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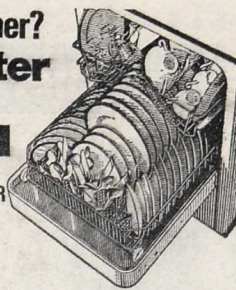
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The Charles Hodgson Column



A lease of new life...

A man came out of prison. For the past five years he had been something less than a man living something less than life. He had lost his liberty, his freedom of action, he had been guarded and watched over, he had had his name replaced by a number.

And when he comes out, what happens? Very often he comes to a society which rejects him because he is a criminal, to family and friends who are ashamed of him, to possible employers who just don't want to know.

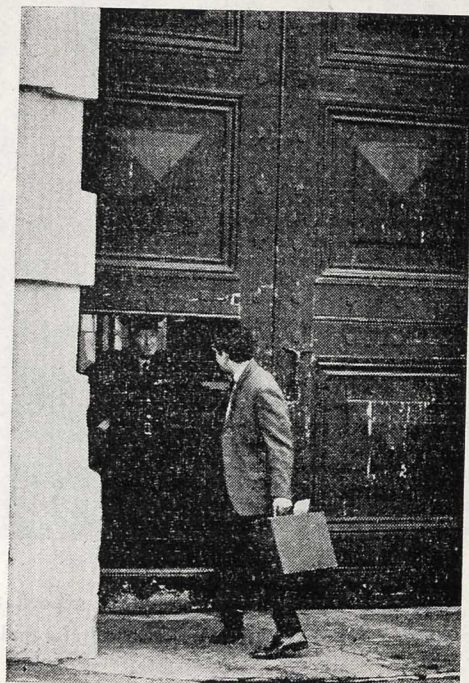
When he was sent down he died a little; he can die a lot more when he comes out.

A man came out of hospital. He had been ill. Not organically ill, though that would have been bad enough. He had been mentally ill. During his time in hospital he had been very emotionally disturbed, his memory had been uncertain, even his appearance and his movements had been a little grotesque. It had been hard for his family to see him like that, but now he was coming home. He was feeling very much better and looking forward to getting back to normal life.

A FREAK

And what happens when he gets home? So often a man like that is greeted with a mixture of pity, embarrassment, curiosity, and fear. He is regarded as something of a freak, something not quite human.

When he had his nervous breakdown he died a little; now his friends are content that he should stay dead.



A man died, and his widow mourned. Theirs had been a very happy marriage and they had thought the world of each other. She couldn't believe that he had gone, she thought it was all a bad dream.

Then her friends came to console her. "Don't take it so hard" they said, "it comes to us all." "He'd had a good life, and when your time comes you've got to go." "You'll have to pull yourself together, it doesn't do to dwell on it, you've got to learn to manage without him."

With her bereavement she had died a little; now she was being told that death is the end.

What she really wanted was a ray of hope that death isn't the end, and that the love they had known together could continue for ever.

What he really wanted

was to be treated as a normal human being and not a "nut case."

OF VALUE

What he really wanted was to regain his self respect, and to feel that he was of some value to somebody.

What they all really wanted was a new lease of life.

And this is what Easter is all about, with its message of a man who overcame death, who promises life beyond the grave, and who shows how defeat, decay, and death, can be the springboard to greater and better things. When Jesus was nailed to the cross he died a lot. But on Easter morning he rose again.

And he offers to us and to our society, not simply a new lease of life, but A LEASE OF NEW LIFE.

London sends 39 tons of Bibles to Nigeria

Thirty-nine tons of Bibles in four different Nigerian languages have just been shipped to Lagos from the London docks by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

They have been sent to help Nigeria's own national Bible Society as part of the work of reconciliation which is accompanying the organisation of material relief in areas affected by the civil war.

This is in addition to a consignment of 24,000 Bibles awaiting unloading at Lagos and a further consignment of 35,000 already well on the way by sea.

The Bible Society's experience is that after civil strife in other parts of the world there have been heavy demands for copies of the Bible with its moral and spiritual reassurance. There is every sign that this trend will be repeated in Nigeria and, indeed, an order to print a further 105,000 Bibles in Ibo, Yoruba and Hausa has already been placed in Britain.

Good for a laugh

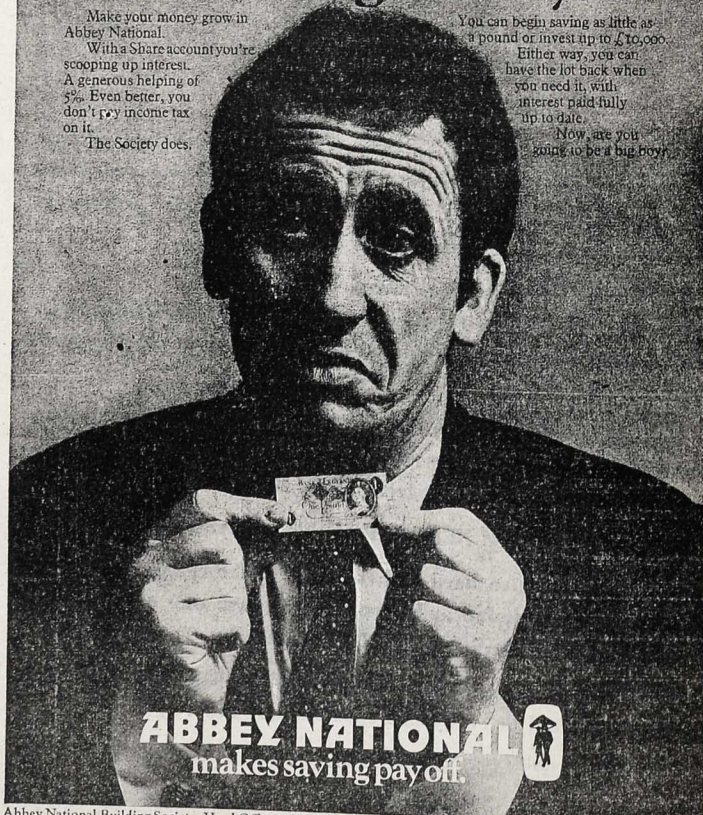


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A LEAD TO HAPPINESS

John Oliver Yates once had a full and satisfying life as a world-traveller and lecturer in economics and philosophy. Then he was in a motor accident that deprived him completely of his sight.

During the dark days in hospital the one thing that cheered him was the lively debating of his many friends who visited him. One day, when he was feeling his useful life had finished, he was talking about loneliness, and a social worker friend switched the conversation around to those who are so lonely they end by becoming mentally ill. Jack's interest was gripped. "Actually ill?" he exclaimed. "I suppose they go into hospital, get excellent treatment, then come out to return to the conditions that caused the illness. What happens next?"

What happened next has made all the difference between miserable existence and a full life for hundreds of men and women, it has also become Jack's most important task. As a result of the talk, he and a close friend, Philip Fox, founded the organisation known as Neurotics Anonymous—N.A. as many grateful members call it.

ISOLATED

N.A. is a social club with a difference, and it gets members by carefully worded advertisements in the Press. It appeals to all who are lonely, need friends and don't know how



Jack Yates, Chairman of Neurotics Anonymous, talking at a London meeting.

By Marie Spinks

to make them, or have been so long isolated that they have lost the habit of easy association with other people. Meetings are held three times weekly in London, and there is a small membership fee to cover overheads.

What happens at a typical meeting? I know from experience, for I had a nervous breakdown after a serious domestic crisis. My own parish priest suggested I join N.A. because I had become afraid of talking to people, and wanted to hide away in the house all the time. At my first meeting I entered a room full of quietly behaved, friendly men and women of all ages. Jack introduced me by my Christian name—surnames are never used between members.

The first part of the evening was given to debating on a number of subjects, chosen from a show of hands. Everyone was encouraged to contribute, and the few rather aggressive people present—inevitably in any club—were dealt with very tactfully by

Jack and other long-standing members. Much of the debate was on social questions and modern conditions. The second part of the meeting was occupied by the discussion of personal problems. No difficulty was too big, and none too trivial to merit attention.

This group therapy isn't a magic cure for trouble, but a sharing of anxieties, and hope was given by those people who had encountered and overcome similar difficulties.

WELCOMED

Some of the N.A. members are refugees or foreign students, living alone and without family or friends in this country. The group is non-sectarian and all religions are welcomed. Points concerning religion and morals are favourite topics of debate. Other members are the widowed and ex-hospital patients, directed to the group by doctors, clergymen and social workers.

There are groups similar to N.A. in America, and a lady doctor has just started one in Austria. Jack is chairman of N.A. and working harder than ever before to enable many to find their way to a full and useful life. He would be pleased to answer any enquiries, and his address is 24, Carlton Hill, London, N.W.4. Please enclose a stamp, for the group is being run on a shoe-string!

The trials of those Friday ladies..

by Margo
Headford

income from hiring this out!

Some of the houses are indescribable in their misery: only district nurses, welfare workers, doctors and the like can possibly know exactly what I mean. Some haven't been decorated since the war; and that probably World War I. Some are reasonable, their owners, mostly widows, frustrated that they cannot do more owing to their infirmities.

GOING BLIND

We admired some pinks once, bravely making a splash of colour in a neglected garden. The next time round we were presented with some plants by one lady who wished to repay our efforts in the only way she could. We offered magazines, only to be told by another that she would dearly like to read them, but she was going blind. Some need

"You can tell them cooks," she roared, with a thump on the table to give emphasis, "that I don't like coconut pudding and never shall!"

This was the remark that greeted me after six months on the "Meals on Wheels" service run by the W.R.V.S. but it is by no means typical. Most are only too grateful for a hot meal delivered to their doors by volunteers.

I had joined this organisation after seeing a plea in a local paper. The service, it said, would break down, without more helpers. I could only manage Fridays as my husband comes home to lunch on the other days.

A "mate" came from a totally unexpected source: a friendly acquaintance of retiring age who wished to thank the W.R.V.S. for their kindness to a relative.

EFFICIENT

I went round the first time with the organiser, brisk and efficient and, I noticed, wearing a decoration on her uniform.

Our customers should leave their doors ajar so that we can get in easily. Many, of course, do not. I was rather on their side, thinking of possible draughts. "You won't be so charitable," the organiser said. "When there's a thunderstorm or it's snowing." She was right.

It was quite an adventure loading up with the special container that keeps the dinners hot, also the zipped bag with the two thermos flasks, one of gravy and the other custard.

Later, we were presented with a sticker for the car. This allowed us to park on double yellow lines whilst on duty. My family were most impressed with this and it struck me that I could reap a steady

large printed books which, though readily available at public libraries, are difficult to deliver and collect.

One elderly gentleman, a cricket enthusiast, always had the commentary on the radio when we called. We longed to pop him into a first class seat and give him V.I.P. treatment for a day. His wife sat sadly smiling... at what? Hilda, my helper, asked her gently what exactly was the matter. "I don't really know," was the reply. "All I know is that I can't get out of this chair."

It was her husband who pushed sixpence across the table one day. "They left it... by mistake... on Wednesday." He is always short of breath. "Will you give... it to them?" We gazed helplessly at each other. We didn't even know the Wednesday ladies. There were times when our books didn't balance either. We hastily pushed it back: we were sure they wouldn't mind.

If you have any spare time, this job is well worth doing. One goes home, whatever the weather, in a virtuous rosy glow. One has done one's best, for a tiny fraction of time, to help.

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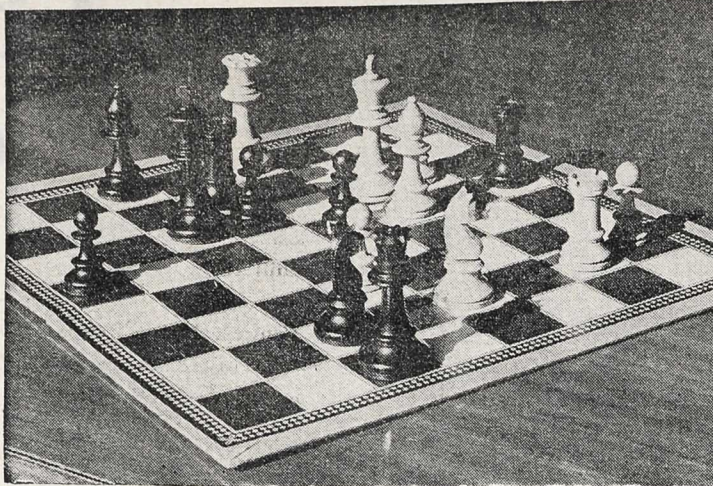
Can you name a game that is considered bourgeois and decadent in China, is played by 10 million Russians (where champions earn £4,000 a year) that has incited players to murder and been condemned by the Church?

Chess seems peaceful enough but in the past it has roused strong passions. Said to have come from India, it reached Europe by Norman times, probably earlier in Scandinavia, and was so popular in 1061 that Cardinal Damiani warned his priests "not to take part in the vanity of chess".

Used as weapons

Mediaeval chessboards were heavy, often being made of gold for wealthy addicts. Even the pieces were weighty enough to act as weapons. A Duke of Normandy killed his attackers with chessmen while a mediaeval tale records that one player cracked open his opponent's head with the board when defeated.

Psychologists explain chess by claiming that the King acts as father figure with patricide being the real motive behind the game. The Queen they say, helped by her family, schemes



By *Edyth Harper*

to kill her husband.

In the past there was heavy gambling over games, players going so far as to gamble away not only their possessions but fingers and toes as well. In some cases sterile boiling ointment was prepared beforehand for amputated fingers and toes! King Canute invariably won any game he played, because if he lost, his fellow-player was executed.

Headless Knights

Any aid was valuable in playing a game requiring concentration, patience and self-control. Magicians, for a fee, cast spells on certain boards, and magic surrounded the game. Even in our day at the Bognor Regis Chess Congress for several years past, decapitated black knights have mysteriously appeared after play is over.

"Check-mate", the final triumphant cry of the winner, comes from the Persian "shah mat", "the King is dead", Chess reached us from India via Persia, the Arabs and the Moors. Today it is played internationally, being one of the few games where age, and sex, have little effect on the skill required.

Car Sense

Trouble among the fans!

Three times in the last month or so I've come across the same trouble. The first time it happened with my own car which has an ammeter, and I was able to diagnose it quickly. The other times with cars which had no ammeter, and my diagnosis was based on guesswork, though proved right in the end.

I'm talking about fan belts, and flat batteries. . . . We all know about the uses of the little red ignition light on the dashboard; how if it fails to go out when you start the engine you know the battery is not being charged—and you start looking for a fault.

But suppose it does go out, and everything seems quite O.K.—and yet there comes a day when there is no juice in your battery? Where then do you start looking?

Answer; at your fan belt! When it is getting old it tends to slacken, but the effect of this is not noticeable for some time. If you lift the bonnet when the engine is running you will see the fan turning and the generator too. The red dashboard light will go out, indicating—quite truthfully that the generator is supplying current to charge your battery.

BUT.....here's the catchit doesn't tell you how much current. Only an ammeter will do that.

When you have everything switched on—headlights, heater fan, windscreen wiper and radio—the burden on your car's electrical system can be 15 amps or more. And if your battery is not to slowly run down under these conditions the generator may have to supply as much as 20 amps for long periods.

WON'T COPE

With a 12volt system that means a generator output of 275 watts—and the generator will take up to half a horse power from your engine to do this. The fan belt has to transmit this power to the generator, plus a tidy bit more to drive the fan. If it's slack it won't cope with the load, and will slip. It will still turn the generator, but only fast enough to produce, say, two or three amps. The battery instead of being charged, has to carry most of the load itself; and a few hours of running under these conditions will leave it quite flat.

If you suspect that you've got this trouble, it's easy to verify. With the engine stopped, open the bonnet and give a gentle pull at one of the fan blades. If the fan turns easily while the belt stays still, then check the makers' handbook and make the adjustment it recommends.

Brian Favell.

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No ordinary child

By *R.
Vernon
Cockshoot*

There is little to distinguish her from any other child. Perhaps the eyes are a little wider, the gait a shade more wooden but, to all intents and purposes, she is just an ordinary child out shopping with her mother.

The more observant neighbour may detect a tension about the mother's face as she struggles with a basket of groceries, an awkward purse; her eyes scarcely leave the innocent-looking child.

Almost without warning, an elaborately stacked pyramid of condensed soup in uniform cans crashes to the floor of the supermarket. The child screams, claps her hands and looks at her momentary act of destruction with an obvious, excited delight. The bored cashier looks disgustedly at the ceiling; other shoppers express opinions about lack of parental control. Coins roll from the mother's purse but no one

lends assistance.

Thoughtful people step aside when a crippled girl makes her way between the displays of packets and bottles: help is offered to anyone struggling with a push-chair; the blind and the deaf receive sympathetic encouragement.

It is a tragedy that a mentally handicapped child looks quite ordinary. It is an even greater tragedy when, in a world trying to conquer prejudices in race and in class, such children are treated with contempt, disgust and fear.

Double think



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A Winston Churchill

Travelling Fellowship Award in Caversham

Congratulations to Mrs. Winifred Annable of Darell Road, Caversham on being awarded one of the Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowships for 1970

Mrs. Annable is Centres Organiser for the elderly in Berkshire. Part of the time she works at eight of the residential homes in the county where she co-ordinates the help of voluntary workers, some themselves retired. Together they organise games, handicraft and music sessions, competitions and an interest in current events among those living in homes. The rest of her time is spent at the Day Centres in the county doing similar work.

The fellowship enables Mrs. Annable to travel in Scandinavian countries for 3 months this summer to study their well advanced ideas in helping those who are retired and those reaching old age.

Life has been a full one for many years. Mrs. Annable has been doing voluntary work with the elderly since 1954. She has also been Welfare Organiser for Berkshire in the Civil Defence and is the only woman associate fellow of the Association of Civil Defence.

For the future—she would like to see a lot more guidance given to those just retired or about to do so and to open workshops and handicraft centres where they could begin taking up some further interests and make the new stage in their lives both a stimulating and happy one.



Supermarket? Super-mess!

PERHAPS by the time this edition of the Caversham Bridge appears the Minister of Housing will have told Oxfordshire that they must revoke or modify the planning consent given for the erection of a supermarket in Peppard Road. If he fails to do this he will have knocked another nail in the coffin of local government which is already held in disrepute by so many people. The Chairman of the Oxfordshire Planning Committee, Mr. H. W. Howland, has admitted that Oxfordshire failed to do what the law requires about consulting Reading. But just because the mistake is an expensive one is not in itself a reason for Oxfordshire County Council pleading that they cannot put the matter right. If the Minister allows a County Council to behave in this way he will encourage other local authorities to ignore the law to suit their convenience. Reading Town Council has done right to protest and take the matter to the Minister. But after the way Surley Row was recently "re-developed" it would be unwise for Reading to feel particularly virtuous.

It is of course easy to criticise but it does need to be remembered that the complexity of local government is such that it demands an immense amount of time from those who are willing to stand for office. Basically the system is at fault. There are many able people whose professional or business commitments are so demanding that they can never contemplate serving as town councillors.

The same problem faces the Church. The Church of England is on the point of electing clerical and lay representatives to the newly created National Synod which replaces this year the former much larger Church Assembly. But because of the time that this will demand there is a grave danger that very few young candidates will emerge. The parish of Caversham is one of the largest in the country and certainly ought to be able to produce one member of the laity who might consider standing for election. But when it comes to suggesting an actual name it is not so easy.

Are we moving towards paid representatives for local government and church synods? The voluntary principal is one which few people would like to see vanish. But if we are to retain the voluntary system we may inevitably have to hand more matters over to the professional staff. There is no easy solution and admirable as the recommendations of the Maud report were in many respects those who serve on bigger units of local government would be likely to need more rather than less time to spare for this work. The grave danger is that the mistakes that are made from time to time will produce a growing sense of frustration and apathy among the electorate that will undermine the whole democratic process.

The minister's decision about the Peppard Road development will be awaited with more than local interest.

John Grimwade

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St. John's Hall

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CAVERSHAM PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



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Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, Handymen.

As you read this Kay and Jerry Gardner will probably be jaunting around Paris, at Elliotts—was forced to for at Easter they will be off for a long week-end—their first trip abroad—won in a competition run by Jay Wakelin, horticultural specialists. Nobody deserves it more. Since taking over the Handyman Store in Gosbrook Road two years ago, they have worked hard to build up an exceptionally obliging service; and though they will be closed for Tuesday and Wednesday of Easter week, it is certain none of their customers will begrudge them their holiday.

Jerry, a Caversham man

by birth and a joiner by trade—he learned his trade at Elliotts—was forced to give up work a few years ago because of eye trouble. Fortunately Kay, a Devonshire lass with a fair share of gump and determination, suggested the business, though she scarcely knew the difference between a screwdriver and a chisel when they started. In spite of early difficulties it has been a happy venture and they both enjoy the chance to meet people.

Many people will know them for Jerry was for a long time closely associated with St. John's Church; through their son's activities, however, they became members of the Baptist Church. We wish them a happy trip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Webb.

By the time you read this Daphne Webb and her young daughters will have flown to join Alan in Uganda where he plans to teach for two years.

Daphne and Alan came to live in Peppard Road over six years ago; Jane, who is eleven, is reluctant to leave her friends at the Hill School and in the guides, but Susan, two years younger, is more philosophical and looking forward to life in Jinja, on Lake Victoria. They will probably both be attending the school where their father is already teaching. It is interesting to hear that Alan finds the standard of primary teaching higher than it is in this country.

A rented house and furniture will be provided, but apparently imported items are extremely expensive. But it will be a great experience for a young family and Alan reports that he is thoroughly enjoying it and the climate is lovely.

Daphne has been working at the BBC for many years;

always friendly and never missing an opportunity to help, she will be missed by her colleagues, but we look forward to hearing news of them and to their eventual return to Caversham.



Eric Heiden.

The many friends of Eric and Phyllis Heiden of Giffard House will be very pleased to hear of the success of Eric's recent operation. Contracting Parkinson's Disease at a very early age, life has never been easy for him and Phyllis; forced to give up his work as a chemist many years ago, he has worked as security officer at the Cork Mills. Though his condition deteriorated greatly in recent years, he was determined to keep working; not only that, but he never allowed his handicap to prevent him from being active

in the labour and co-operative movement. Always cheerful and never in any way bitter, Eric won the admiration of all those who met him.

Some time ago a method of brain surgery was developed in Sweden which, though not offering a cure, could help to relieve many of the distressing symptoms of the disease, and it is typical that Eric decided to take the chance. It was not a happy ordeal—three and a half hours under a local anaesthetic—but now, only five weeks after the operation, most of his symptoms have entirely disappeared and he hopes to be fully active and back at work by the time this is published.

It is not surprising that they are both anxious to pay tribute to the doctor from the Berkshire Hospital, who was instrumental in getting Eric to London for the operation, and to the doctors and nursing staff at the hospital itself. This operation could mean real hope to many people in the future.

On behalf of all the many 'Bridge' readers who know them, we would like to offer our sincere congratulations and hope Eric will continue to improve.

Ruth Ascher.

Another person who needs no introduction to the people of Caversham is Miss Ascher, who lives with her mother in St. Anne's Road and is director of

music at Queen Anne's School.

Many local people were at Wigmore Hall in February to hear a piano and song recital given by Ruth and her friend, Margaret Morell, also of Reading. Ruth, who came to England from Germany in the early thirties, studied under the famous pianist, Solomon, and holds the Gold Medal of the Guildhall School of Music. She has given many recitals in recent years and apart from her work at Queen Anne's School, is a lecturer in music; many



people will have heard her W.E.A. lectures.

She is, I may add, a very charming and friendly person; we are fortunate to have her living in Caversham and look forward to further opportunities of hearing her play.

W.D.

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Dr. Crowther is the first to say that he is fortunate in having around him a skilled and experienced team. His right hand is Mr. G. A. Pilkington, a past President of the Caversham Rotary Club, and a resident in St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

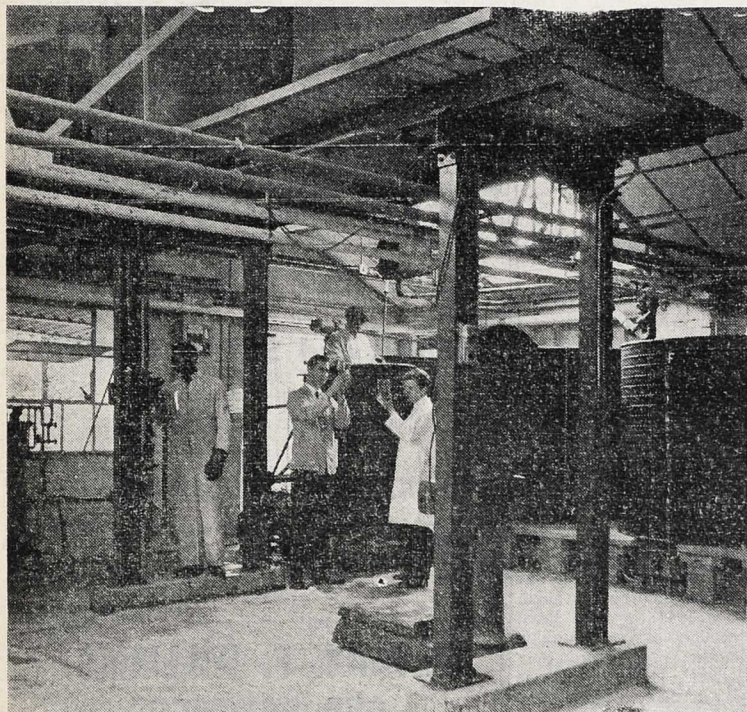
Technical Director is Mr. N. P. Lisboa, B.Sc. whose work produced the Lisboa Tube Test — the internationally accepted standard method of testing dairy sterilants. Mr. K. F. Rivers heads the Marketing Team and Mr. Neville Miles is in charge of factory production. There are 70 employees, of whom many live in Caversham.

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Mr. Lisbon, the Technical Director, at work in his Laboratory.

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Obituary

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Hollick suddenly last month. Well known in business circles, he was greatly respected both for his knowledge of the textile trade and for his fair business dealings. He was manager of Clements in Friar Street for over twelve years.

In private life he was known to have a dry wit and could always be relied on to organise entertainment of any kind. He was an active member of St. Andrew's Church, where he was a sdesman. A keen sportsman, he was a member of Caversham Bowling Club and took every opportunity he could to play tennis, hockey and cricket.

We would like to offer our sincere sympathy to his wife and daughter.

W.D.

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6-30 The Rev. Terence R. Harris.

19th 11 a.m. Miss Goldsmith.

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26th 11 a.m. The Rev. John H. Wallace B.A.

6-30 The Rev. C. Dennis Phippen M.A.

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Christian Aid Week is in April this year, instead of May when it would have clashed with the centenary of the British Red Cross. The Week itself is 13th to 18th April. There will be a house to house collection.

Last year of Reading project

For the last time money raised through Christian Aid Week in the Reading area will be going to the Farm School project in Tanzania. Soon this project will be self-supporting, when the produce from the farm will cover the costs of the school.

The Marengu school was opened by President Nyerere in 1967. 60 students are now accommodated. After their training they either join one of the government settlements or return to their own land if they have any. Some are employed on larger farms as skilled workers. Wherever they go they are supervised and assisted by the

staff of the School until they are satisfactorily settled.

United Service

The preacher at this year's United Service (Tuesday, April 7th—7.30 p.m.) will be Miss Janet Lacey who started Christian Aid and was Director from 1952 until 1968.

The service will be held in the recently opened new Salvation Army Citadel Castle Hill, Reading. The building seats over 600. Reading's Christian Aid Committee hope for a "full house".

Sponsored Walk

This year's "Two Counties" walk will be on Bank Holiday Monday, May 25th. The organisers hope for 1,000 walkers and a lot of families—as we had last year. The route has been carefully chosen to avoid main roads. On the Oxfordshire side the walkers will come

from Whitechurch through the Hardwick estate to Mapledurham, and then along the right of way to the Warren. The full walk is 25 miles long—the shorter walk from the Town Hall to Upper Basil-don is 15 miles.

Clerical organisation for the walk has been decentralised. The Walk Organiser for the Caversham area is Mr. G. D. Wild, 33 Brooklyn Drive, Emmer Green, (72453). Applications for walkers' forms and all offers to help as marshals and car drivers should be made to him.

Last year's walk raised just under £4,000. That was from a walk on a wet day with 700 walkers. We hope to exceed both figures this year.

Sign-In on World Poverty

9,621 signatures under the Churches December Declaration asking for an increase in Government aid to 1% of the Gross National Product and the negotiation of better trade arrangements for the developing countries were gathered in the Reading area. They were handed to the 4 MP's of the area, Mr. John Lee, The Hon. John Astor, Mr. W. van Straulanzee and Mr. John Hay in January and February.

Obituary

Mrs. Lilian Maunder died in January at her home, Chazey Court, where she had lived all her married life. The funeral took place at King Weston in Somerset but her many friends at Mapledurham and Caversham had the opportunity of joining her family in a Memorial Service on 31st January at St. Margaret's Church, Mapledurham, conducted by the Rector. In the presence of a large congregation the Rector paid tribute to Mrs. Maunder's way of life and wonderful faith, and suggested that the best memorial to her would be for her friends to follow her example of practical Christian living. Although she suffered and was often

in pain, her Christian understanding and interest in other people's problems was always foremost in her mind. From 1944 to 1963 Mrs. Maunder was Enrolling Member of Mapledurham Mothers' Union and was much loved by everyone; she was interested in M.U. Overseas work as well as local activities and it gave her great pleasure when the Branch "adopted" a boy at the Makutupora Leprosarium through B.E.L.R.A. for several years.

She will be sadly missed, but we give thanks to God for her dedicated life and witness and that her sufferings are now ended. Mothers' Union members have very happy memories of the meetings at Mapledurham when Mrs. Maunder presided.



Mapledurham Branch of M.U. in 1952. Mrs. Maunder seated third from left.

MAYDAY WEEK SHOP

Plans are in hand to open a Caversham May-day Week Shop in the centre of Caversham for approximately 10 days before and during the Week (July 4th-11th).

It is hoped to use an empty shop in the middle of Caversham. Many organisations—church groups and branches of the Townswomen's Guild and the Women's Institute are giving their active support. Also quite a few individuals have offered their help.

MAYDAY WEEK SHOP

Before the shop is opened help will be wanted in making and producing things to sell, collecting items from people's houses and storing articles to be sold. When the shop is open a rota will be needed of people willing to serve and organise different aspects of selling.

The money raised will be for Christian Aid, Oxfam and Shelter.

Meanwhile—in order to help the organisers of the shop—if you'd like to help—please contact one of the local representatives if you feel any of the following questions apply to you.

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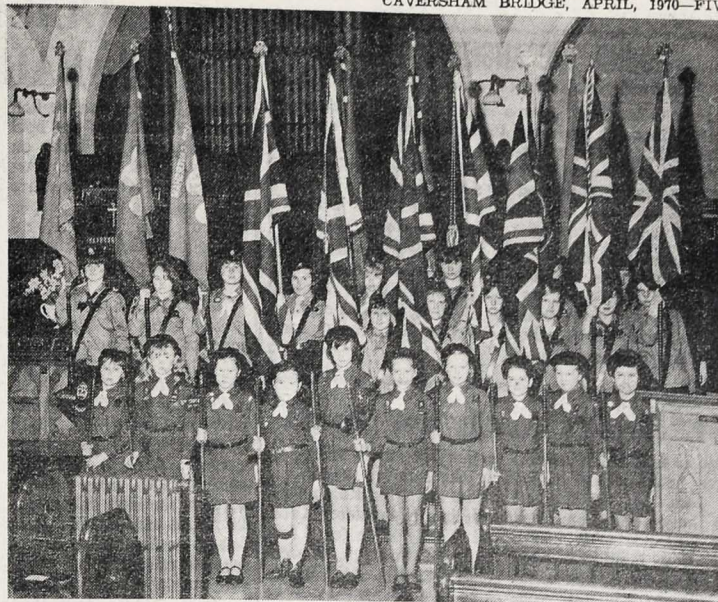
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ST. PETER'S SCOUTS

Asst. District Commissioner Freddy Knight presented the Chief Scout's Award to three Patrol Leaders of St. Peter's Scouts on February 11th. This is the first time that three members of any Berkshire group have gained this award at the same time. The award is the highest one which can be gained by a Scout and represents a lot of work over a long period. Among the many requirements is a record of three months voluntary service to the community. As part of their work for the award the three boys walked the complete length of the Ridgeway, from Marlborough to Streatley, carrying all their food and camping gear. In the "New Sports and Interest" section two boys completed ten days gliding instruction at the Scout Air centre at Lasham.

The troop hopes that the remaining Patrol Leaders will shortly follow suit, and that the younger members will reach the standards now set them. The three Patrol leaders who have just received the award are Andrew Blunt, Christopher Nicholls and Peter Richards.

Incidentally the Troop is still urgently in need of a Scout Leader. Phone 73912 if YOU want to volunteer.



The Annual Thinking Day service for Caversham Guides and Brownie Guides was held this year at Caversham Free Baptist Church and conducted by the minister the Rev. Lyn Lewis who spoke on the theme of Happiness. Many parents and friends of the movement attended.

Postbag

Dear Sir,

Many 'Bridge' readers will have read my letter published in the 'Reading Chronicle' in February concerning Caversham development and the problems of our local traders.

Much can happen in the month before this is published, so I do not intend to repeat all the details which will, in any event, be known to most of your readers. But, with your mission, I would like to stress one or two points. I have been asked by many people why I chose to take up the cudgels on behalf of our Prospect Street traders since I am not, in the technical sense, an interested party. The answer is quite simple. These people are my friends—they have served me well in the ten years I have lived in Caversham. They are as much part of my life as my colleagues at work. And it is distressing to say the

least to know that since the complete ban on parking in the street many of them have had their takings cut to as much as 50 per cent. Already many of them are having sleepless nights, many of them are discussing emergency plans for getting out altogether.

Nor am I being entirely altruistic. For my own personal comfort and convenience I do not want to see a row of empty shops in Prospect Street in the near future, I do not want to be forced to cross busy roads to the shopping precinct every time I want a pound of apples or a packet of en-velopes. Possibly I might save a penny by doing so, but there are some things in life worth paying for. And in my reckoning they include good service by friendly shopkeepers and a sense of personal relationship which one cannot hope to find in a supermarket.

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RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

We welcome the pedestrian crossing which once the decision was taken was installed in Church Street with admirable speed, so much so in fact that the stripes and studs are already in danger of being worn off as they were painted with ordinary white paint. However, perhaps this will soon be remedied.

SHOES AT EMMER GREEN

We should like to make it clear that when we said we welcomed the shops being built at Emmer Green, this was not meant as approval either of the fact that Oxford County Council have allowed the super market to extend beyond the agreed building line or of the appearance presented to Peppard Road by the stark brick wall. This seems another case of a planning committee being asleep when important decisions are being made. It is the people of Emmer Green who will have to live with this mistake, not the members of a committee living miles away who carelessly made the decision.

BUGG'S BOTTOM

What, not again? We can hear people saying. But it is a fact that the Minister of Housing and Local Government is considering yet another appeal against the refusal of the Borough's Planning Committee to grant building permission in Hemdean Valley. When the local authority and the local residents have made their wishes abundantly clear, it indicates a complete contempt for democratically expressed opinion to keep on attempting to override it. We put this matter before John Lee M.P. and in producing the necessary evidence, we amazed ourselves at the number of applications and appeals that have been put in. He also was surprised but had to point out that as the law stands, there is nothing at the moment that can be done about it. He has however, brought it to the notice of the Rt. Hon. Anthony Greenwood who has promised to keep an eye on developments. It is some comfort to know that these activities are not regarded in a friendly light at top level.

WHY NOT JOIN US

It is on such occasions such as this that a strong residents' association can be invaluable. "How many people do you represent?" is the question we get asked and our reply can only be the number that we have on our membership list. Anyone who wants to try to influence what goes on in Caversham ought to join us. Our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Colin Sutton ARIBA, 33, Douglas Road, Caversham, Tel 77109 will give details of membership. M.C.

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ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

Increased giving. The Caversham Missionary Union accounts for 1969 show a slight increase in the sum given from the parish of Caversham to work outside the parish. £1,168 was sent to the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel £211 was raised for relief work in Biafra and £166 for Christian Aid. The total figure was £2,525 compared with £2,438 in 1968.

Training course for Sunday school teachers. Beginning on Sunday, April 12th, when she visits St. Barnabas, Miss Adams, the Diocesan Adviser for Children's work will be visiting each district in the parish to see the work among children, and will on the four Sunday afternoons hold a training course for teachers at Church House.

St. Peter's family for Perth

Larger families. Congratulations to Mrs. Jean Paxton and Mrs. Joy Cuthbertson who have both presented their husbands with a fifth child. Both families awaited the arrival of their new member with great interest wondering whether the four brothers would get a sister. The Paxton brothers have a sister—Hilary, the Cuthbertson brothers another brother in Peter.

Organ improvements. The Parochial Church Council at its February meeting approved St. Peter's District Committee plan for the cleaning and enlargement of the organ. A faculty is to be applied for from the Diocesan Chancellor and if this is granted it is hoped that the

work will be undertaken during the summer months. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reid with their two children Karen and Wendy leave for a four year spell in Perth, Western Australia. The Reid family came to Caversham Park from South Shields in 1967 and quickly made friends among the congregation at St. Peter's. Mr. Reid has been a sidesman. Mrs. Reid has been the Brown Owl of the Caversham Park Brownies and their two children Karen and Wendy have been keen members of the choir. They hope to contact the Price family who emigrated from Caversham to Perth just before the Reids arrived at St. Peter's; they also hope to find themselves back in Caversham in 1974.

QUIET AT ST. BARNABAS'

What is hoped was the first of many 'quiet days' was held at Springfield St. Luke on Sunday, 22nd February on the theme of God's presence with and in his people. Silence was observed throughout the day which included four sessions in the Chapel.

"God with us; God in us"; nothing short of this is the hope of Christians, and, in this hope, is summed the entire purpose of a Christian's birth and life and re-birth in Christ. But God's presence must be desired and received. Stillness and total concentration upon God's words in the Holy Bible were the means used on this occasion to receive Him. Everyone was refreshed; "I could now run a mile," said one housewife. More men than women attended, and more under 35's than over.

Zambia * * * The Rev. Peter Bugg who drives a Land Rover supplied by the diocese of Zambia and who is working in a Farmer Training School writes as follows:

"We use the Land Rover for countless jobs, including harrowing and ploughing, pulling a trailer for loads of gravel for the road, hauling wood for fuel and building and bundles of grass for roofing and fencing. Each week when we go to town we have a full load there and back of people and their bundles, live chickens and goats, bicycles and boxes, bags of groundnuts, maize, fertilizers and mail. Often we do not have enough room and a roof rack would be most welcome. We are also in need of a new set of tyres." St. Barnabas' hopes to be able to pay for the tyres and a roof rack. £30 still needs to be raised. Please send contributions to the Rev. M. T. Cooper. Cheques payable to St. Barnabas' Church.

While the five St. Barnabas' Playgroups go from strength to strength they will no longer have the support of Mrs. Betty Alban, whose

devotion and hard work have been a major contribution in the growth of this work for the community. Besides leading a team of helpers one morning a week, she has been on the Playgroup committee since its origin.

As a result, her interest in the development of children has grown and this has played a part in determining her present job. She has taken up full-time work at the Avenue School for handicapped children. It is good to know that the church playgroups have guided her towards this work and Bridge readers will offer her their best wishes.

Into the picture, on the other hand, come new leaders for the Brownie and Guide Groups, Mrs. Hick, newly arrived in Emmer Green, has agreed to lead the Brownie pack, and Mrs. Hancock has come forward to help Miss Carol Fisher with the Guide Company. Their help will be much appreciated.

At their February meeting, the Mothers' Union entertained twelve female patients from Borocourt Hospital, and everyone had a very profitable afternoon.

The Men's Forum have decided to hold a second (and probably final) Handyman's Bring and Buy Sale in St. Barnabas Hall on Friday, 24th April at 7-30 p.m. Proceeds will be in aid of renovation work in the Hall. Although this building belongs to the Church, the playgroups (over a hundred children), the two Brownie packs, the Guide Company, the Darby and Joan Club and the Youth Club, none of whose members may have any connection with the Church or contribute to its finances in any way, use this building. To help with its upkeep and improvement so it can be used by the wider community, please support this function generously.

St. Andrew's

Dedication Festival

The future Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Rev. Derek Eastman, will be the preacher at the Family Eucharist on Wednesday, April 29th—the Dedication Festival. Mr. Eastman was Priest-in-Charge at St. Andrew's from 1951 to 1956 and it will be a great pleasure to welcome him back. Refreshments will be served after the service in the Church Hall.

Visitor from Africa

Dr. W. I. Jardine has recently returned to this country from Ovamboland, where he worked at St. Mary's Hospital, Odibo—the hospital which St. Andrew's have supported financially for over 20 years.

Dr. Jardine is at present staying at the College of the Ascension, Selly Oak, Birmingham. He has kindly agreed to come and speak and bring all the latest news from Ovamboland. This visit is planned for an evening sometime in April. The exact date will be announced nearer the time.

Summer Fair

Plans for the Fair on July 4th are now well in hand. In general this year it is hoped to inject some new life into the Fair by re-siting some of the stalls, by making better use of the outside area and by giving the whole event a brighter and gayer look. Two new things will be a preliminary Jumble Sale in Balmore Hall on June 20th and a Barn Dance on the evening of the Fair itself. The financial target—for the British Honduras Agricultural Project—is £400.

St. John's Warden Retires

Mr. Ken Nicholls, for the past 5 years a District Warden at St. John's, has unfortunately felt it necessary to resign his office. The pressure of his work as an assistant personnel officer with British Rail, has meant that he has had to spend an increasing amount of time away from home. As a result he has felt less able to do justice to his work as a Warden. British Rail's gain is St. John's loss. Apart from very ably carrying out his official duties, Mr. Nicholls has been of great assistance in the pastoral sphere. Much of the effort that went into Key Fortnight was his. A person of ability and sound advice, St. John's is greatly indebted to him. Fortunately he has already made it clear that as far as possible he hopes to be able to go on giving whatever help he can. For this the District Committee is grateful.

Wednesday Group

Since Christmas, the group has welcomed several new members to share an interesting and varied programme. A visit to a health clinic in Reading proved to be entertaining as well as instructive. There have been talks given by a dentist and by a police-woman, and a demonstration of Betty Crocker mixes. An evening during which favourite recipes were sampled was fattening but fun. In addition, children were taken to a pantomime and husbands to a dinner at Chiltern Chase. "Knit and Natter" evenings are always popular with, dare it be admitted, tongues going faster than the needles.

Baptist Church's A. G. M.

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Baptist Church, Mr. Norman Ide in presenting his first report as Church Secretary referred to the many things which had happened during his first year in office. In particular he mentioned the 'Outreach' Campaign whereby members took the 'Good News' to their friends and neighbours thereby stimulating interest in the activities of the Church especially those at 'Harvest' and Christmas. Mr. Ide recalled that the Church had been the venue for the United Service in January 1969 and that as a result of this and other work behind the scenes there was a growing Unity of Spirit in Caversham.

Mr. Ide reported in detail on the activities of the various affiliated Groups especially those for Young People, the Sunday School, Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies. He thanked the leaders for their loyal service and stressed the need for more helpers in these fields. Concluding his report, Mr. Ide paid tribute to the work of the Minister, the Revd. L. S. Lewis, by saying that he had come to look upon him as a faithful preacher and a field officer who quietly and calmly led his troops into battle and laboured unceasingly for the sheer joy of so doing.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Mr. G. W. Miles and this included very full details of income and expenditure. Mr. Miles stressed that the good financial position did not mean that the Church was failing to meet needs as they arose and this was demonstrated by the fact that £716 had been collected during the year and given to causes not so happily situated. Mr. Miles exhorted the members and friends to continue to give generously not only of their money but also of their time, energy and enthusiasm for these would be a 'thank offering' and a demonstration of loyalty to the cause which the Church serves.

St. Margaret's

House Communion

On Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion was celebrated at Mapledurham Church House, by popular request, and afterwards the congregation had coffee together, when amidst the general conversation final arrangements were made for the Lent Bible study groups.

There were more communicants present at this service than on some Sundays. Those who took part in it appear to have found the evening very helpful. Since St. Margaret's is over two miles away from nearly everybody in the parish, and during the week unheated, it looks as though the practice of celebrating Holy Communion in the home could well be developed further with great benefit.

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Caversham Park Village at the Cross Roads

Sixty two members attended the 5th A.G.M. of the Caversham Park Association on February 12th. The meeting was lively, and at times heated.

Community Centre.

The cause for debate was the subject of the proposed Community Centre. In the autumn Reading Athletics Club had offered the use of their building off Kiln Road to be used in partnership with the Association. Many active groups such as the Tennis and Football Clubs had asked that this should be considered as either a long term or a short term possibility as a Community Centre.

On the one side the President, Mr. Peter Cockman, and members of the Executive were determined to pursue the idea of working for a Centre to be built on the village.

Only £750 more was needed for the Association to apply for a grant from Westminster and the Oxfordshire County Council. The Davis Estate brochure for prospective house-buyers had led people to expect a centre within the Village boundaries. If such a building was to be used as a clinic—mothers would prefer not having to cross main roads, and if children were to use the centre—

safety was an argument against moving off the Village.

Need For Action

Mr. Doug Buck and others representing the active groups argued for investigating the possibilities of the building in Kiln Road with far more urgency than had been shown by the Executive.

The idea of a centre on the Village was "just a dream". It would be foolish to think that once the necessary £750 to qualify for a grant had been raised we would immediately be able to start building. No grants were envisaged in Oxfordshire for community centres for the next two years. The Association would merely be joining the waiting list.

People living in Caversham Park were rapidly losing interest in the Association. They wanted a building now. The Kiln Road building comprising a hall, kitchen office, club rooms, showers and toilet facilities had been built in 1962. It was only 100 yards off the Village. With a bit of money spent on it and with voluntary labour—it could be perfectly suitable as a centre.

Decision Postponed

Arguments for and against now became very heated. The Rev. John Crowe said time was drawing on, and a decision either way couldn't be expected without a special meeting devoted to this one item of business.

Mr. Cecil Hole proposed that serious research should be made into both possibilities—the Centre on the

Village and the building in Kiln Road. Let the facts be circulated to everyone living on the Village. Let us find out if people were really prepared to support the idea of a Community Centre as a practical possibility. It was unanimously accepted that within six months a special general meeting would meet for a decision to be made.

Reports and Elections.

Earlier on the President had outlined progress during the past year. In particular he had a warm word of congratulation for the "Village Voice"—now one of the best community magazines in the country. He pleaded for new members to be ready and willing to shoulder some of the responsibility for the affairs of the Association.

Mr. Peter Kemp, the Treasurer, said 1969 had been a year of much activity but of little success as far as money raising was concerned. The year had ended with reserves attributable to the Association of £1,332 against the target

A scene from
'Happy Family' the
latest production
by Caversham Park
Theatre.

Left to right are Richard
Howard, Barbara Bentley,
Veronica Hayward and
Michael Wilkinson.



CAVERSHAM PARK THEATRE is full of surprises. One can no longer be certain what we are going to see next. Their productions are hardly conventional, their choice of plays sometimes bewildering. It seems that the Committee, which runs the Theatre, is seeking to establish a unique place for the Company among the amateur groups in the area. I do not pretend to know what this place is but I would not be too astonished if now the Committee decided to stage Tennessee Williams.

"Happy Family", performed at St. Laurence's Hall on February 27th and

HOLY COMMUNION
Holy Communion at 2
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April 8th, and Wednesday,
April 22nd.

28th, certainly offered great scope to four talented actors who carried it almost to the point of a "happening". It is a different story when one considers soberly Giles Cooper's fantasies. It is difficult to accept them even on the stage. The trouble is not so much with his fantasies as with the size of them.

The "happy family" consists of two sisters and a brother who—each in his own way—tries to break out of the childhood spell. The arrival of an "outsider" provides the opportunity for this but it is lost when the "outsider", too, is shown to be immature.

The talented four were Veronica Hayward, Barbara Bentley, Richard Howard and Michael Wilkinson. The effective production was by Peter Cockman.

P.G.

Random jottings from an R.C. Layman

THE MISSA NORMATIVE

The launching of this seems to have gone remarkably smoothly, thanks to the careful preparation of congregations by their priests. I think these changes are hard on old people and many obviously find it difficult to adapt; some of them will certainly miss the silence and quietness of old Low Mass. For my part, I like the 'new' Mass very much indeed. The streamlining enhances the meaning and there is no irrelevance. It would be hard indeed for anyone present not to participate, and I expect a dwindling of those who seemed able to say the rosary actually during the progress of the Mass.

As more singing by the congregation is to be encouraged and expected, I was interested to see in reports of the introduction of the new rite in different parts of the country that, owing to a shortage of organists, some parishes are introducing guitarists or groups at any rate at some Masses. This is evidently immensely popular with the young who flock to the 'Folk' Masses. As one who enjoys folk music, this would seem to me a wonderful way to stimulate the interest and active participation of the young in the work of their church.

I have been giving a lot of talks to different religious groups this last year. These evenings usually start with a prayer and often a hymn, and I am always impressed by the wonderful singing of the Non-Conformists. Everyone seems to sing at full throttle and often without accompaniment. So often with us the choir sings and the congregation joins in very muted tones. In some of our churches I see they are now putting the choir amongst the congregation, and this has helped.

OBERAMMERGAU

This year is Passion Play Year. I saw the play before the War and although I have not seen it again since, I have been through that part of Germany a number of times. Certainly very impressive, the play itself is extremely long—so be warned!

The surrounding country is superb and there are fascinating expeditions to be made: many of the castles of the mad King Ludwig II of Bavaria, (Wagner's patron), are within easy reach; the Waldkapelle at Wiess—surely one of the most beautiful of Baroque churches; the Baroque monastery at Ettal; the Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain; Lake Constance and many smaller lakes; even Berchtesgaden and Hitler's Eagle's Nest. The list of attractions is endless. I can thoroughly recommend a holiday in this part of Germany.

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12-15 p.m. Holy Communion 1st Sunday.
6-30 p.m. Evensong.

St. John's

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

St. Andrew's

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

St. Barnabas'

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

St. Margaret's Mapledurham

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays).
9-15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.
6-30 p.m. Evensong (1st and 3rd Sundays).

NORTH CAVERSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

10-45 a.m. Morning Service.
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Our Lady of Caversham

8-30 and 10-30 a.m.—Mass.

ROSEHILL WOMENS' INSTITUTE

Mrs. Green the President welcomed all members to the February meeting.

Nominations were asked for, to enable some new committee members to be elected in March.

Mrs. P. Ridley gave a talk on "1066" and all mod cons" and this was enjoyed by all members.

The competition "A Household Wrinkle" was won by Mrs. Clifton, runners up being Miss M. Stevenson and Mrs. Roberts.

CAVERSHAM AFTER-NOON TOWNSWOMENS' GUILD

The 8th birthday party of the Guild was held in St. Andrew's Hall on February 3rd when about 90 members and friends spent an enjoyable evening. Mr. John Barlow known professionally as "Mr. Magic" entertained and was well applauded for his very amusing performance.

As a token of appreciation for their untiring work for the Guild Mrs. A. Smith, chairman, Mrs. P. Tiffen, secretary, and Miss E. Baker, treasurer, were each presented with a flowering pot plant. The evening concluded with a sing-song and a rendering of "Auld Lang Syne".

The monthly meeting was held on Feb. 19th when the speaker was Mr. Leslie Porch, Governor of Reading Prison. He outlined the past and future of the prison which is now under re-construction in preparation to receive a new type of men from other prisons who have sought protection from their fellow inmates. They would receive treatment and training suitable to their problems. Mr. Porch assured members and the people of Reading that there would be no danger to the community from these men. Adequate security would be provided.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Gaynor.

ROUND THE CLUBS

BLAGRAVE WOMENS' INSTITUTE

There was a good attendance at the February meeting of the Blagrove W.I. over which Mrs. Wright, the president presided welcoming 3 visitors and presented birthday posies.

A very interesting talk was given by Mr. Alan Compton of the Thames Conservancy illustrated with slides on the work of the conservancy which entails 136 miles of navigating dealing with locks and weirs. Mrs. Price gave the vote of thanks.

Nominations were received for the committee members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting next month. Names were also taken for an outing to a Crimplene Factory next month.

The competition for marmalade was won by Miss Reynolds.

EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMENS' GUILD

During the February meeting members were entertained by the colour film of "Fame and Fashion" made by Harvey Harrison with commentary by Atherton Harrison. This showed period costumes from the mid eighteenth century to the 1920's. The costumes were worn by actors and actresses, and each decade linked with a famous personality and the location connected with that character.

It was also agreed that letters should be written to the Councils concerned regarding the unsightly appearance and dangerous position of the wall of the Supermarket being erected in Peppard Road, Emmer Green.

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMENS' GUILD

Caversham Heights Townswomen "Made It Danish" at their February meeting, when Mrs. Rita Klepsh of the Danish Agricultural Producers demonstrated Danish cookery to a packed audience in St. Andrew's Hall. She prepared several succulent dishes as well as many colourful examples of the national speciality the Danes call "smorrebrod", but which being open sandwiches thickly spread with Danish butter with the appropriate Danish foods on top, are now more usually called "Danwiches". One lucky member won a dish of these delicacies and another a glazed ham when Mrs. Klepsh raffled her products after the demonstration.

International Section

At their February meeting twenty members welcomed Mr. Masterman, who had spent some time in Northern Persia with the B.B.C. Monitoring Service, when he spoke on that country. An aspect of Persia that struck those seeing his many beautiful slides was the complete barrenness of so much of the land, and one wondered how those seemingly endless miles of treeless, grassless territory could ever have supported life.

Social Studies Section

Miss Donald, Dietician to the Reading Hospitals, spoke to sixteen members on various aspects of her work. She described the many special diets necessary for patients with particular digestive or other illnesses, and also outlined the eating habits one should cultivate for good health, and stressed that everyone should have protein three times a day in their meals.

MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 12th February, 1970. The Chairman of the Council, Mr. B. A. Fowles, presided at the meeting.

The Parish Council were informed of a proposal to create a country park on a stretch of the River Thames at Mapledurham House, and adjoining land opposite Mapledurham Lock.

An area of 24 acres would be involved and it is hoped to restore the water-mill to full working order. Facilities will be available for boating, sailing and general recreation although probably the days the park will be open are limited.

The Parish Council consider it necessary to advise the County Council of certain conditions that should be cleared before the park is opened to the general public, and one of these concerns the approach to the park. The road between Trench Green crossroads and the village is extremely narrow and does not allow for two vehicles to pass, the Parish Council therefore consider passing bays should be constructed, and furthermore, the road surface must be improved having regard to the additional road traffic which will inevitably use the road.

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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).

Conductor, The Rev. John Crisp, Vicar of Newport Pagnell.

Easter Day, March 28th.

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).

ST. MARGARET MAPLEDURHAM

Good Friday.

9-15 a.m. Matins and Ante-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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● Jean Carbonare (on right), seconded by the Churches to direct an Algerian Government programme of reforestation and agricultural development. He stands in a 32-mile long valley which until recently had lain uncultivated since Roman times. Today it supports more than 7,000 people, mostly farmers brought from Constantine where they had been living in shacks without prospect of employment. Farm buildings, houses, a school, clinic, workers' canteen, have all been built in a couple of years. There are 10,000 head of sheep, a new herd of cattle, and eleven huge stone-lined wells from which all this new life springs. This enterprise is at Bou Lhilet and is about the biggest rural development project in all Algeria. To this and similar work in Algeria Christian Aid last year gave over £35,000.



NATIONAL COMPASS, APRIL, 1970—FIVE

Ignore the hungry and they'll go away.



● Not long ago this flourishing tea plantation in Uganda was an unused mountainside—neglected because of the high altitude and acid soil. And the man picking tea for export was a school-leaver facing unemployment. Agricultural missionary Stephen Carr set out to prove that the average working wage of £1 per annum could be raised, and to restore the confidence of the population in agriculture as a productive and rewarding career. His first experiments with tea as a cash crop is now a major concern justifying its own tea factory. A second scheme at Bunyoro is now under way for settling 500 school-leavers on 6,000 acres. Both these projects have been heavily financed by Christian Aid, and the second will soon be self-supporting like the first.



● Well over a million Arabs are exiled from their homeland of Palestine, much of which is now Israel or Israeli-occupied territory. The Middle East refugee population was already around the million mark when the 1967 June war displaced another 150,000 from the West Bank of the Jordan. Christian Aid spent another £140,000, mostly on shelter, temporary schools, and relief, in Jordan alone last year.

All the headstones in this Santiago Cemetery have something in common:

Maria Zunisia: 1960-1963.

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Nobody should live on charity forever.

Christian Aid Week. April 13-April 18.

TIME OFF



Rock climbing

Great test of skill and endurance

(By Charles Clarke)

Of all outdoor activities in this country, few have shown the great increase in popularity of mountaineering over the last few years. Climbing was once the preserve of the aristocrat and traveller. Today, 45,000 people go regularly into Britain's mountains.

One reason for this is the closeness of British mountains to the big cities of the north. To quote but two examples, Manchester is within easy reach of the Peak District, and it is not far from Liverpool to North Wales. Southern England, however, boasts few mountains worthy of the name, but the climbers, thirsting after new territory, have explored every possibility.

One can climb on sandstone outcrops in Kent, on limestone seacliffs in Dorset, and on some of the finest granite or cliffs in

Cornwall. These last two have the added attraction of sun and sea in summer.

As it has grown, climbing has also become a much more technical sport. One may still only need a strong pair of boots and a nylon waterproof anorak to start, but expert climbers carry a vast array of ironmongery to help them up a featureless wall or under the roof of an overhang.

Of course, it is a dangerous sport. Britain's mountains may not be big, but they often experience bad weather, and accidents do occur. For example, each year thousands of people climb Ben Nevis.

Yet in each year, eight times as much rain falls on top as falls on London, and on few days do winds not reach gale force. In winter, the ascent is a serious undertaking.

SKILL

Yet mountaineering remains an exhilarating sport; a test of skill and endurance in good and bad conditions. Most towns have a mountaineering club, and the British Mountaineering Council can help you get in touch. The Mountaineering Association and Youth Hostels Association run introductory courses. Two monthly magazines, "The Climber" and "Mountain" abound in advice and information.

Reading

The ability to read was once a treasured possession. It was regarded as the gateway to success in life, the means of widening one's knowledge and as opening up a whole field of pleasure and insight through literature. Grown and working men who had not learned to read would struggle to learn; books were treasured possessions and in families right across the spectrum of society there could be found men and women soaked in the riches of English literature.

Today we may pride ourselves on being a more educated nation. Yet reading is a dying recreation. Fewer and fewer people give time to regular reading and relishing a play, a novel, poetry.

The television and the scrappy, easy presentation of information in colour supplements and magazines takes up our time instead. In many towns, in a country which prides itself on its education, books are hardly to be found.

PLEASURE

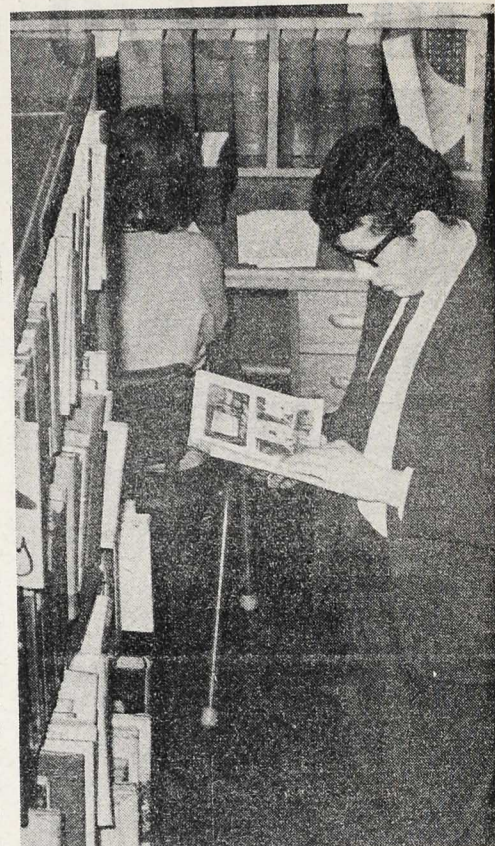
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Football

CUP FEVER

My friend, an Anglo-Scot, had just completed ten years as a professional footballer with one English League club.

He had played for his country and enjoyed what he described as his fair share of the glory, but he had one regret.

"I never played in a Cup Final, and now its getting rather late."

There was no need to ask him to qualify his statement. He was not referring to the European Cup—Fairs Cities Cup—European Cup Winners—Cup, or Football League

Cup—but quite clearly the F.A. Challenge Cup.

At a time when league games for teams not involved in promotion seem to be no more than a preliminary for one Cup competition or another, the F.A. Cup still retains its own unique brand of magic.

That ill conceived competition the Football League Cup has only achieved a certain respectability since the final was staged at Wembley. It still remains a pale imitation of the real thing; an additional burden on the fixture list and regarded by

Clubs as a stepping stone to Europe.

For footballers and football people "The Cup" and Wembley is still the big one. An occasion for high hopes, laughter and tears, where the singing of "Abide With Me" is never misplaced or out of context.

When my Scots friend said "I would have paid to have played at Wembley," I knew what he meant.

Graham Williams, proudly carrying the F.A. Cup in 1968 after his team, West Bromwich Albion, beat Everton in the final by 1-0.



Young Compass

NATIONAL COMPASS, APRIL, 1970—SEVEN

YOU AND YOUR BIKE

If you've got a bike and it's not been overhauled recently, best clean it up and get it tested in readiness for spring and summer. You may have grown in the last few months, so make sure that your bike fits you. To get the best position the saddle should be adjusted until you can reach both pedals with the arch of each foot. If you are having a new bike, pay special attention to the height of the saddle. Some riders bob up and down on their pedals like monkeys on sticks because they cannot reach the saddle. This is not only uncomfortable, but dangerous.

Brakes should of course be tested regularly on older machines, and regular cleaning and oiling are "musts" as well.

The right conclusion

If you can put in the correct figures in the given spaces your total should come to 1600.

- How many blackbirds were baked in a pie?
Add a baker's dozen
How many seas are there?
A score is how many?
How many kilos in a kilogramme?
How many days in a Leap Year?
How many is a gross?
How many feet in a fathom?
The Roman numeral XX is how many?

1600

Dizzy date

The man at the top of the maze wants to meet up with his girl at the other end. Can you help him by tracing the route?



For him and her

Come the warmer weather and it's time to take special care about personal freshness. We are all perspiring over our whole body all the time, and we wouldn't be healthy if we weren't. Nowadays smart men as well as girls use deodorants. Whether you're a guy or a doll, don't be afraid to ask at beauty counters in large stores or at your local chemist about the best kind to use. The models mainly use the liquid kind, as the powder variety may get on the armhole of a dress. This is something for girls to remember especially.

For parties a touch of light perfume—repeat light—can be attractive. But unless you are fair, fat and forty don't be tempted to use heavy perfumes that leave you smelling like somebody from an eastern shopping market. Perfume should be placed in the crook of the elbow, the nape of the neck, the wrists and the temple. Or you can moisten a tuft of cotton wool with scent and wedge it in your undies. Remember wherever you put the perfume that a little goes a long way. So don't drench yourself in the stuff!

Beware how you place perfume on clothes. The oils may stain them, and unless the garment is washed and cleaned regularly the perfume tends to smell stale after a time. The only safe places are under collars, cuffs, hems and lapels.

Heard this one?

An old wit has said that the custom of "Ladies First" goes back to the age of cave dwellers. When a guy and his doll returned to their cave after a food-hunting expedition, the guy said "Ladies First" and pushed his doll first into the cave so that she would be the one to be attacked if any wild animals had got into the cave in their absence!

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A month of moods

April, April,
Laugh thy girlish laughter;
Then, the moment after,
Weep thy girlish tears.

An old wag once said "April is a lady," meaning that April weather is always changing its mind, one moment laughing and sunny, the next moment drenching everybody with teary showers.

Test for yourselves how true this is. Get a large white card and rule it longways down into three columns. In column 1 put one under the other the dates 1—30. Head column 2 "Girlish Laughter," and head column "Girlish Tears." Each day put a small tick in column 2 every time there's a burst of sunshine, and in column 3 put in a tick each time there's a sudden shower of rain on that day. At the end of the month you'll have a record of how April has behaved weatherwise.

Out and about this month

This is the month for getting out and about in the country and the parks. Get your family to organise trips and picnics for you and your friends. Have a competition to see who'll be first to hear the cuckoo. He arrives here about the middle of April. Here's an old rhyme about him.

In April come he will:
In May he sings all day;
In June he changes tune;
And in July away he'll fly.

The swallow and the chaff chaff also arrive this month. Some of the birds coming here in April will have flown more than three thousand miles from Africa.

Look out for trees appearing in leaf, especially the larch. The green starts as just a faint tinge and then spreads and grows deeper in colour until the whole tree is covered in emerald green.

Notice, too, how much gold there is about—golden kingcups, sulphur-yellow butterflies, yellow dandelions, golden yellow hammers. But you won't find many red or purple flowers this time of the year.

Watch out also for rainbows—there'll probably be plenty of them this month.

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"Don't you start a 'go slow' too, or I might as well give up altogether!" —A comment from an harassed Personnel Manager to his secretary, made in that half-humorous way that's more than half serious. It was quite a compliment in fact.

There must be few senior executives who don't know that they could scarcely hold down their jobs without an able secretary! And one fears for those who haven't a good secretary—fears for their health, and peace of mind, and job!

BOASTING

Say "secretary" to most people and they think of a curvy blonde teetering around the office looking decorative, or a scatty young thing flirting with the young males. It's surely one of the least known and most taken for granted vocations in our society.

Diplomat, confidante, and friend

I once heard a VERY V.I.P. remark to someone "If you need any help at all, just ask me—and if I can't get it done my secretary probably can!" He was boasting not about himself, but about a great private secretary.

Of course all secretaries have the stocks-in-trade; typing, shorthand, organising ability and so on but a "top" secretary has much more.

In some ways she (or he) is also a "Personal Assistant," for she is a diplomat, a confidante, the reliable friend who knows most of your faults and puts up with you just the same, and a shrewd teacher, for most bosses have to learn, as well as lay down, good office habits! More than that, she is, on behalf of her boss, a most comprehensive intelligence service and, at times, a tactful buffer state between a tired boss and a demanding world—or vice versa.

STANDARDS

Nor is a secretary appreciated only by her boss. If she has what a

good secretary needs—high standards of integrity, the ability to keep confidences and to be a good listener, too, then one notices that all kinds of people come to tell her their woes and their hopes, their worries and their joys. She is also a pastor.

Of course not everyone uses well the opportunities and power and influence which life lends us—and so, not all secretaries of "top" men are "top" secretaries, but most are.

SINCERE

In very few vocations would one see such power and influence and ability so quietly and selflessly given—with so few claims for personal recognition. But the recognition, by those close enough to know, is of the most sincere kind.

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People need People

And the older need them more

A serious shortage of trained staff to look after the elderly in their own homes is reported by the National Corporation for the Care of Old People.

Failure to notice and to report to the right quarter changes in condition, whether physical or mental, could lead to wrong decisions being taken.

The report quotes as an example the case of a man of 79, fast becoming blind and having already had one cerebral episode, who finally accepted his doctor's advice not to live alone any more, but to go into an old peoples home.

But a local authority officer, perhaps because beds in homes were at a premium, suggested to this man that he was so marvellous for his age that he did not really need to enter a home.

Three months later after life at his own home proved difficult, the same social worker, persuaded the man's grandson, his wife and three small children to take him into their two-bedroom home for a month's trial.

FAILED

The plan failed after five days and the social worker recommended a private old people's home at £16 16s. a week—which the old man could not afford.

"Death solved the financial problem within two weeks," says the report.

Some people feel that the ultimate responsibility

must lie with the welfare organisations. But others would argue that there is a growing tendency for us all to shirk our responsibilities to relatives who become an inconvenient burden.

It may well be that the immigrant community has something to teach us in this matter. Family loyalty would never allow an older member of the family to be left to the care of the state.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of this, the fact is that people today are living longer, and this is an increasing rather than a decreasing problem.

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