth Committee's Handbook for the Handicapped. Martin Elbourne attended a weekend course on "Get Up and GO" at Thamesfield, Henley.

Peter Shock will still be the Leader and Ken Hyslop will carry on as Deputy. Ken's many years of practical experience in youth work in Birmingham have already proved a great asset to the club. Membership is now so high that there is, unfortunately, a waiting list. Additional adult help would, in fact, be welcome—on Fridays from 5-45 to 7-45 p.m.

SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The football team has had a remarkably successful season.

Wedding



A familiar and friendly Caversham personality, young Caroline Dance, who so ably owns and manages the cut-price shop in Prospect Street, was married in January to Ronald Dance, Master Keith Protheroe, who owns a painters and decorators business.

Unfortunately the wedding could not take place here as they are not residents of Caversham. Instead it took place at St. Matthews, South-

cote. Accompanying Caroline as bridesmaids were Susan Gardener and two charming young seven-year olds, Susan Hayward and Denise Harris. The page was

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B.B.C. PARTY



Recognise anyone? There are many Caversham children among them, and aren't they enjoying themselves, watching the conjuror at the B.B.C. children's party.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR CAVERSHAM GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION

MRS. F. H. GEAKE HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE CAVERSHAM GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION AND THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION FOR MANY YEARS.

When she expressed a wish some time ago that she would like to resign in favour of somebody younger, the Guiders and Committee of the Local Association knew it would be very difficult to find a suitable replacement for her. She has been a wonderful president, taking such an interest in all the Guiding activities, and supporting all our events. She has always given us so much encouragement and help, and kept many of us, from the Guiders to the smallest Brownies, entranced by her stories and experiences of Guiding overseas. We were very sorry to lose Mrs. Geake when she resigned at the end of October.

LAST YEAR MRS. K. P. BESLEY, a very well-known Caversham Guider, resigned as Chairman of the Berkshire Training Committee for Guiders. For a number of years she was Guider of the 3rd Caversham Guide Company (St. John's) and District Commissioner for Caversham. We felt that here was a person that Guiding could not lose so soon; she has still so much knowledge to impart. Here, we felt, was the suitable replacement for Mrs. Geake. We were delighted when she agreed to become our President, and Mrs. Geake was very happy to hand over Caversham District to her.

In October, at a Social Evening for Guiders and Badge Testers, a "Thanks Badge" and a Gardening

Voucher were presented to Mrs. Geake by Mrs. L. A. Moss, the District Commissioner, together with an appreciation for all the work she has done during her years as President. Mrs. Besley was introduced and she expressed her pleasure at taking over as President of Caversham District.

During the evening presentations were also made to two Guiders who have given long service to Guiding in Caversham.

Miss Betty Herrington who has been Skipper of the Sea Ranger Crew S.R.S. Achilles since 1955, and has taught many of the older girls the joys of boating and Ranger Activities, and who has taken many parties for skiing, holidays to "Our Chalet" in Switzerland, has moved to Abingdon and is continuing Rangers there. We look forward to meeting her at future County events.

Miss Eileen Smith, who has been Brownie Guider of the 11th Caversham Pack since 1959, and has taught many Brownies the foundations and purpose of Guiding, left Caversham when she was married. We wish her every happiness in her new life.

It is sad to lose Guiders like these who have devoted so much time to the Movement, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to replace them. Many Guiders are working single-handed, and several Packs and Companies are in danger of closing unless helpers are found. If anyone reading this has time to help with Guides or Brownies, please contact Mrs. L. A. Moss, 161 Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham, telephone number Reading 72110, "Guider."

CHRISTMAS IN KHARTOUM AND VIENTIANE

News has reached the "Caversham Bridge" of the week around Christmas that Charles Shaylor, cycling from Caversham to Kenya, spent with Jeremy Kynaston who is doing a year's Voluntary Service Overseas in the Sudan.

DESIRE TO WANDER

Charles, elder son of the Revd. and Mrs. Denis Shaylor of 17 The Mount, Caversham was brought up and educated in Kenya where his father worked as a lawyer until a couple of years ago. Charles came to England to train as a P.E. teacher at St. Luke's College, Exeter and then did a year's V.S.O. teaching at the Bubeneshwa Military School, India. He returned to England and

started teaching P.E. at Rugby School. Then the strong desire to return to Africa made him leave Rugby and start plans for his mammoth cycling trip.

He worked at Twyford Mill in order to become as fit as possible, and left Caversham at the beginning of October. Charles managed to cycle all the way to Kenya, except through Egypt where he was obliged to travel by train, and the Sudan where he had to travel by air.

CHRISTMAS IN KHARTOUM

Before Jeremy Kynaston left his home in Oakley Road in August he heard about Charles' plans, and they thought they would probably meet up. Charles' timing meant that he stayed with Jeremy from December 20th-27th in a palatial house in Khartoum which had been lent to Jeremy by some friends who were away from Khartoum.

During the week they went to a round of parties. Christmas Eve was very nostalgic—listening to a live broadcast of the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's Cambridge—and imagining families at home doing the same.

ON HIS OWN

Jeremy was meant to be

shots in my head were fairly good and effective."

At the end of January Jeremy was busy as co-producer of a production of "The Royal Hunt of the Sun" by Peter Shaffer which was put on by the extramural department of the university.

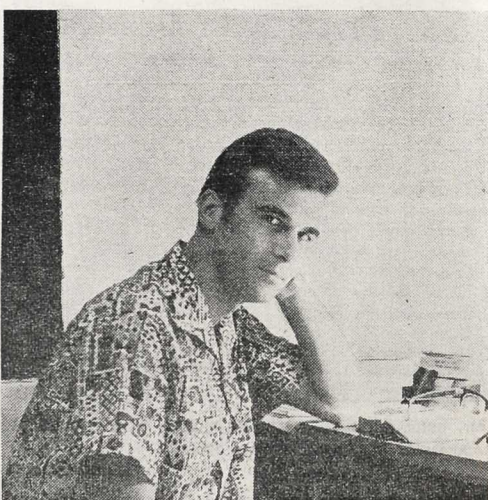
STARTING A SECOND YEAR IN LAOS

Moving over to the Far East we have had news of another V.S.O. volunteer, Frank Gray of Sheridan Avenue, Caversham.

Frank is now in his second year installing radio equipment in broadcasting stations and training young Laotians to use it. For some time he was working at two sites 450 miles apart which involved a lot of air travel, as travelling by road is rather risky owing to the presence of roving bands of Communist Pathet Lao and North Vietnamese in the countryside.

In his spare time Frank has taught English to young Laotians, and has been very much involved with an American Protestant Mission Church. At Christmas time he recorded a tape of Laotians singing carols in their different dialects. He too was invited to a round of parties. Christmas Day was 90 degrees in the shade!

J.Y.C.



Frank Gray

working as a producer of educational T.V. programmes with another British volunteer. Unfortunately his companion within a fortnight of arrival had an accident on his 50 c.c. moped and had to return to England. This has meant that Jeremy has had to work on his own writing scripts and producing several programmes to be televised for the schools of the area around the capital.

In a letter to his parents just before Christmas Jeremy wrote of the tremendous feeling of satisfaction he gained from recording "Arms and The Man" by G. B. Shaw. "It was probably the most satisfying working day of my life" he wrote. "I felt I was doing something really creative constructing the shots and changing them to the best effect. I found my original camera script in which I had to work out the

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ST. PETER'S FESTIVAL

Plans for the Flower Festival to be held at St. Peter's over the weekend of June 27th — 29th are progressing rapidly, and a special committee that has been set up is now able to announce that the Dolmetsch Quartet (Viol, lute, harpsicord and recorder) will play at the concert on Saturday, June 27th at 8 p.m. On the Sunday evening Bishop Trevor Huddleston is to preach at a special ecumenical service while on St. Peter's Day, Monday, June 29th, the festival will conclude with the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. F. Dawson and the Rev. D. S. Shaylor by the Bishop of Oxford. This will perhaps be the first time in its eight hundred years that St. Peter's will be the scene of an ordination. Refreshments will be served in Caversham Court throughout the three days and the proceeds of the Flower Festival are to be given to Shelter. Further information is available from Mrs. B. Evans, 50 Grosvenor Road who is the chairman of the Festival Committee.

New recorder of planned giving. Owing to ill health Mr. Walter Canning has felt it necessary to relinquish the post of recorder of planned giving which he has held for the past eight years. The district owes him a very big debt for the conscientious way he has undertaken this

work, and the wonderful way in which the pledges have been maintained after the successful stewardship campaigns of 1963 and 1966 is in a large measure due to him and other members of the committee. He is succeeded as recorder by Mr. Owen Clamp of 156 St. Peter's Avenue to whom any queries should now be addressed.

The Caversham Bridge is sorry to record the deaths of Mr. Harry Terry, Mrs. Lilian Maunder and Mrs. Elsie Young. Mr. Terry whose home had been in St. Anne's Road was for many years a member of the choir, and he and his bride, who were married in St. Peter's in 1909, were presented with a clock from the choir as a wedding present. Mrs. Maunder of Chazey Farm had a long connection with St. Margaret's where for nineteen years she had been enrolling member of the Mothers' Union but of recent years had been attending the late service of Holy Communion in St. Peter's when her health permitted this. Mrs. Young was the widow of St. Peter's former verger "George" and had been living on her own since her husband died. So three familiar figures at St. Peter's will be seen no more; they will be remembered with affection. May they rest in peace.

St. Andrew's news

Reading the Epistle

It is now over two years since members of the congregation (other than servers) began to read the Epistle at the Family Eucharist. So far it has not been necessary to approach any reader for a second time nor does the supply of readers show any signs of drying up. This means that a considerable proportion of regular worshippers have read the Epistle and so taken a more active part in our public worship.

This is a positive step forward and we are grateful to Mrs. Debenham for the thought and care with which she organises this. With the large number who worship at St. Andrew's it hasn't been possible to ask everyone to read who may wish to do so. If therefore, you haven't read and would like to, please see the Priest-in-Charge or Mrs. Debenham.

Teen Action

The first of the 1970 AGMs—for Teen Action—was held in the Church Hall on Sunday, January 18th. Philip Steer, Adrian Mayo and Ian Canning were elected to the posts of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary respectively, Eve Boshier, Sheila Cooper, Lewis Kaplan and Simon Nicholls were also elected to the Committee. The retiring Treasurer reported a very favourable credit balance. Under 'Any Other Business' a number of good ideas and suggestions were made, including the proposal that Teen Action should co-operate more with the Borough Youth Services.

Young People at St. Barnabas'

In St. Barnabas' Church, children and young people are no strangers. With such occasions as the Ascension Day School's Service and the monthly family services they come to worship there in considerable numbers already. This worship by the young people in the community was enlarged on January 25th when the Cubs and Scouts of the 89th Reading (Milestone Wood) Scout Group attended a Scout's Own Service in the Church. How encouraging it was for them to see how many parents came with them. And the singing! But one might have expected that camp-fire trained boys would be able to sing lustily.

An innovation this year will be a Family Service for parents and children on Good Friday at 11-00 a.m.

The following item of news comes from the ladies of the Mothers' Union: "The Annual General Meeting was held on January 14th with the Rector in the chair.

Mesdames Page and Rutter were elected to the committee, in place of Mesdames Alban and Booth, whom we thank for all their past help."

January proved a month of weddings in St. Barnabas' Church circles. On 10th January Miss Sheila Cooper and Mr. Malcolm Reece, both well-known in this Church, were married by Mr. Cooper.

On the same afternoon Miss Patricia Shellard and Mr. Charles Toogood, from Wargrave, were married in St. Peter's by the Rector. On February 4th there was a third marriage of a St. Barnabas' bride when Miss Marie Tuffield was married to Mr. Cyril Hodge. They have the best wishes of many people for their future.



Mr. Malcolm Reece and Miss Sheila Cooper who were married at St. Barnabas church on January 10th.

St. John's news

MENTAL SUBNORMALITY has long been a skeleton in the cupboard. Despite the recent outbursts of concern for the plight of the mentally subnormal in hospitals, the public, generally speaking, prefers "not to know." People still react to a sub-normal person with feelings of guilt, horror and embarrassment. The only way to get rid of a skeleton is to take a good look at it.

A group of young people at St. John's is trying to do just that. In January they were admirably assisted in this task by a talk from Mrs. Ann Robson of Caversham. Using slides, she illustrated her work of teaching handicapped children. The everyday problems of such children and their parents were outlined. Throughout, the tone was encouraging, but the need for community care was emphasised. This means educating the public into overcoming its fears and understanding that the mentally subnormal child can be a very acceptable, friendly person. Demanding though her work is, it was clear that these children enriched Mrs. Robson's life enormously.

40 years on

It is always good to see so many bright young faces at Parade Services. On January 18th it was a more than usual pleasure, because exactly 40 years earlier Mr. A. E. Emmons started the first cub pack at St. John's. There must be many people in Caversham who feel greatly indebted to Mr. Emmons who is still actively giving his services to the present generation of cubs. Scouting may be undergoing

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, MARCH, 1970—FIVE

Round the Anglican Parish

This year at the annual meeting the first representatives to the Deanery Synod will be elected. Six members will be elected from the parish of Caversham in place of twenty who served formerly on the Ruridecanal conference, but the actual size of the Parochial Church Council will remain the same. Anyone who is on the electoral roll (minimum age seventeen years) is now eligible for election to the Church Council. The dates of the annual district meetings have been arranged as follows—

Monday, March 9th, St. Barnabas'; Tuesday, March 10th, St. Peter's; Wednesday, March 11th, St. Andrew's; Thursday, March 12th, St. John's; All at 8 p.m. The Annual Parochial Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19th at 7-30 p.m. in Balmore Hall.

CONFIRMATION DATE. The parish confirmation will take place on Tuesday, May 5th at 7-30 p.m. in St. Peter's.

VENERABLE CURATE

His many friends in Caversham will be delighted to learn that the Rev. Derek Eastman, priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's 1951—1956, has been appointed Archdeacon of Buckinghamshire. Mr. Eastman, who married a daughter of Canon Miller, formerly vicar of St. Giles, Reading, moved to St. Andrew's, Headington, when he left Caversham, and then became vicar of Banbury in 1963. While at Headington he started the well-known Fish Scheme of Social service and in 1965 spoke to a meeting in Caversham about this—as a result the Bridge Scheme of social service was started here. He succeeds as archdeacon the Ven. J. F. Pratt who is to be the new Provost of Southwell. Mr. Pratt was formerly vicar of St. Mary's, Reading.

CAVERSHAM PARK VILLAGE

Enquirer's Group

The next meeting — to which all questioners are invited — will be on Wednesday 4th March at 8 p.m.

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We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Eley who have done so much for St. Benet's Children's Home in the years they have been here.

Unfortunately the time has come for them to retire—well, not exactly retire—because they are going to manage a small estate of bungalows, run under a co-ownership cottage scheme.



Photo: Walton Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Eley with some of the children of St. Benet's.

Fortunately it will not be too far away—Blewbury to be exact.

We know a lot of their friends will be anxious to keep in touch with them, so if anyone wants to write the address is: Dibleys, Blewbury, Berks. They will be pleased to have news of their old friends and we certainly hope to have news of them from time to time.

It is impossible to recount everything they have done for the home, but to those who visited there the very happy atmosphere was all the testimony Mr. and Mrs. Eley needed.

They are being succeeded at St. Benet's by Mr. and Mrs. Butlin who have two small children of their own. We hope to call and see them when they are settled in. In the meantime, we wish them every success in their new job. And our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Eley.

SILVER WEDDING—MR. AND MRS. CHARLES LORENC

There is no need to introduce these two to the people of Caversham, but we would like to send them belated greetings on the occasion of their Silver Wedding which they celebrated in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenc, who met and married while they were both in the Air Force, have lived in Caversham for many years, during which time they have given a great deal to the community life and particularly to St. Peter's Church.

As most people will know, Mr. Lorenc is the head of Wilson School. His wife, Lyn, runs a nursery school at Aborfield in the mornings, and for good measure she is welfare officer for the almshouses in Westfield Road, a job which is demanding and exhausting. The ladies who live there have certainly come to appreciate her very much indeed. We are grateful to them both for all that they do.

COL. W. C. S. HARRISON C.B.E.

The many friends he left behind in Caversham recently will have been pleased to hear that Col. Harrison, who for many years has been a member of the Army Emergency Reserve, has been appointed A.D.C. to the Queen.

He will be remembered in Caversham very much for his work as distribution manager for the 'Bridge'. At present he is County Surveyor with the West Sussex County Council.

Caversham Bridge Scheme of Social Service

On Thursday the 22nd January Mrs. Besley the Central Organiser of the Caversham Bridge Scheme of Social Service spoke to an interdenominational audience of well over 100 people at the Methodist Hall in Ardler Road about the Scheme. She said it came into being as a follow up of the stewardship campaign. The Scheme was organised by the laity and a committee was formed and in October 1965 the scheme was launched. The area covered is the whole of Caversham, including Emmer Green and Mapledurham. Its AIM was to promote good neighbourliness and encourage each of us to help others in need, in the case of sickness, emergencies and friendship. It does not compete with statutory bodies but co-operates with them and fills the gaps. Anyone may join and all may ask for help. The set up is a central organiser and five area organisers. Calls come from neighbours, social workers, clergy, doctors and those in need of help.

TYPES OF HELP

To facilitate the organisation of the scheme there is a list of the types of help given and Caversham people are asked to tick off on the printed form (available from any organiser) where they can help, give name and address and telephone number and return it to the organiser or herself. Mrs. Besley said at one time there was a healthy list of volunteers, but now this list had diminished and the organisation was very short of volunteers. To give the audience an idea of the position she said she had received 30 emergency transport calls. Some of these might involve taking a wife to visit a husband in hospital weekly for months. In fact one case in particular, did just this, for five months. Another involved journeys three times weekly for a time. She emphasised that this sort of thing really stretched our kind but few (very few) people have volunteered to drive. Practically every car driver is used by the end of such an emergency. She explained that the real need is for people who are available to drive in the daytime. This is when the demand is heavy, and equally so for visitors, as the elderly do not want a visitor in the evening; it is the day which is so long, but weekend visitors are very welcome. Mrs. Besley went on to say that other old ladies were taken regularly to the Darby and Joan club. This means 2 trips on a Wednesday, but for these old peoples it is their only outing. To be tied every Wednesday is difficult, but

if we had enough to make up a rota of car drivers it would help. Next in demand comes visiting. We have 30 people visited at least once a week and no doubt there are more of whom she was not aware. New names of those needing visits come in, but we seldom get new volunteers. Two ex-Kendrick School girls who had worked with the School social service group had offered their services and these were welcomed, and from the previous Sunday's appeal in one Church fourteen volunteers had come forward and it was hoped many more would now respond to the appeal.

VISITS

The visits to the lonely and disabled have been very much appreciated. Some instances she gave—one old lady, alone and ill visited about a dozen times and while in hospital. Another, lonely and incapacitated, visited often and taken out to tea three times. A Caversham resident, blind and in hospital visited by 4 visitors over a period—

TRANSPORT

Mrs. Besley said visiting and transport were the main calls they received. In addition there were calls for shopping in an emergency,

car lifts to Church regularly, car lift to a dentist, optician, chiropodist etc. In this 'flu epidemic she knew 3 cases where a twice daily visit for a week was carried out in one case and daily visits in the others and without doubt there were many who rescued neighbours and friends during this time. She said she had given a brief outline of the work done and she hoped she had shown how members of the audience could give their help. The organisers had been very sad to lose Mr. Moore as an Organiser but were happy to have Mrs. Coombs offer to take his place, and she said we have now lost Mrs. Evans from St. John's area. This was much more serious as they had no replacement at the moment so we need a great many offers of help to assist in this part of Caversham. Continuing she told the meeting that the Chairman Mr. Vincent found pressures of work too much and had to retire but we were lucky that Mr. Marsh agreed to take his place.

THANKS

The Rev. Terence Harris closed the meeting with the Benediction and the Rector thanked him for acting as host for the meeting and also the ladies of the Methodist Church who prepared and served refreshments to all who attended.

Postbag

Dear Sir,

I feel I must write a few lines in answer to the letter signed by Thomas Ward, Voter.

He quotes "Charity begins at Home" in support of his claim that we should not send aid to starving people abroad and I would like to point out that it does not say that Charity should stay at Home, and in any case that is not one of Our Lord's sayings, so it is nothing to do with Christianity.

It is right, of course to support appeals for the Blind and Disabled people here, but in some countries they have starvation as well, and there is nothing they can do to help themselves and anyone who refused to do what he can to help them cannot be a real Christian.

When the day of judgment comes our fate will not depend on the number of times we went to church, but on how we behaved towards our fellow men of whatever race or creed.

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Obituary

Mrs. Nora Alexander

We regret to record the death of Mr. Nora Alexander on January 16th after a long illness. Mrs. Alexander lived with her husband and two sisters, Miss Ethel and Miss Lily Talbot, of 98, Conisboro Avenue. The funeral service, which took place at the Baptist Church, was conducted by the Minister, the Revd. L. S. Lewis, assisted by Mr. Leslie Wyeth who gave the address.

Mr. Wyeth, who had known Mrs. Alexander from his boyhood, described her life as an eclipse and as such revolved round two foci, the Church into which she was born, baptised and married and the old Third Berks. Scout Troop of which her husband was Scoutmaster. Mr. Wyeth recalled many memories of Mrs. Alexander; her leadership at Church Bazaars and similar functions in bygone years; her great love of dramatics and the productions which she staged with such unpromising material and her culinary activities at Scout Camps. In all these she excelled and having been trained as a teacher she ever remained one and undoubtedly taught many things to people by her example.

The Church was comfortably full for the Service and it was a joy to see many old scouts and representatives of the Reading and District Scout Association present. By request flowers were confined to members of the family and other friends wishing to pay tribute to the life and work of Mrs. Alexander were invited to send donations to Dr. Barnardo's Homes c/o the Revd. R. W. Browell, 20, Priest Hill.

The 'Caversham Bridge' extends Christian Sympathy to Mr. Percy Alexander and to the Misses Talbot at this time and prays that they will be uplifted.

Caversham Heights Methodist Church Organ

To use American fervour, the organ at Caversham Heights Methodist Church is one of the largest two manual instruments in the district. As the word 'largest' is comparative it is as well to translate this into figures.

This organ has 24 stops, 4 couplers and 1,200 speaking pipes, the smallest of which is about 4 inches long and the largest 16ft. It is unusual in that the largest pipes are on display in the front.

Built in 1878 by Sweetland of Bath for Trinity Congregational Church, Reading it was installed in its present position in 1913, and we are indebted to Mrs. E. Caddy for the press cuttings of the opening ceremony, of which the following are extracts:—

"By the kindness of some influential members of the Church arrangements were made some time since whereby the organ at Trinity Church, Queens Road was purchased for the Heights" (N.B. Price paid £100—today's replacement value £15,000 to £17,000). "The organ was formally opened when a recital was given by Mr. E. K. Deacon, organist of Caversham Parish Church, who gave a varied selection showing the capabilities of the organ. He was assisted by Miss Hilda Blake of Bath who was heard to advantage in selections from the Creation, Elijah and Gounod. In the evening the Church was filled to hear a rendering of Handel's Messiah. Mr. E. T. Marsh conducted a choir of 100 and the solos were entrusted to Miss Maidstone Campbell, Mr. Walter Souch (Tenor), and Mr. Fred Davis, the principal bass, St. Stephen's Church, Ealing. Mrs. S. Marsh was at the piano, and Mr. S. Marsh at the organ".

The organ continued to function without any repairs until 1963 when it was rebuilt by Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper. The pedal organ was given electric action, and two extra pedal stops were added. The instrument possesses a Diapason chorus only equalled by the Father Willis organ in our Town Hall. As a foil to this are many useful smaller stops, the three best being a Keralophone which has an unusually heavy string character, a stopped Diapason with a very rounded flute quality, and a beautiful Libel on the swell organ.

It is a very heavy instrument to play and most awkward to control, as the only modern facility it possesses is a balanced swell pedal. Despite these disadvantages, which can be corrected when finances permit, the pleasure obtained in playing it far outweighs these. In any case it is hoped that when its centenary is celebrated in 1978, we may have found the wherewithal to correct these few defects, for it is an instrument well worth preserving for its second century.

A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT



Mr. Carey Moore.

Photo: Walton Adams

Some seventeen years ago Mr. Charles Hunt of 268, Kidmore Road came to the Baptist Church to 'help out' as organist until a permanent appointment could be made. The permanent appointment is about to be made but this has no bearing on Mr. Hunt's 'temporary' status for he was in fact the Church's permanent organist throughout those years. A quiet, unassuming man, Charles Hunt brought his great talent as a musician to bear on the witness and worship of the Church and for this he will ever be remembered now that he has resigned following his retirement from business and in preparation for a move to the Isle of Wight. Mr. Hunt leaves with the grateful thanks of all who came to know and work



Mr. Charles Hunt.

Photo: Walton Adams

VISION IN GOSBROOK ROAD — ONE CHURCH?

The Rev. J. Y. Crowe stretched the imaginations of his hearers when he preached at the Methodist Church in Gosbrook Road at the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, sketching possible changes that might come if St. John's and its near neighbour were responsive to God's leading.

Preaching from Hebrews 6, 20, he showed that one of Jesus' titles in the New Testament was "Forerunner", one who leads the way. Jesus crossed frontiers, which sometimes

involved fighting battles. In Caversham today there were frontiers to be crossed if the Church fulfilled its age-old mission, which was really a continuation of Christ's own mission. There was another kind of frontier which pioneers were concerned with, a frontier which was not so much to be crossed as pushed back, as when the early settlers travelled westward across America. This, like frontier-crossing, called for risks to be taken and momentous decisions made. The Church must be at the frontier of change and reform. Christian Aid was typical frontier-activity. This kind of work was almost always done by Christians working together, not wearing the masks of denomination.

Methodist Missionary Society

On the 5th March next, at 2.45 p.m. Caversham Heights Methodist Church (Women's Missionary Work Department) are looking forward to an interesting afternoon meeting. Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick, wife of the Rector of Stockbridge, will be the speaker. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was, until recently, Headmistress of the Girls' High School in Biafra, and she has a very moving story to tell of her life among the youth of that tragic land. The meeting will be followed by tea, and there will be a Bring and Buy Stall. We extend a welcome to all who can come.

ONE CHURCH

The preacher then put forward tentatively his vision of the churches of lower Caversham merging their worship and service in one church, pooling their assets and having one well-run model church plant, housing a community centre, a youth centre, a place for individual pastoral counselling and a place where the needs of old people could be served and other community service provided.

MORE PRESENCE

Mr. Crowe outlined Canon John Taylor's concept of the levels of self—"persona" and "presence", the first being a driving, externalised aspect of the individual, and the second the essence of giving, loving and being. He said the churches tended towards "persona" too, must still lead the way.

Caversham Heights Methodist Guild

Items of interest taking place at Caversham Heights Methodist Guild for the month of March are as follows:—

- 3 The Rev. T. R. Harris —'Worship Workshop' — a Radio-Vision Production.
 - 17 The Dabou Film.
 - 31 A Drama Evening arranged by Mrs. Caddy.
- The Guild meets in the Church Hall every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. and refreshments are served.

PASSIONTIDE MUSIC

On Passion Sunday be a special service of at 6.30 p.m. there will be Passiontide Music at Caversham Methodist Church.

with him especially those of the Church Choir.

Thanks to the efficacy of the 'Caversham Bridge' as an advertising medium a successor to Mr. Hunt has been found in Mr. Carey Moore of Peppard Road who is also a talented organist and a member of a well-known Baptist family in Reading. The Church prays that its new organist will find great joy and be blessed as he seeks to serve in this way.

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St. John's
December 28th
Paul Bridcutt
Sally Aldred

St. Andrew's
December 7th
Helen Jefferis
January 11th
David Duncan
Sarah Martin
Ian Orpwood

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
October 5th

Andrew Taylor
19th John Evans
26th Julie Anderson
November 2nd
David Rumble
30th Jane Lowrie
December 7th
John Williams
Richard Williams
Barry Tompkins

MARRIED

St. Peter's
December 16th
Gordon Seward and Isobel Evans
January 10th
Peter May and Carole Everitt
Charles Toogood and Patricia Shellard
January 31st
Reginald Wood and Monica Blake

St. John's
November 29th
Willis Inman and Alison Gibbons

January 24th

Colin Raven and Carol Graham

St. Andrew's

December 27th
Robin Hughes and Gwyneth Owen

January 10th
Clifford King and Janet Webb

St. Barnabas'

January 10th
Malcolm Reece and Sheila Cooper
17th Ronald Holder and Glenys Phillips

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December 20th
Keith Ballard and Marilyn Willis

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St. Peter's

December 3rd

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Ernest Coles

December 24th

Ellen Waters

January 5th

Irene Goodson

January 15th

Harry Terry

January 19th

Elsie Young

January 30th

Gertrude Embury

St. John's

December 4th

Charles Peplatt

St. Andrew's

January 30th

James Hollick

St. Barnabas'

December

Alice Holder

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

December 1st

Mrs. Mulford

December 23rd

Arthur Griffiths

ROUND THE CLUBS

EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMAN'S GUILD

The new year got off to a good start when Guild members were taken by Mr. Wild, A.R.C.A., through the fascinating history of Man-made fibres. Ever since the 16th century man has wanted to make artificial fibres but the great advances have come during the last 60 years when we advanced from artificial silk to orlon. Man-made fibres are produced entirely by the chemical treatment of certain raw materials whereas other fibres have a natural origin such as wool, cotton, silk and flax.

Each group has a good programme for the coming year; Social Studies have chosen "Religions of the World" for special study and the Art and Craft section have talks ranging from "Crystallized Flowers" to Short Story Writing.

Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild.

Caversham Heights Townswomen were most honoured to receive the Bishop of Reading at their first meeting of the Seventies, and with delightful informality he described a trip he had made several years ago along the River Thames. Of the 210 miles of the Thames the Bishop said that he had realised that no fewer than 104 miles formed the Northern boundary of his territory (Berkshire), with 42 parishes coming down to the river.

With the Vicar of Wargrave as his companion, and in a 22-ft cabin-cruiser called "Tumbler" lent by a helpful Wargrave parishioner, the Bishop had taken the boat up to Ruscot and then, in fourteen days, visiting three parishes a day, had made a pastoral progress down the river to Windsor.

All along the way parties had come to greet him (necessitating, he said, many swift changes into a cassock from less formal wear!) and

he showed his many beautiful coloured slides, obviously the work of a very skilled photographer, to illustrate his journey. At each stop there had been a service in the local church, sometimes a confirmation, and he had been met by whole schoolfuls of children, often presenting him with primroses or other spring flowers as he stepped ashore.

Somehow the pictures of these children, coming gladly to their Bishop with their nosegays, with all the beauty of the Thames in Maytime in the background, brought a feeling of peace and tranquility often missed in the world to-day, and it was with great sincerity that Mrs. Strange thanked the Bishop for giving members such a happy start to their New Year's programme.

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild.

At the January meeting two new members were welcomed. The speaker was Mr. Stephen Brazil, B.Sc (Hort), his subject being "Labour saving Gardens", illustrated with a good selection of colour slides. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Tomlin.

The chairman, Mrs. A. Smith, asked members to gain all possible information about Surrey, as this was the county allocated to the Guild at the County fair to be held in June.

It was decided to hold a jumble sale on April 4th, when a proportion of the takings would be given to the 'Mayday' Week scheme which would take place in July throughout the parish of Caversham in order to draw public attention to world poverty.

During the social half hour members took part in "Who's Who", as an amusing way of getting to know one another.

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

The Reading Branch of the United Nations Association is holding its Annual General Meeting in Reading Town Hall on Wednesday, March 18th, at 7.30 p.m. The Speaker will be the Reverend Ian Henderson, newly appointed Secretary of U.N.A. Headquarters. Mr. Henderson has been working for Christian Action and Shelter as well as assisting at St. Peter's, Vauxhall. He is hoping to meet as many Church people as possible. All are welcome.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER IN CAVERSHAM

UNITED WORSHIP
Tuesday, March 24th, at
Caversham Free Baptist Church. A service of Worship for Holy Week conducted by the Rev. Lyn Lewis. Preacher the Rev. W. KARLE.

UNITED FREE CHURCH SERVICE
Maundy Thursday March 26th.
8.00 p.m. At Caversham Methodist Church.
UNITED COMMUNION SERVICE

Good Friday, March 27th.
11.00 a.m. At Caversham Free Baptist Church.
UNITED SERVICE.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PARISH OF CAVERSHAM
Palm Sunday, March 22nd.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (all churches).
9.15 a.m. Family Eucharist with distribution of palms. (all churches).
11.00 a.m. Matins (St. Peter's).
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Andrew's).
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Peter's St. Andrew's and St. Barnabas).

Monday March 23rd.
Holy Communion.
7.00 a.m. St. Andrew.
9.00 a.m. St. Peter.

Tuesday March 24th.
Holy Communion.
7.00 a.m. St. Peter and St. Andrew.

Wednesday, March 25th.
Holy Communion.
7.00 a.m. St. Peter.
9.30 a.m. St. Andrew.
10.00 a.m. St. Barnabas.
7.30 p.m. St. Andrew.
8.00 p.m. St. Peter.

Maundy Thursday, March 26th.
Holy Communion.
6.30 a.m. St. Andrew.
9.30 a.m. St. Peter.
10.00 a.m. St. John.
Sung Eucharist with stripping of altars.
7.30 p.m. St. Andrew
8.00 a.m. St. John and St. Barnabas.
8.30 p.m. St. Peter.

Good Friday March 27th.
9.30 a.m. Litany and Antiphon Communion (St. Andrew).
10.00 a.m. Morning Service (St. John).
10.00 a.m. Children's Service (St. Peter).
11.00 a.m. Family Service (St. Barnabas).
11.30 a.m. Children's Service (St. John).
12.30 p.m. Children's Service (St. Andrew).
12-3 p.m. THE THREE HOURS DEVOTION (St. Peter).
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Easter Day, March 29th.

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Peter and St. Andrew).
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (all churches).
9.15 a.m. Family Eucharist (all churches).
11.00 a.m. Matins (St. Peter).
11.00 a.m. Children's Service (St. John).
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Andrew).
12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (St. Peter).
3.15 p.m. Children's Service (St. Andrew's).
6.30 p.m. Festival Evensong (St. Peter, St. Andrew St. Barnabas).

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ST. MARGARET MAPLEDURHAM

Palm Sunday.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.15 a.m. Parish Communion with Blessing of palms.

Good Friday.
9.15 a.m. Matins and Antiphon Communion.
12-3 p.m. (at Mapledurham Church House).
"Good Friday for the children".

Easter Day.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.15 a.m. Parish Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

CAVERSHAM FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

Easter Day.
11.00 a.m. Morning Service (The Rev. L. S. Lewis).
6.30 p.m. Evening Service (The Rev. L. S. Lewis).

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Easter Day.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

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When my wife died I thought there was nothing left for me. My sorrow sometimes changed to bouts of self pity. Losing a wife was something that always happened to other people, now it had happened to me!

As I sat looking at my three children, life seemed so unfair. What had they done to be deprived of a mother's loving care? What had I done to be deprived of a wife?

That night I prayed, asking God to help me bear this sorrow. It seemed to be my only hope. As I prayed, I experienced intense shame. When everything had been going along quite smoothly, I never bothered to pray. Now that I was sad and bewildered, afraid of the future, I felt the need to turn to God. Despite my feeling of guilt, I went on praying.

STRONGER

A few days later my nervous tension relaxed; I felt stronger and noticed that in many strange ways, problems were solving themselves.

My three children, who were all attending school, suddenly seemed to become more mature in their outlook. They began to do many things for themselves. One evening, when I came home from work, there was my youngest son sewing a button on his shirt; my other son was sweeping the floor, while my daughter quite happily washed up the dishes. Strangely enough, all three seemed to be enjoying themselves. When their mother had been alive, housework was the last thing any of them wanted to do!

With my children setting such a good example by their courage and willingness to help, I felt, once again, that there was some purpose in life. Instead of sitting alone during the weekends when the children were out playing, I went to meet people, renewed my acquaintance with the Church, and made a number of new friends.

Through them I learned what problems other people had to face and with what courage they overcame them. In comparison, I was fortunate indeed. I had three splendid children and excellent health—certainly these were priceless assets.

HOW PROUD

I often think how proud my wife would have been to see our children rise to the occasion and give me such wonderful support. They seemed to realise that now we all had to work as a team; this was more important than ever before. Here was a challenge, and we had to overcome it together.

Life has now taken on a brighter aspect, and I feel that things will get even better in the future. It seems as though an unseen guide is walking in front of me, smoothing away the difficulties from my path.

Now that many of my original worries have vanished I do not intend to make the former mistake of forgetting to pray.

I am sure that God has worked in His own mysterious way and given me strength to cope with life once again.

A. NICKLIN.

New English Bible is completed

Published this month is the completed New English Bible translation of both the Old and New Testaments.

The New Testament which has now been revised was first produced in 1961 and has sold seven million copies. The Old Testament translation is now issued for the first time, and alongside it is the Apocrypha, made up

of books originally written in between the two Testaments, and not usually included in modern English versions.

The aim of the New English Bible has been to state as clearly as possible, in the natural language of the English-speaking peoples today, what the original means in the light of the new knowledge that has been discovered. In all

cases the translators have gone back direct to the original languages.

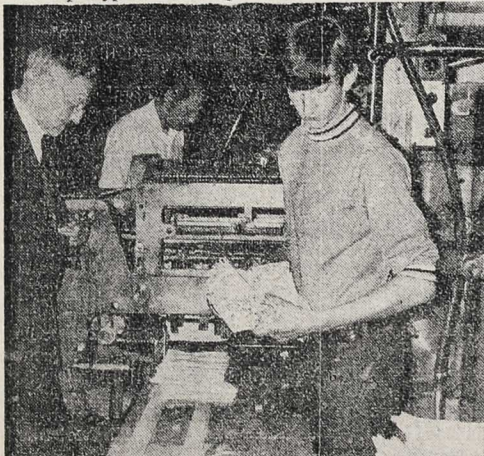
It is an authoritative translation, sponsored by the major Christian bodies—other than the Roman Catholic—in the British Isles. A list of the names of the translators would show the scholarship behind this project, complete lack of denominational or doctrinal bias, and the infinite care that has been taken to produce the best.

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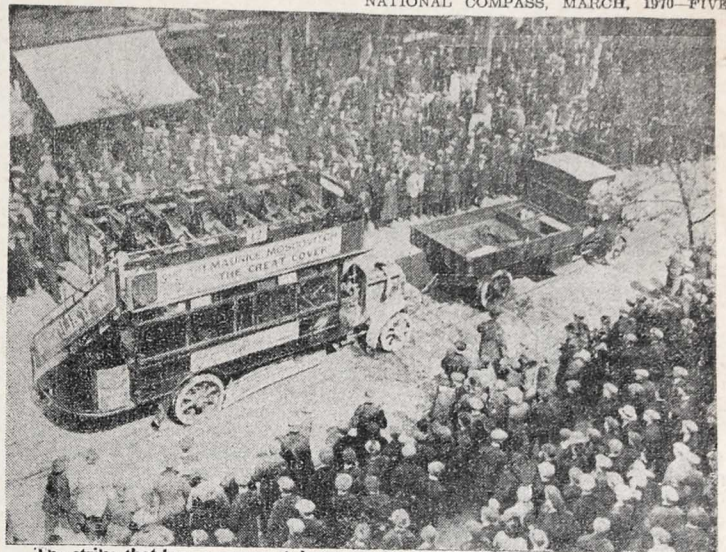
The translators would not suggest that their work is perfect and that no further translation will ever need to be undertaken. The N.E.B. is, quite simply, the best that the best available scholars could produce, with the knowledge and evidence available to them.

And they can claim, with complete assurance, that they have made sense of more obscure verses than any other translation and have solved many problems for the first time.

The Standard Edition of the whole translation in one volume costs 30s. (35s. with Apocrypha).



Professor Sir Godfrey Driver looks on while the completed New English Bible comes off the press.



The strike that hurt a nation. A burnt out bus is towed away after a clash at the Elephant and Castle, London, during the 1926 General Strike which brought the nation to a halt.

STRIKING— FOR JUSTICE

By Ken Hills

People seem to care about social problems; opinions about them are often voiced.

"The answer to all this 'Youth Problem' is to build a community centre, sweep 'em all into it and tidy up the streets. Of course they mustn't wear leather jackets when they go—and the rates shouldn't be put up, they're sure to be able to find the money to pay a 'Youth Leader' by charging the kids a decent admission. Why, it'd help keep my kids out of my hair too."

Yet such problems don't touch us very closely and we tend not to care very deeply. If a Youth Club Leader went on strike we'd hardly notice.

But some people can go on strike and hurt us.

We go for a bus and it isn't there; we wait for a holiday train and it doesn't come; we turn on the T.V. and it blankly stares; we order a car and we have to wait; 'They' order a part but a factory is 'out' and their factory stops and the dealers run out and we have to wait.

Through strikes, industry, the backbone of our way of life can hurt us

until we care. Strikes can uncover problems of injustice. That's what most strikes are ultimately about.

It's partly the use of the strikers' power in the past which has helped to rid our society of much inhumanity and exploitation. But there is still indignity, insecurity and exploitation, an unwillingness to go on changing for the better.

Maybe 'The Bosses' aren't the real enemy any more. Maybe it's us, who don't care much about injustice, so long as we have a quiet, undisturbed life. We don't care — until it hurts.

To tackle community relations

The Right Reverend Cecil Patterson, formerly Archbishop of the Church of the Province of West Africa, has been appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to be their representative for community relations. He will be free to visit dioceses and help clergy and congregations understand the issues involved in the presence of immigrant communities and to play their part in the work of good community relations.

The forthcoming appointment of a community relations representative for the Archbishops was briefly referred to by the Archbishop of Canterbury in a speech in the House of Lords during a debate on Colour and Citizenship on December 16. Bishop Patterson, who has also been appointed an assistant bishop in the diocese of London, will be based at his home in Richmond, Surrey.

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TELEVISION

We find we are suddenly terribly popular! We never knew we had so many friends in the locality. The reason we have now acquired a colour T.V. set.

It comes fully up to all my expectations. It is like that first T.V. honeymoon all over again. I am even getting a taste for football now you can clearly distinguish between the two sides. Those old movies actually look quite new when they come up in colour, and the full impact of our old favourites has to be seen to be believed! Did you know, for example, that Elsie Tanner has red hair and that Reginald Bosanquet reads the news in a beetroot pink shirt?

I can now see what repercussions this could all have

My television honeymoon starts all over again

on our environment and the colour of our clothes. Naturally, everything tends to be in bright primary colours. If there is a car shown, it is invariably in bright red or vivid yellow: room settings are more psychedelic than sombre and girls wear bright make-up and exotic sparkling shades. It will inevitably affect the colours of fabrics and furnishings the designers and manufacturers produce for us.

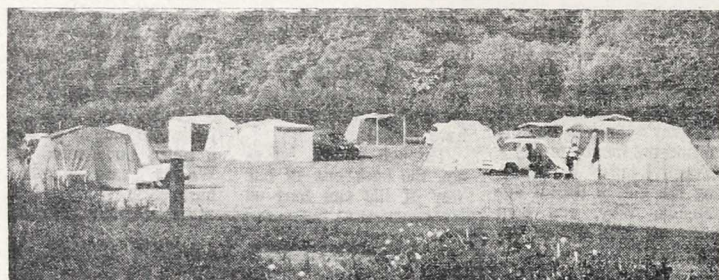
I have seen colour T.V. in America, but reckon Britain did right to go for the 625 system. It is much better than the transatlantic screen.

As a small neighbour from a black-and-white household down the road said: "Oh, look mummy, Mrs. Best's been finger-painting her telly!"

So into the colourful Seventies!

JOAN BEST.

CAMPING



Spring is just around the corner and for an increasing number of enthusiasts this means the start of another camping season.

More and more people are turning to camping as not only an escape from the noisy racket of city life but as a comparatively cheap way of having a holiday anywhere you like, free from the restrictions of Hotels and Boarding-house landladies.

No longer is this a pastime for those hardy individuals who are always ready to rough it with a stiff upper lip and an admirable disregard for personal discomfort. Modern camping in frame tents with the latest gadgets and equipment is civilised, comfortable and enjoyable—and what's more, it's ideal for children.

There is a great need for more sites and facilities but luckily the Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland is an organization which enlarges its membership each year and is able to exert increasing pressure in places where it matters. Those who are starting out as campers would find a great advantage of joining this association. The address is: 11 Lower Grosvenor Place, LONDON, S.W.1.

RUGBY



The Springboks get the ball away in their game against the Combined Services.

Coaching has come to stay—that would seem to be a fair deduction to make as a result of this winter's Rugby. Players everywhere and at every level have agreed that a higher standard has been played this season at both the international and club levels than in past seasons as a result of the coaching revolution.

Whatever else may be said about the international defeats of the Springboks there can be no doubts that the home sides benefited greatly from their coaching schemes. The thanks for this must go to the last All-Blacks touring team who showed the tremendous advantages of applied techniques in the basics of the game—scrumming

League - union border crossed

(especially the loose ruck) line-out play, passing and backing up. Carefully thought out tactics are no longer considered as something beneath amateur players who turn out on a Saturday afternoon just for the fun of it.

Perhaps the other feature of this season has been the large number of top class players who have passed over from the amateur ranks to Rugby League. It would have been almost unthinkable ten years ago for a public school boy like Keith Jarrett, still in his prime as a Welsh international and as a British Lion tourist, to change his allegiance for the financial perks of the professional scene.

The fact is that money talks, and since it is no longer unusual to find people from all social classes being paid for their sporting prowess in such things as tennis and golf, it is not surprising that players in Rugby Union are wanting to capitalise on their skills. If it weren't for the increasing "shamateur" situation in Rugby Union it is more than likely that many others would have crossed the border.

It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that the future will see a coming together of Rugby League and Rugby Union in some sort of open arrangement which will make it possible for players to play both codes at the same time.

TOP BRASS

"Come up" he said, "and see my brass rubbings." I looked at the small rickety ladder leading up into the dimness of the ancient vestry loft. My fellow-enthusiast waited, poised half-way like an angel on Jacob's ladder, so swallowing any hesitations about virtue or vertigo, up I went.

I'd spent part of the morning taking a rubbing from the imposing altar tomb below. Slowly, under my black heel ball, a 15th century noblewoman emerged in splendid heraldic robes, hair braided smoothly back under her stiffly wired butterfly head-dress. Now here she was again, glowing in the dusty gloom of the old loft. The verger had used imagination and gold paper!

More and more people are becoming enthusiastic brass rubbers. A good brass can tell you so much. For one thing, they're first-rate fashion plates. Naturally, when a woman is dressing for posterity, she wants to look elegant. It is interesting to read a tomb-maker's contract of 1450

agreeing to provide "a decent and perfect picture of a faire gentlewoman with a Frenche-hood, edge and abillment, with all other apparrell, furniture, jewels, ornaments and things in all respects usual, decent and seemly for a gentlewoman."

WIVES

A family's history is there to read in brass. I saw one husband neatly centred with two identical wives, each with ten children, five boys and five girls. And two young wives alike in ruffs and broad-brimmed hats, who had died within two years of each other. Small wonder their bereft husband inscribed:

Thy sting O death, most sharply here appears
To take them both away
in their prime years.

Besides knights and ladies, you may find priests, merchants, professional men, skeletons and babies in swaddling clothes.

Older children often be-

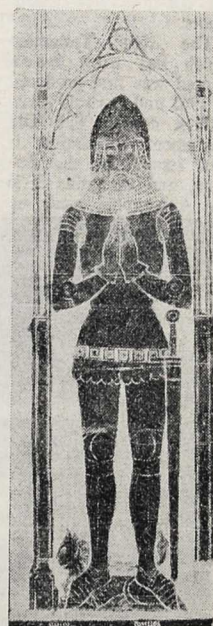
by Betty Puttick

come enthusiastic brass-rubbers, and a holiday visit to a country church with interesting brasses, followed by a picnic, makes a pleasant expedition. You may have to hunt for your brasses. They are often hidden by carpet, or may have been moved to the walls during restoration work. Don't forget to ask the vicar's permission first—some churches make a small charge for rubbing.

You don't need any expensive equipment. Buy a roll of lining paper, and a stick or two of heel-ball. Your local art shop or shoe-mender can probably supply this price about 2/4d. for black, 2/6d. for brown or red, 7/- gold. Or Phillips and Page Ltd., 50 Kensington Church Street, London W.8. can supply by post.

Dust your brass before starting, then secure the paper with adhesive tape. Rub firmly and evenly—and don't be disappointed at your first effort. It's quite hard work, and takes time, but results can be strikingly decorative. So get rubbing!

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A rubbing on view recently at an exhibition at Berkswell, Warwickshire.

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Owt about nowt !

'The rule is, jam tomorrow and jam yesterday, but never jam today.' Remember this old complaint from *Alice Through the Looking Glass*? In other words, its promises, promises and promises, and nobody doing 'owt about nowt.' We're all fed up with the old clap trap of empty promises, though we admit that we ourselves are often as guilty as the next chap of joining in the clap trap and of being too lazy or weak-headed or what-have-you to join the action front.

EVENT OF THE MONTH

This year Easter comes right at the end of March. Do you know why the date of Easter dodges about from year to year, sometimes coming in March and sometimes in April? It all depends on the moon. Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the full moon which comes on or after March 21st. If March 21st happens to be a Sunday and the full moon is on that day, then Easter Day is on the following Sunday.

Check with a diary or calendar the date of the full moon in March this year.

The earliest date Easter Sunday can be is March 22nd and the latest date is April 25th.

IS EASTER ALL BALLYHOO?

Some folks try to tell us it is. But what they can't explain away is what changed a bunch of pretty ordinary chaps into a band of daring pioneers and martyrs. Take Peter, for instance. At Jesus's trial he got a bad attack of the jitters, slunk away in the background, and swore lustily that he'd never known the man. After the Resurrection he became fearless and, according to an old story, was crucified upside down when he was an old man because he was a follower of Jesus.

We say that Easter is most certainly not ballyhoo, but the greatest action story of all.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the nineteen-twenties a young man Frank Morison started to write a book to prove the story of the Resurrection was not true. He studied all the evidence in the Gospels to prove his point. But the evidence turned round on him; it convinced him that the story is true. So he had to give up his original plan, and the book he wrote, *Who Moved the Stone*, is an account of why he changed his mind.

AN EASTER PLANT

Make a flower pot from a yoghurt or cream carton. Put in in very hot water for a few minutes until it has lost its tub shape and has become bumpy on the sides (watch that you keep the bottom flat). Paint it your favourite colour. Fill it with soil and put a small violet plant in it. Another way of using your flower pot is to insert a small piece of foam plastic sold by florists for flower arrangements. Then fill the pot with water and arrange snowdrops or other small flowers in it.



Bus 'clippies' in Birmingham agree: they're fed up with empty promises.

MODERN ACTION STORIES

Michael Bentine, radio and television star, is planning an expedition to Peru to discover how farming can be developed in the rain-forests to help solve world famine.

Duong Thi Tu Phung and Pham Thanh Mai, two abandoned babies from Vietnam, have been brought to England and have been adopted by English families. They have been given the names of Sara and Abigail.

Marks and Spencers spend £100 a year on each member of the staff of

their firm in providing pensions, cheap hair-do's, medical and dental care, and other benefits. Why? First and foremost because the directors believe that people matter and a good employer ought to look after his work people.

For Guys and Dolls

It's lucky, they say, to wear something new for Easter. We doubt the point about the luck, but we would agree that it's fun. So, you dolls, what about knitting a new sweater or yards and yards of scarf for yourself or your boy friend?

A kinky new tie is an idea for guys, if the girl friend hasn't come up with the scarf or the sweater. Incidentally we know some guys — and real he-chaps too — who are dab hands at knitting.

Missing veg

Fill in the names of the following six well-known vegetables. Then take one letter from each of the six and find the seventh vegetable—also a well-known one.

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| 1. Often eaten mashed | T | |
| 2. Has a link with Belgium | S | |
| 3. The donkey's favourite | C | |
| 4. Small, red and round | R | |
| 5. A bit like a split pea | L | |
| 6. A favourite at harvest festivals | M | |

Answers: Turnip, sprout, carrot, radish, lentil, marrow. Missing vegetable—potato.

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We are very pleased to be able to announce the winners of the colouring competition that appeared in our December edition.

1st prize goes to Sandra Duggan (aged 10) 87 Brookmeadow Road, Birmingham 34.

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We see a bobby being kind to someone, or calm and efficient when others are in a turmoil, or being patient even when a saint might look at least a little cross.

We hear it, we see it, we know it—but somehow all that doesn't come into what we really find ourselves 'feeling' about a policeman or a traffic officer.

Even the Police Force itself feels it needs to try to "improve its image," as the public relations boys say. But really, it's something we 'feel', something about private relationships.

UNEASY

When we see a policeman or a traffic warden there's an uneasy feeling deep in most of us. Mixed feelings—You know how it is when we meet some-

one who was once our schoolteacher. We may be 30 or 40, but suddenly we're like a kid again. It's silly, but it's there.

Sadly, somewhere way back there at school or at home, as kids in an adult controlled world, it seems we learn an uneasy relationship with authority and anyone who represents it.

Just think how unfair that is to people who do necessary jobs in exercising authority.

How unfair that is on someone like a policeman whose job after all, is simply to referee the more obviously necessary rules of the game of living in a community—for everyone's sake.

How unfair it is on someone like a traffic cop whose main object is to see that we and other citizens get from A. to B. safely.

AS WELL

Anyone with power who feels flattered by our 'odd' feelings about his, or her, authority, is the wrong person for that job. But when one thinks about it, it is



just as well that plenty of persons which are fulfilled in belonging to the police—the long hours, discipline, and risks. And yes despite knowing that we all have this 'odd feeling' about them. (Nevertheless, we do think Britain's bobbies are wonderful!).

AWEFUL

I guess a policeman could have a fair idea of how God might feel when—despite the fact we think Jesus is wonderful—we persist in feeling and even thinking about Him as an Awful Authority who makes us feel uneasy!

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With renewed thanks,
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DES WILSON,
Director.