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BLIND EYE — OR A FIRM NO TO THE



APARTHEID IDEA

We used to rule an empire and be a master race—masters over millions of black men. Old traditions die hard. It's easy to think the coloured man is made to be inferior to the white.

South Africa's policy of apartheid assumes just that. By law non-white Africans live under severe restrictions in separate areas with inferior housing and educational standards—regardless of the claims of justice and humanity. Deliberate policies to keep the black man down and the white man on top.

As a protest against apartheid many countries now refuse to play sport against teams selected on racial lines—an example is South Africa's exclusion from the international tennis competition the Davis Cup.

We in England, by inviting the South African cricketers here this summer, contrary to strong feeling amongst international sportsmen, are seen to be turning a blind eye to apartheid.

On these grounds protest against this tour is justified and worth supporting.

People who don't support the protest—even if their reasons are a desire to watch good cricket or avoid rowdy demonstrations—will still be seen by millions throughout the world as supporters of white superiority.

It's no longer possible to sit comfortably on the fence. The world will divide us into for or against racial equality.

Such equality is vital for a just and humane society in a multi-racial country like South Africa . . . or Britain.



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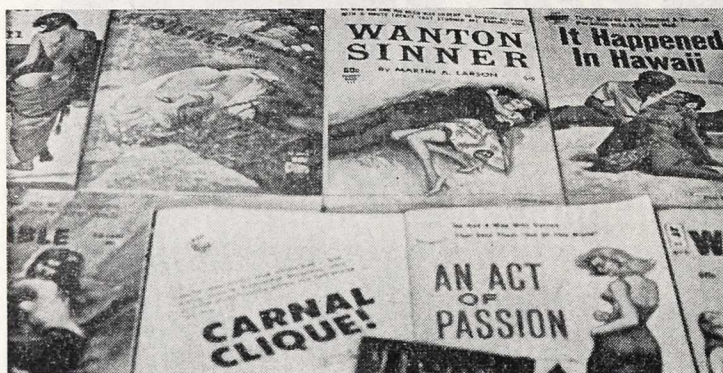
The Charles Hodgson Column

Something shocking

*"In olden days a glimpse of stocking
Was looked on as something shocking
Now Heaven knows,
Anything goes."*

I was glad to see that my comments on pollution provoked a reaction from a reader, even though his response was based on a misunderstanding. The real enemy of progress in the war against pollution is not active opposition so much as the dead hand of apathy. Most people agree in theory that something should be done to clean things up, but do not see that there is anything they could or should do about it.

What is at stake is not just a simple matter of removing a few old fashioned restrictions to enable adult viewers to look at life. Pornography is concerned with the twisted and the perverted, with sexual aberration and sadistic violence. Can our mental environment survive unscathed from such an onslaught of filth? Why shouldn't society protect itself against such things by some form of censorship?



I wonder, then, why people's attitude's are so different towards pornography. This is a form of pollution, isn't it? A kind of effluent which can poison and contaminate? Yet just at the same time that there is a drive against the physical pollution of our environment, there is an increase in the dissemination of pornography. Just when people are prepared to accept controls of sound, smoke, and sewage, there are strong pleas for the abolition of all forms of censorship.

Erotic

Fantasies

Is it not strange that just when an industrialist may be heavily fined for emptying chemical waste into a stream, it is argued that a dramatist should be allowed to pour out his erotic fantasies over a vast T.V. audience?

I am concerned by the general attitude of the public at large. The golden rule seems to be "Thou shalt not be shocked". You can say that it is all very boring, but you mustn't appear prudish or pass any moral judgement.

Why not

be shocked

Why ever not? Why shouldn't you be shocked, provided you are shocked at the right things? Ought we not to be shocked by everything which degrades human life—by war, racial discrimination, cruelty, by the wanton pollution of our environment?

And pornography? If "anything goes" isn't that shocking, and shouldn't we do something about it?



Dear Sir,

Now that the B.B.C. have completed their series of previews of sex education films for primary schools, teachers and parents will be making up their minds whether or not to expose their children to them. Before doing so we recommend them to consider the following facts.

The initiative for these teaching methods came not from parents and teachers as a whole, but from the Schools Broadcasting Council. To the best of our knowledge this body has received no mandate from any national teaching organisation to recommend televised sex instruction of this kind. Nor have they produced any statistical evidence to show whether such teaching is necessary or even desirable.

Evidence of the long-term effects of sex-teaching for the very young is freely available from such countries as Sweden and America, where it was introduced supposedly to offset the rise of promiscuity, V.D., and illegitimacy. But in Sweden, for instance, where primary

Two views on a modern problem

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A HEALTHY VIEW OF SEX

school sex-education in its fullest and frankest terms has been compulsory for 15 years, it is now reckoned that for every 20 births there are one legal and four illegal abortions; 35 per cent of brides are pregnant on their wedding day; VD figures are soaring and it is common for boys to have over 200 sexual partners. Last July 140 leading educationalists and doctors petitioned the Swedish Government to reverse its policy on sex-education, which, they believed was one of the chief causes for this state of affairs.

In America the situation is even worse. There, sex-education has been used as a pretext for introducing hard-core pornography into the schools in the guise of "sex-manuals". As a result of numerous protests from the public more than 20 state legislatures are now considering drastic changes in their sex-education policy.

The B.B.C. sex-teaching films show what we regard as an unhealthy pre-occupation with the purely physical aspects of human reproduction. Sex is concerned with love, feelings, emotions and mutual responsibilities. It is something that children should learn progressively over a number of years, preferably from their parents. It should not be thrust upon them in one short course at so tender an age. We are seriously concerned about the long term effects of these films and of those likely to follow them, bearing in mind Swedish and American experience. We recommend

teachers and parents to think very carefully about the possible consequences before allowing their children to be exposed to this material.

Our primary concern is that children should mature with a healthy and responsible attitude to sex. In our view the B.B.C.'s most valuable contribution to this would be a series of programmes aimed at helping and encouraging parents to answer each of their children's questions at the right time, in the right place in the right way.

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NEW HORIZON — NEW HOPE

What happens when a teenager, with the scantiest of education and no training for a job, has a row at home and runs away to London?

Such a boy or girl often has a most inaccurate picture of the big, glamorous, swinging city; the place where it's all happening. There'll be plenty of work at big wages, interesting people to meet, entertainments and no personal restrictions, they imagine.

Ignorant youngsters hurry to London from the north of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. A battered container full of cheap clothes, little ready cash and high hopes are their sole possessions.

The first shock is the high price of even a tiny bedsitter, if they are lucky enough to find one. The next set-back is that good jobs demand certain skills such as typing, ability to deal with people, expertise with figure-work, smart appearance and correct speech. Some firms will take young people for training, but the trainees have to have recognised educational qualifications.

BEGGED

Usually, the ill-prepared teenager drifts in and out of a variety of jobs, and goes from room to room. Many end without work or a roof. They hang around the public parks and gardens when the weather is good, and shelter in railway stations when it is cold and wet. As for food and money, that is frequently begged or stolen.

John, from Newcastle-on-Tyne, was eighteen. He left home and his work in a garage because his parents quarrelled all the time. His house was overcrowded. He had to sleep on a settee in the living room. There was

Glad of company, even though doubtful, John followed the young man. Soon, he was being initiated into petty stealing, breaking and entering. He would either continue until Borstal or prison gave him temporary shelter, or he could break away and try his luck alone again. But John ran from the gang in terror after a month. They were in the money and drinking. There was trouble over one of the girls in the group, and the leader, 'Big Bonzo', drew a knife.

COWARDICE

John was alone again, and he didn't return to the only shelter he knew, Waterloo Station. His former friends would never forgive his cowardice.

He felt safer hiding on the Underground. While he was on Leicester Square Station he felt really ill and had to sit down. That stabbing pain in his side—what was it? He lent against the tiled wall hoping the coldness would ease his aching head. But there was something over the tiles.

It was a poster, bearing the caption, "Are you young, alone and in trouble?" This was followed by the name of the New Horizon Youth Centre at 57, Dean Street, W.C. 1. There was an invitation to apply for help. "Alone and in trouble!" thought John. "That's me all right. Look like a regular tramp now. Wonder if they would let me in?"

John didn't remember how he arrived at the Centre. With a high temperature and pneumonia, one's memory is apt to be hazy. The social workers at the Centre arranged for his immediate transfer to hospital. But he was visited daily, and when he was discharged, accom-



Inside the New Horizon Youth Centre.

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a youth club, although it provides the amenities of a club, has been opened only a year in rented premises. The rooms are shabby, the furniture old and staff young and friendly, including the chief social worker, Mr. Whillock. Group discussions are held to enable the youngsters to talk and understand their problems. Art classes are given weekly to enable the inarticulate to express themselves by drawing and painting. Some very good work has been produced. Medical aid is obtained for sick clients, and there are facilities for

The workers rarely suggest somebody scrubs, sweeps or polishes. But a shirker get a very sharp tongue from other clients.

Sometimes the Centre is able to re-unite a runaway teenager with his family. Mostly, it offers stability and friendship, as well as

practical help until society's victims again find a niche in the society which was once too much for them.

By Marie Spinks

no corner he could call his own.

He hitch-hiked to London, his few belongings swinging in a duffel bag from his shoulder. After three days and nights on the road he was too dishevelled and dirty for any landlady or employer to consider.

A day of rebuffs ended, and John wandered aimlessly on to Waterloo Station. His small stock of money was going fast on cups of tea and snacks. He sat on a bench and was nearly asleep when a hand shook his shoulder. "Hey, mate! Don't kip alone. Come and join the gang". John looked up to see a wild-looking youth with flowing, greasy hair and a long, stained coat, standing over him.

modation and clean clothes were found for him. He stayed all day at the Centre, and like all the other youngsters there, helped with the chores. Soon, he was sent to an employment exchange and got a job in a warehouse.

PROBLEMS

The New Horizon Centre was the idea of the Catholic Socialist, Lord Longford. He was talking about the problems of inadequate teenagers in London to some students at Hornsey School of Art. The attention of one young man Martin Walker, was so gripped that he agreed to become the chief founder of New Horizon.

This Centre, which isn't

cooking, washing, and repairing clothes.

But the New Horizon doesn't intend to be just another charity giving advice and hand-outs. The ideal is more difficult. It is to help the not very bright young person to understand himself, and above all, teach him—or her—to relate to other people.

There are agencies which help students and educated youngsters who have failed to cope. These would be welcome at the Centre, but the chief work is with the teenager who has never had any advantages. These are the ones who have to learn to give, as well as receive. They are expected to bear with each other and do the household chores of the Centre.

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Advice to parents from a Dentist - TEETH

Fluoride children are lucky

Children living in areas like Birmingham are lucky! Fluoride added to the City's drinking water since 1964 is cutting the amount of decay by over a half in children born since that date. But in many parts of England children are still denied the benefits of water fluoridation. Even where fluoride is added it does not entirely prevent decay, and it is up to parents to help in the fight against dental disease.

Sweets are one of the main factors causing decay and it is best not to have any at all, but this is normally impossible as children like sweets. However, it is not how many, but how often they are eaten, that is important. So try to get them to finish all their sweets in one go so that the teeth are not exposed to them for long periods.

COMPUTERS

If you have young children, do not give them sugared comforters or hollowed feeders filled with sugary or sweetened solutions. These are so bad for the teeth that they sometimes decay as soon as they come through into the mouth.

Raw fruit and vegetables such as apples, carrots, celery and nuts, help to clean the teeth and reduce decay. Teeth must also be cleaned by brushing. Always brush teeth last thing at night and each morning after breakfast. Most pre-schoolchildren are not able to brush their own teeth properly, so do it for them and then let

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them have a go themselves. As they get older they will not need your help but check and make sure that they have got their teeth clean.

Finally, don't forget regular check-ups at the dentist. Take young children with you when you visit the dentist so that they get used to going. From the age of 2 or 2½ ask the dentist if he will have a look at their teeth.

They probably won't need any treatment but it is better for their first experience to be pleasant rather than wait until they need several fillings or extractions.

Remember, whether or not your local council has made sure that your children get a good start with fluoride building strong teeth, you have an important part to play. It is up to you!

And from a Doctor - DRUGS

BE PREPARED

In recent years, adolescent fashions have altered drastically. One change, however, is of a more serious nature and that is drug addiction. It is here, now, and it is growing. Many parents are baffled and worried because the drug problem is something outside their personal experience. What can they do about it?

The first and most important action is example. Children will not distinguish between the tranquillisers, slimming pills, and sleeping tablets taken by a parent under medical direction, and the same pills offered by a companion for 'kicks'. If pills are not a part of home life, children will be more hesitant in accepting them, so avoid taking medication under their observant eyes. Similarly, it is wiser to refrain from discussing the

effects experienced with these drugs within their hearing.

TEMPTED

The next step is to keep all drugs under lock and key. Sparked off by casual conversation or press reports, a youngster may be tempted to raid the medicine chest to 'see for himself'. Again, all drugs left over after treatment should be promptly destroyed.

An encouraging feature of teenage life is open discussion. Take advantage of it to put them in the drug picture before they reach the age of possible involvement. Arm yourself with accurate knowledge by obtaining the advisory leaflets for parents issued by A.A., St. Ann's House, Dean Street, Soho, London W.1. Simply send a large addressed envelope.

Finally, keep a watchful eye for signs of addiction. Purple hearts, or pep pills produce jerky, boisterous behaviour with dilated pupils, followed by gloom and exhaustion. The first indication may be abnormal difficulty in getting up in the morning.

Barbiturates or goof balls make the addict behave like a drunk, and are commonly stolen from a sleepless parent's supply.

Cannabis or marihuana (reefers) is usually smoked, frequently in groups, and smells like burning weeds. It makes them cheerful and garrulous with flushed face and dilated pupils. After a time they lose touch with reality and develop an illness like split personality.

L.S.D. may elate or depress with delusions and hallucinations and signs of mental instability.

NEGLECT

Heroin, the most dangerous of all at first stimulates, then makes the addict drowsy with contracted pupils. As addiction increases, withdrawal signs become obvious... pallor, sweating, nausea, weakness and stomach pains with gradual loss of appetite and weight, and neglect of appearance.

Today it is not enough to feed, clothe, and educate your children; you must also equip them with the knowledge they need to combat this growing menace



Cars are for transport —not for fun

A few days ago the last miles of motorway linking the M5 to the M6 were opened. In about a year's time the link between the M6 and the M1 will also be opened, and we shall have the skeleton of a genuine nation-wide motorway system.

Many people think that Britain was way behind in constructing this sort of transport system. Not so. This country was in fact the pioneer; the inventor of the idea that motor vehicles need a special track on which to run, from which other traffic is excluded. Even more than that, it is in this country that they have reached the greatest complexity and refinement.

I am talking, of course, about railways.

Car sense,
by Brian
Favell

Letter

THE ORIGINS OF CHESS

Dear Sir,

India has a different account of the origin of the game of chess from the one in your April number.

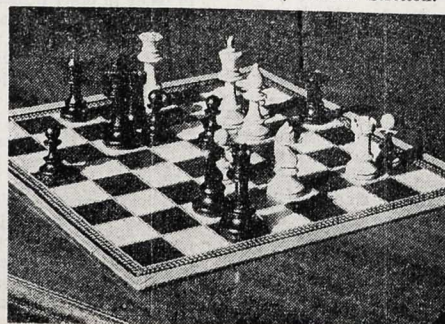
A certain Prime Minister, who was also the Commander in Chief, as did happen in those days, thought that the king undervalued his services. He therefore invented the game to show to the king how helpless he was without his army to protect him.

This consisted of the Commander in Chief, whom we have changed to the queen, the elephants, of which only the howdahs remain, as our castles; cavalry whom we call knights; chariots, which have somehow got changed to bishops; and infantry. Pawn is the Hindustani word 'paon', little allied, which means literally 'foot'.

Yours faithfully,

Major F. Wetherall,

Lorne House, Church Stretton.



When railways first came into being they were conceived as carriageways on which anyone would be able to run their own vehicle: their private engine or train. But that didn't last very long. It soon became obvious that any old engine, with any old driver, running on such a carriageway would be intolerable. The operator of the carriageway was obliged to operate his own vehicles and control their movement most strictly. The alternative would have been accidents galore, with the whole system grinding to a standstill.

You will say that a modern motorway is different: that buses, lorries and private cars are by no means the same as railway engines—and this is true. But the difference is one of refinement, not of basic type. If we find the rules of driving on a motorway system irksome—speed limits, lane discipline and the rest—we should consider the rule book that a railwayman has to work with!

To hear some people talk you would think there was a basic human right to drive where one pleased and as one pleased. Not so, if it was ever justifiable to use cars on the public roads just for fun—for self-expression and all the other jargon of indulgence—it is so no longer. Cars are for transport, not for fun. And so are motorways.

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Say it with flowers

"HOW ARE THE PLANS FOR MAYDAY WEEK GOING?" Many people ask me this question as I go around Reading. The question is itself evidence of the growing interest in the ambitious plans that have been laid. Within the space of a few days from late June till mid-July a varied and distinguished company of visitors will come to Caversham, including BISHOP HUDDLESTON, LORD CHALFONT, DEREK NIMMO, HUMPHREY LYTTLETON, and the DOLMETSCH CONSORT.

A particularly encouraging feature of the week is the way people who represent so many different aspects of community life have offered help, and the organisers are most grateful to them for the support they are receiving. The Town Council readily agreed to the use of Caversham Court; the support of many local firms has made possible the publication of the brochure; members of Caversham Rotary Club have given ready assistance; Reading Garage has made its premises in Church Road available for the Mayday week shop; the heads of Caversham schools are seeing to it that Caversham children study the aims of the week, and two events are being held on school premises, while members of a number of local organisations have gladly offered help.

The Flower Festival itself is only taking place because of the willingness of the members of the Thames Valley Flower Club to undertake this particular task. There is strong evidence to suggest that Caversham's Mayday Week is going to be an event in which the whole community will share; indeed one by-product of the week may be the way in which it helps to develop even further the strong sense of community that already exists in Caversham.

The idea of the week originated from a small group of local Christians, and it is therefore fitting that the opening event should be taking place in Caversham's oldest building, her parish church. This Church must have witnessed many memorable events in the past 800 years, but it is doubtful if it will ever have looked so beautiful as we can expect to find it after the members of the Thames Valley Flower Club have adorned it with flowers for the Flower Festival that opens on Saturday, June 27th. The festival lasts three days, and the profits are to be devoted to the work of Shelter. I hope that every reader of the Caversham Bridge will visit the parish church during those three days, and before they leave will not forget to kneel and thank God for the homes we so easily take for granted.

In addition to housing the Flower Festival the parish church will on each of the three evenings be a scene of a special gathering. On the first night the world famous Dolmetsch family supported by the Henley Singers, come to give a concert. On Sunday, June 28th, Bishop Huddleston is to preach at a special ecumenical service when we seek God's blessing upon Mayday Week, and on our efforts to help those in need. On the last night the Bishop of Oxford makes a final visit to Caversham before his retirement, and on the evening of St. Peter's day, June 29th, Caversham's patronal festival, he will ordain as priests the two deacons of the parish. This may well be the first time in its long history that St. Peter's has been the scene of an ordination to the sacred ministry.

So the curtain rises shortly on Caversham's Mayday Week, and we shall indeed be "saying it with flowers." I hope that the varied events will be supported by all who live in Caversham. Not only will we be helping in a practical way the work of Shelter, Christian Aid, and Oxfam, but more important still we aim to deepen our own understanding of the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves and to rouse public opinion so that as a nation we take steps to see that the resources of the world are so distributed that no one lacks the basic necessities of life.

John Grimwade

DAFFODIL CORNER

When Mrs. Wissotzky-Forbes died suddenly about a year ago it was felt by her colleagues at the BBC that it would have been nice if there were some visible reminder of her life in this district. Rather on the spur of the moment our reporter suggested a kind of bulb fund; the idea caught on and subscriptions came in quickly. This is the result—one more patch of Caversham brightened up in loving memory of Toni and other members of our community; it is a particularly fitting memorial in her case as flowers were the great passion of her life.

We hope future years will see an extension of this idea; the fund is still open.

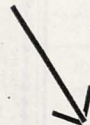
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the President of Caversham Mayday Week—comes from a family with a distinguished record of service and involvement in the developing world.

Army Career

Born in 1910, Lord Thurlow was educated at Eton and Sandhurst. He was commissioned in 1930 into the Seaforth Highlanders. After regimental service he became A.D.C. to the High Commissioner in Palestine from 1936-39.

During the War he served with the Cameron Highlanders in Eritrea and the Western Desert, with the Libyan Arab Force and on the staff of the 51st Highland Division until the end of the desert campaign.

After a period as an instructor at the Senior Officers' School he rejoined the 51st Highland Division just before the invasion of Europe, and during that campaign commanded the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders, and the 44th Lowland Infantry Brigade. He was awarded the D.S.O. in Normandy and a bar to the D.S.O. later in the campaign.

After the war Lord Thurlow held a number of staff and command appointments including Command of the 39th Brigade during the

Mau Mau uprising in Kenya.

After promotion to Major-General he commanded the 50th Northumbrian Territorial Division and the Malta and Libya Command. He retired in 1963 because of ill-health.

Opportunity for Service

Lord Thurlow's father, the 6th Lord Thurlow and an Anglican priest, served for 20 years in the Missions to Seamen, and was then a parish priest for 20 years. Retirement has given his son the opportunity for similar service—though not in the ordained ministry.

Lord Thurlow has been President of the Missions to Seamen since 1964. He is also Chairman of the Jerusalem and East Mission Trust which looks after the work of the Anglican Church in all Arab countries. Another sphere of work is his interest as Chairman of St. Christopher's Hospice, Beckenham, Kent, for terminal illness.

In addition to all this he manages to play an active part in the House of Lords, to be a member of the Chapter General of the Order of St. John, a member of Council for St. John's Ambulance, Berkshire, and President of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airforce Association for Berkshire.

Distinguished Brothers

One of his brothers, Sir Francis Cumming Bruce was High Commissioner in New Zealand and Nigeria. Between those appointments and his present post as Governor of the Bahamas he and his family lived in Mapledurham.

Another brother, Sir Roualeyn Cumming Bruce is a High Court Judge. His youngest brother, Alec, is in the Ministry of Defence, and now is temporarily political adviser to General Freeland in Belfast.

Commends Mayday Week

As a result of Lord Thurlow's service abroad in many countries he fully supports the aims of Caversham Mayday Week.

"I am well aware", he says, "of the great needs, which to some extent are being met by organisations like Christian Aid and Oxfam. Any campaign like Caversham Mayday Week is doing a good job in bringing home to the general public these needs—which few are able to see for themselves as I have been able to do."

"I think the organisers have done very well to produce such a varied programme for the Week and the St. Peter's Festival on the preceding weekend. I hope all the activities planned will be very well supported not only in Caversham but from the surrounding districts."

J.Y.C.

MAYDAY WEEK ITS AIMS

The primary aim of Caversham Mayday Week is to inform public opinion about the problems of development mainly overseas, but also at home.

The secondary aim is to raise money for development projects. The St. Peter's Festival is raising money for a Shelter housing project in Liverpool.

The St. Andrew's Summer Fair is raising money for a Christian Aid agricultural project in British Honduras.

The Folk Evening in the grounds of Queen Anne's School is raising money for an Oxfam Trade School in Jordan.

The Shop will raise money to be shared between Christian Aid, Oxfam and Shelter.

MORE FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Helped perhaps by the interest that is being shown in the plans for Mayday Week the collection for Christian Aid in the Caversham area showed a notable increase on last year. There was a particularly welcome increase at Caversham Park which contributed £61 (1969-£40) and Mapledurham produced the splendid sum of £94. The total for the whole Caversham-Emmer Green-Caversham Park-Mapledurham area was £724 compared with £629 last year.

Collectors do a valiant job, and they do not always receive a warm welcome at every door. The Caversham Bridge wishes to thank them on behalf of Christian Aid, for this splendid result. What about £1,000 for the target in 1971?

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June 27th—29th St. Peter's Flower Festival.

June 27—10.00 a.m.—6.00 p.m.

June 28—12 noon—5.30 p.m.

June 29—10.00 a.m.—6.00 p.m.

Lunch and tea available daily in Caversham Court.

Saturday, June 27—8.00 p.m.

A Concert by the Dolmetsch Ensemble and the Henley Singers. Admission by programme 10/- obtainable from Messrs. Hickies, The Rectory or Mr. E. Smith, Cherrycroft, Upper Warren Avenue.

Sunday, June 28—6.30 p.m.

Ecumenical Service on World Poverty. Preacher: Bishop Trevor Huddleston.

Saturday, July 4th:

St. Andrew's Summer Fair. 3 p.m. to be opened by Derek Nimmo.

Tuesday, July 7th:

Film Evening. The Caversham Film and two films on the developing world 7.30 p.m. at the Grove School.

Wednesday, July 8th:

Feed-In Folk Evening. 7.30 p.m. in the grounds of Queen Anne's School.

Celebrities — Humphrey Lyttleton and The Settlers. Final of Folk Song Competition. (Admission by ticket 5/- from XPLOR, 3, Harris Arcade, Rdg. 583160).

Friday, July 10th:

Political Meeting. 8 p.m. in Caversham Court. Speakers: Lord Chalfont, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nigel Fisher, Conservative M.P. for Surbiton, and Canon John Kingsnorth.

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CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, JUNE, 1970—THREE

BEING SHIPWRECKED seems to be a family pastime with the Eves family. Indeed one could say this was how it all began because it was after being rescued when the hospital ship on which he was serving was mined in the channel in 1917 that Mr. Eves decided on his future career. One of the 18 saved against overwhelming odds—the ship sank in seven minutes—he felt that his life had been given back to him for a purpose.

So in September, 1924, James Eves was commissioned as a captain in the Church Army. He served in various parts of the country for the next twelve years and in 1926 he went on a four months' tour of Canada to demonstrate evangelistic methods to the Canadian Church; it was after this tour that the Church Army was started in Canada.

TORPEDOED

The last war found Mr. Eves, his wife Grace, who he married in 1928, and his three children, in Bristol, where he had been working with the Seamen and Boatmen's Friends Society. It was then that history repeated itself; the children set out for evacuation in Canada but were torpedoed several hundred miles out. Fortunately every one of the 300 children on board were picked up and brought back to Scotland; Mr. and Mrs. Eves decided not to take any further risks and the children remained in England for the rest of the war.

For the next twenty odd years Mr. Eves worked as a telephone operator in Bristol and then with Allied Supplies, as the Home and Colonial was then known. All this time they retained close connections with the Church, Mr. Eves serving as a lay reader. When Canon Nash became rector of Caversham the Eves family, who were then living in Bracknell, jumped at the suggestion that they too should move and take over the Rectory Flat.

In 1962 Mr. Eves retired and the family moved to Wrenfield Drive.

Their eldest son, Gordon, never lost his ambition to see the country he had missed seeing during the war; he now lives in Canada where he works with the Stanley Steel Company and last year Mr. and Mrs. Eves paid him a visit. Margaret is married to a Baptist minister, and lives in Farnborough, and their younger son, David, a spastic boy, died some years ago.

FAITH

A lot is written these days about the difficulties of bringing up a handicapped child; nobody would suggest it was easy for the Eves family, but their faith helped them to cope with this problem, to remain a very happy family and to take part in many outside activities.

There is little need to go into details about Ruth, their daughter who lives with them and, incidentally, does all the decorating in their very charming home. As Sunday School Superintendent and a member of St. Peter's Choir, to mention but a few of her activities, she is a well-known and very popular member of our community. She works in the Post Office Telephone Department and is a member of the Reading Festival Chorus.

Nor must it be thought that Mrs. Eaves is allowed to concentrate entirely on running their home. While her husband and daughter sing in the choir, Mrs. Eves cares for the altar linen, is on the Mothers' Union Committee and collects national savings. She and her husband are founder members of the Reading Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.

Time and space does not allow for many more details of their life and activities. Suffice it to say that Caversham would be a great deal poorer without them, for a nicer family it would be hard to find.

CAVERSHAM PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Those readers who remember her will be interested to know that **W.O.2. Alma Franklin** was married in Salisbury last month to David Nicks, also a warrant officer. Alma, who has been with the WRAC for the last sixteen years, lived in Gosbrook Road as a girl and her mother, a popular member of the BBC staff, still lives at Donkin Hill. She will now be leaving the services and we send her our best wishes for a happily married civilian life.

Linda Howard of Grove Road, has figured in our columns before. A member of the Chapel on the Hill, Linda is reading languages at Southampton University, but this month she and **Pamela Robertson**, also of Emmer Green, have gone to Cologne University for six months to study German. Linda already has a German friend in the University who has been a great help to them. They stayed with friends in Wupertal until they found a room of their own. Before they return home they hope to fit in a considerable amount of travelling, so we shall be reporting further on their activities.

Obituary

Ernest Cartwright.

A Caversham newsagent, Mr. Ernest William Cartwright, died at his home at 6, Queen's Road, Caversham, on Saturday, March 21st after a short illness, aged 64. Mr. Cartwright, born in Caversham, helped with his parent's newsagents' business in King's Road at the age of 10. After the death of both his parents he took over the business and moved into his present shop in 1931.

In the days of the Evening Gazette and Football Chronicle when there was no Reading Bridge, Mr. Cartwright used to fetch the papers from the press and cross over the Clappers and go around Caversham selling them every Saturday evening. He was a member of the Caversham Constitutional Club for many years. He leaves a wife and three sons. Ernie, the youngest of the sons, will carry on the business.

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MR. J. A. HARGREAVES, who has been Advertisement Manager of the Caversham Bridge since the paper was launched in 1964, has been appointed Librarian of the Mechanical College at Bedford, and takes up his duties there on June 1st. The Caversham Bridge congratulates him on this appointment, and next month's issue will include a feature issue on Mr. Hargreaves. He has been vice-chairman of the Editorial Board and will be greatly missed by his colleagues who are deeply grateful to him for his work for this paper.

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The attractive red brick homestead stands in 300 acres of farmland, and is part of the Mapledurham Estate. Little is known about the history of the 120 year old farmhouse, but it is recorded that while the village church was undergoing major repairs and alterations in 1863 church services were held in the farmer's home. The house and garden face south west. A spacious lawn surrounded by herbaceous borders, ends in a modern ha-ha, which separates the garden from the fields. As the land drops away into the valley a magnificent view shows through a gap in the trees.

It was to Lilley Farm that Mr. and Mrs. Beacroft came in 1950, and began farming with a dairy herd of Friesians.

Specializing with pigs.

Then in 1961 Mr. Beacroft sold the cows and began to concentrate on pigs. Today he has one of the

largest pig farms in the country. The stock are hybrids based on the Landrace and Large White breeds. Each sow has 2 litters a year with an average of 9 to 10 young in each family.

There are 500 breeding sows on the farm, and 4,000 growing pigs—so the 5 or 6 agricultural workers are kept busy even when assisted by students.

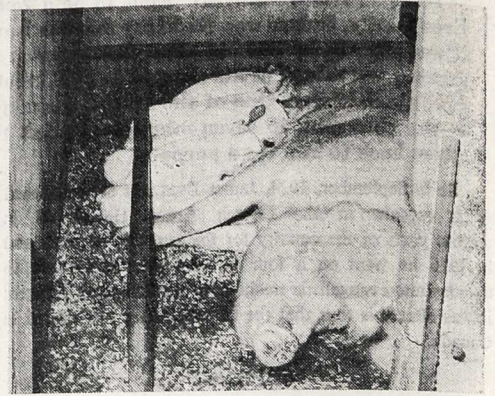
Feeding methods.

Two hundred and twenty acres are put down to corn yearly—140 acres of barley and 80 acres of wheat—some grown in fields with ancient names such as Andrews Heron and Pightle. All the corn is dried and milled on the farm and mixed with skim milk for feed. This milk comes in bulk tankers, and 12,000 gallons are needed each week. A further 50-60 tons of feeding stuff is also consumed in the same period.

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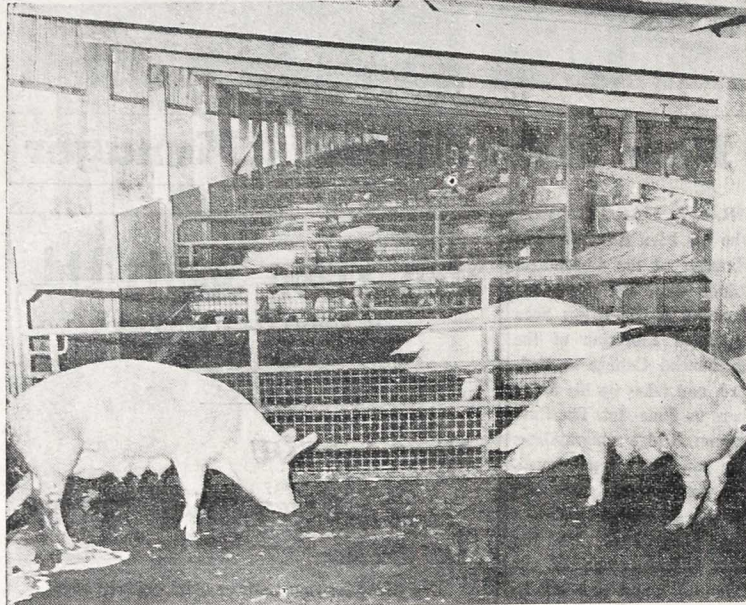
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In this next stage six sows and their young are put together. The weaner sheds are new, and can accommodate 2,000 animals. When the young are five weeks old the sows are removed to the fields, and their babies stay on in the building until they are 3 or 4 months old.

Into Pork and Bacon.

Finally, the young are placed in fattening pens for quality bacon and pork. A pork pig weighs 130 pounds and a bacon pig 200 pounds. The bacon pigs go to Messrs. Case at Sharnbury, and the porkers mainly to Messrs. Filter at Walton-on-Thames. Three lorry loads of pigs—about 200—are sent away each week.

Eager to try new methods.

Still keen on learning more about the latest developments in this line of farming Mr. Beacroft has already studied pig breeding in Northern Ireland and Denmark. He hopes to go to the U.S.A. in July to see the latest methods there. This time he will be taking his son, John who is also a keen farmer and is studying at an Agricultural College.

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MAPLEDURHAM MEMORIAL HALL PLAY GROUP

A pre-school Play Group has opened in the Memorial Hall, Upper Woodcote Road. The Play Group is open daily from 9.30—12 noon during the Oxfordshire school term and is under the supervision of Mrs. Maureen Ashby, who is a qualified Infant School teacher. The charge is four shillings per session and children from the age of 3-5 years are accepted. For further information contact Mrs. Ann Pritchard, 70, Chazey Road, Caversham. Telephone Reading 77056.

Mapledurham Parish Council

The monthly meeting of Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 16th April, 1970. The Chairman of the Council, Mr. B. A. Fowles, presided at the meeting.

The Council were informed of letters received from Reading Borough Council and Oxfordshire C.C. regarding the escarpment area above the River Thames along The Warren, opposite the Reading side of the river. In view of the development now taking place on the south side of Upper Warren Avenue, the escarpment has been offered to the Parish Council, but under the proposals the Parish Council will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the land. Regrettably, the County Council are not prepared to help the Parish Council, and Reading Borough Council also are not interested.

Whilst the Parish Council are anxious to maintain this picturesque part of the Thames scene, because of lack of funds and other facilities, it could mean the disappearance of this pleasant vista. However, the Parish Council intend to make further representations to the County Council.

Further representations are to be made to the Oxfordshire C.C. regarding the proposed withdrawal of the Chiltern Queens bus service through parts of the Parish, and the Parish Council wish to obtain from the County Council certain information regarding the

classification of the B.4526—Goring Heath Road. The Council considered various matters that had been referred to them at the Annual Parish Meeting. Regarding the proposal to have street lighting in Upper Woodcote Road, the Council were informed that a scheme for lighting the road had been prepared by the Ministry of Transport, but the actual requirements laid down by the Ministry have not been met. A frequent examination of the scheme takes place at six-monthly intervals, so that eventual approval of the scheme will be given. Subsequent work to proceed would be carried out without prior reference to local residents, as the road is now classed a principal road.

The Council are to write to the Oxfordshire C.C. asking that speed limit restrictions should be imposed in Hewett Avenue and Rokeby Drive.

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CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, JUNE, 1970—FIVE

A year's planning and preparation will come to fruition on SATURDAY, 20th JUNE with the presentation of the CAVERSHAM PARK VILLAGE SHOW at the showground in Caversham Park Road. Planning to present one of the biggest of its kind in the area, the organisers are aiming to attract a crowd of over 7,000 for what they promise will be an afternoon and evening of first class entertainment.

AIM TO PRESENT THRILLS

In addition to a full scale fairground, dozens of stalls and sideshows, and an evening discotheque, the Show will provide spectators with a rich assortment of thrills in the arena. Centre piece is the world famous Royal Air Force Police Dog display team, well-known for their fast moving and faultless performances at the Royal Tournament and elsewhere. Other arena events include a display by the Oxfordshire Fire Brigade, and a demonstration by antique steam driven traction engines—always a colourful and exciting spectacle and a favourite with fathers and sons alike.

Backing up these major events are numerous other entertainments, including the ever-popular tug-of-war, a judo display, children's fancy dress contest, and miniature railway and pony rides.

DEVELOPMENT FROM LAST YEAR.

Many readers will recall the Caversham Park Village Fete in June last year, and the 1970 Show is a direct development from last year's initial venture. Encouraged by their 1969 success, even though deliberately modest in its scale and ambitions, the villagers began work last autumn on planning this year's much larger event. A committee of nine is responsible for planning and organisation, and probably over 200 helpers, mainly from Caversham Park Village, will be involved on the day. Show Committee chairman Mr. John Robinson comments:

"We set to work very soon after the 1969 Fete, feeling from the beginning that with proper advance planning and support we could succeed in presenting a large scale event such as this. Enjoyment for our visitors is the keynote to the whole venture, and this I hope we shall achieve. Caversham Park Villagers have excelled themselves time after time in the projects that they have undertaken, and the Show we hope is no exception. There has certainly been plenty of interest shown; we can never have too much help, of course and hope we shall receive many more offers yet,

but so far the response has been very good."

The purpose of the Show is, as Mr. Robinson explains, two-fold. First, the Show will aim to provide a good day out for the visitors: "We shall be happy if our visitors are happy," comments Mr. Robinson. "We are aiming to attract upwards of 7,000, and there will be a great variety and plenty to provide a good day out for them all—right through to 11 p.m. with our evening barbeque and discotheque."

FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Show also has a financial objective, aimed at producing funds towards the Caversham Park Village community centre. The Village Association has been planning the centre now for about four years, with the object of providing better local facilities for a variety of community purposes. The Association is now giving full financial backing to the Show Committee, and, says Mr. Robinson, "We hope that in addition to providing a first class entertainment we can contribute substantially to the community centre fund, and help to really get this project off the ground."

FREE CAR PARKING

Fund raising objectives aside, however, the Show organisers' first aim is clearly to attract visitors to the Show and to give them good value for their money; to this end they are offering free admission for children and free car parking on the Show ground.

Although the organisation of the Show has its origins locally, the organisers hope that the event will have a wide ranging appeal. In addition to the entertainments already described, the Show committee has taken the opportunity to invite displays from a number of clubs and amenity groups from the district. As a result, visitors to the Show will also be able to view the works and interests of such groups as The Chiltern Society, Reading Civic Society, The River Thames Society, The Kennet and Avon Canal Trust and the Berkshire Archaeological Society.

CENTRAL ATTRACTION FOR THE SHOW



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CAVERSHAM PARK THEATRE

'Woman in a Dressing Gown'

"WOMAN IN A DRESSING GOWN," the Caversham Park Theatre's next production, is something of a departure for the group. Recent plays have included "Happy Family," by Giles Cooper, "Semi Detached," by H. Swears, and "The Anniversary," by Frederick Witney. The past productions had the theme of the family as a common denominator—but the characters were caricatures, or seemed larger than life. Ted Willis' "Woman in a Dressing Gown" is also about a family—but the characters are average people and instantly recognisable as familiar figures.

The cast of "Woman in a Dressing Gown" are trying to face problems. The problems are basic and simple, but all-important. Questions of relative values are ones that everyone must face sooner or later. Such problems must sometimes demand an exceptional quiet courage. They do in Ted Willis' play. "Woman in a Dressing Gown" will be presented on

June 5th and 6th at St. Lawrence's Hall in Reading. Tickets are available at the door for six shillings.

Although the family in "Woman in a Dressing Gown" lives in London's East End in sight of Tower Bridge, they are forced by events to come to grips with the very foundations of their lives—and that can happen anywhere.

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ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

Festival Month. June is always a happy month in the parish of Caversham, and is especially the time when members of the parish move around to join in the worship of districts other than their own. On Thursday, June 11th, St. Barnabas' Day, the Archbishop of Canterbury is visiting Reading and there is to be a special gathering at Reading Town Hall. Many members of the congregation will want to be present and so for this reason St. Barnabas' festival service will be kept on June 10th, with Festal Evensong at 7-30 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. P. Beresford-Peirse, who is shortly retiring from the office of rural dean in Reading. A fortnight later the parish worships together at St. John's and at the Parish Communion on June 24th, the preacher will be a former member of St. John's congregation who was ordained two years ago—the Rev. James Swift, now serving as assistant priest at All Saints, Headington. Finally St. Peter's Day will be particularly memorable this year—not only is June 29th the last day of the Flower Festival in aid of Shelter, but St. Peter's at 7-30 p.m. that evening will, for perhaps the first time in its 800 year history, be the scene of an ordination service. The Bishop of Oxford will ordain as priests the two deacons at present serving in the parish, the Rev. F. Dawson and the Rev. D. F. Shaylor. As a very large congregation is expected to be present, reserved tickets will be available for members of the congregations of the parish. Refreshments will be served after the service in a marquee in Caversham Court.

On June 10th, at St. Barnabas, it is intended to make a presentation to Mr. Walter Canning. Mr. Canning recently retired from the Church Council after forty seven years' service—still a member of St. Peter's choir, he was originally a choir boy at St. Barnabas.

The Parish Confirmation. Sixty three candidates were confirmed in the parish church on May 5th by the Bishop of Reading, the largest number of candidates since 1965. This year he also baptized seven of the candidates at the same service, and this brought home to the very large congregation present the real unity of the two parts of Christian initiation, baptism and confirmation, which so often are separated in time. A report on Christian Initiation which is to be

introduced to the Diocese on June 3rd, argues for changes and perhaps the form of the service in St. Peter's will soon be the norm rather than the exception.

New Church Council meets.

The newly-elected Church Council held its first meeting in April after a Corporate Communion in the parish church. The invitation of the Leaders' Meeting of Caversham Heights Methodist Church for combining regularly for Sunday evening

worship was considered and the Rector was asked to meet the Methodist minister and arrange for this to happen once a month for a trial period of a year. It is understood that it will not start until the autumn and when the arrangements are completed due notice will be given to all members of the congregation. The P.C.C. greatly welcome this suggestion from the Methodists. The Council also debated the needs of old people in Caversham and agreed to set up a fact-finding commission to discover the needs more fully in the hope that the Church might be able to make some practical contribution to what all agreed is a growing problem.

Choirboys take flight. Not quite—but a full bus load took some forty junior members of the choir of the parish to visit Heathrow during their Easter holidays. A cold, but bracing afternoon, was spent watching arrivals and departures from the roof of the Queen's building, and the day ended with a fish and chip supper in Maidenhead. No stowaways were reported in the cargoes of aircraft on that day and the party in fact returned the same in numbers as when it set out.

ST. ANDREW'S NEWS

Annual General Meetings

Two of our organisations—the Fellowship and St. Andrew's Women's Group—held their AGMs in April. At both the attendance was small but discussion was lively and constructive.

At the Fellowship, Mr. Chennell was elected Chairman and Mr. Bond Secretary for a further year. The members of the Committee were also re-elected except that Mrs. Hogarth replaces Mrs. Griffiths. One point which those present felt needed stress was that the Fellowship is open to anyone who cares to come—if only for one meeting. Also there is no subscription or membership fee. If, therefore, a particular meeting catches your eye in the weekly notices and you would like to come—just turn up!

At the Women's Group AGM some thought was given to the Group's aims and objects. All agreed that one purpose of the Group was to serve the community (e.g. through the Playgroup in St. Andrew's Hall and by giving what help was possible at St. Benet's Home). The President (the Priest-in-Charge), said that he hoped the Group would continue along these lines. In addition, he would also like to see the Group play a greater part in the life of the congregation, especially where newcomers were concerned. He then thanked those retiring from the Committee and this was followed by the elections. The results were as follows: Mrs. Price (Chairman), Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Shepherd (ex-officio members), Mesdames Wing, Cottam, Page, Gosling, Richards, Connifford and Fox.

The Summer Fair

£400 to buy a plough and a cultivator for a Christian Aid Agricultural Project in British Honduras—that's the target and aim of this year's Fair. (Further details elsewhere in this issue). Already a number of individuals have started work by holding coffee mornings, offering to make cakes at home and by selling home-made marmalade. On June 20th, for the first time in connection with the Fair and as an experiment, there will be a Jumble Sale in the Balmore Hall. Mr. Nicholls, 82 Blenheim Road, has kindly agreed to organise this for us, supported by Mr. Vincent and the Fair Committee. Please save your Jumble for this—it will be collected in the previous week.

Many of the stalls and sideshows this year will be re-arranged and re-sited—especially in the Outside Area. One entirely new feature, since the Fair is St. Andrew's contribution to Caversham's May Day Week, will be an exhibition of the work of Christian Aid. This will be set up and manned by the Rev. M. Crowther-Green, our local Christian Aid Area Organiser.

St. Peter's in Australia

When the Reid family who flew to Australia at the beginning of April arrived at Perth Airport they found Ted Price, another former member of St. Peter's congregation, waiting to meet them. The Price family were able to entertain the Reid family in their home and introduce them to Australian ways. Mr. Reid has been appointed the Engineer Superintendent for B.P. in Austral-Asia and expects to be in Australia for four years. Peter Price, who will be remembered by many in Caversham as a St. Peter's choirboy, has now joined the Australian Navy. His parents play a prominent part in the life of the church at Ross-moyne, Perth. Ted Price is Superintendent of the Sunday School and Peter was helping his father with this until he joined the Navy, while Olive is involved in the work of the Ladies' Fellowship.

Balmore Hall improvements. The District Committee has authorised the Hall Manager, Mr. H. Briggs, to accept an estimate for a section of the ground outside the hall to be properly made up and it is expected that the work will be undertaken very soon.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

WEDNESDAY GROUP

Meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings in the comfort of members' homes, the Wednesday Group provides the young mothers of the district with a welcome break from domestic routine. As well as supplying relaxation in good company, members find the stimulus of informal discussion on a variety of issues.

The group wishes to make itself more widely known and would very much welcome more members. There must be many young mothers, perhaps new to the area, who would appreciate the friendship and sense of belonging which this group can provide. Mrs. A. Betteridge, of 23 Washington Road (Tel. 71191), will be only too pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to come along.

CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

Children, so it is said, are the Church of tomorrow. But if this is all then there is a danger that they are either just tolerated or regarded as little more than an insurance policy. This is not fair to the children. They are a part of the Church today and should be encouraged to see this by being brought to the Eucharist at 9-15 a.m. on Sunday mornings, preferably by their parents, because that is the time when the main body of the church meets together to

worship God. Parents have more influence on the spiritual growth of their children than anyone else.

Of course all children go through awkward phases, and there are times when it is better that they should be taken to the creche which is provided in St. John's Hall during the Eucharist on Sundays, leaving parents free to go to church.

While children can learn a great deal about the Christian life from worshipping with adults, there is also a need for a more formal kind of teaching. This is provided for young children on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. in St. John's Hall—older children meet in church at that time. Employing some of the newer teaching methods, Mrs. A. Yates and her staff are doing valuable work with the young ones and making it an enjoyable experience for the children. At present there is a lower age limit of five years for those wishing to join the Sunday School, but from the beginning of September this will be lowered to 4½. Children of this age will be very welcome. It would also be helpful if Mrs. Yates could have details of children who will be five by 1st September, 1971.

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MONEY AT ST. BARNABAS'

The month of April seems to have been one of activity in the sphere of raising money for various causes. Quite apart from the efforts that have originated from Church many other charities have been calling at our doors.

Musical evening

On the 10th April Mr. Ralph Cambridge presented a Musical Evening on records in St. Barnabas Hall to raise money for the Rev. Peter Bugg in Zambia. This was the first time that this had been done as far as those present could remember; it was such an enjoyable evening that it is to be hoped that it will not be the last. The event raised just under £12.

QUIZ

Having defeated a team from St. Peter's Church in a Quiz competition, the gentlemen of the Men's Forum went on later in the same week to another victory. Their Handyman's Sale raised just short of £90 for the cost of renovating St. Barnabas Hall. A team of volunteers is at present painting the walls of the interior. Progress continues.

The Mother's Union report: At our April meeting, once again Mrs. Knight invited members to tea at her home. A Bring and Buy Sale realised £1 3s.

Presbyterian Notes

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church had a very successful Easter like other Churches in Reading and played its role in inter-denominational events. The Gift Day was well supported and the Easter Communion well attended. After that the Minister went off to France to gain first-hand knowledge of the Protestant Industrial Mission which receives support in this country from both the Church of England and the Free Churches. This movement was started by a Dr. McAll nearly one hundred years ago. When on holiday in France he was appalled by the hostility to and ignorance of religion and was distressed by the number of neglected and uncared-for little children. So he and his wife started a mission in a room near Butte Chaumont in Paris. Gradually the movement got under way and today there are centres in many of the big towns in France and there are one or two homes for children. The McAll Mission is rather like the Worker Priest movement in France and the Sheffield experiment in England. It seeks to present the Gospel to the working man in the place where he works, so within its ranks there are a number of ministers who work in factories.

Public recognition of a local preacher

Mr. Christopher Pape, M.Sc., was publicly recognised as a Local Preacher at a special Service on Sunday, 26th April in Caversham Heights Methodist Church. The Service was conducted by the Rev. Terence R. Harris who spoke of the origins of Local Preachers in Methodism. Two Local Preachers took part. Mr. Eric Beckley read appropriate passages of Scripture and Mr. Jack Hollingum read the President's letter. A "Jerusalem Bible" was presented to Mr. Pape. The Charge was given by the Minister from 1 Timothy 4 verse 16: "Take great care about what you do and teach; always do this, and in this way you will save both yourself and those who listen to you." Some Local Preachers of the Reading Methodist Circuit were present on this occasion. The Service concluded with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Mr. Harris pointed out that this was the first time that this Service had taken place on a Sunday during an act of worship as far as the Reading Circuit was concerned.

Young Wives Hot-Pot Lunch

Over seventy people were served a three-course lunch in the Sunday School hall in Ardler Road when the Methodist Young Wives' Group held the third such event on Saturday in April. Previously there had been a bread-and-cheese lunch, the next time sausages, and this time it was a hot-pot, preceded by soup and followed by mousse.

A notable feature of these occasions, apart from the excellence of the food, is the pleasantly professional waiters service. Very little money is raised, the chief aim being to provide a setting for informal fellowship.

Gift Day and Family Evening

Caversham Heights Methodist Church held their Church Anniversary on Saturday, 18th, and Sunday 19th, April. On Saturday afternoon plays were performed by the Junior and Senior Departments of the Sunday School: "The Colours Clash" was produced by Mrs. Lily Allies and "Carpe Diem" was produced by Patricia Court. A Buffet Tea followed, during which time the Minister received gifts in the Vestry. Afterwards the Squash enacted "The Thistle in Donkey Field" produced by Mrs. Enid Caddy. All high class performances. Mr. Martyn Allies organised the "Beetle" Drive. Many found amusement trying to draw the man with the guitar!

Terry Boorman won a record box of apples. Another event during the evening was Folk Dancing organised by Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Ward and their family. Finally all who remained had Chilconcarne before going home. On Sunday morning the Rev. Dr. Maurice Barnett, M.A., B.D., Superintendent of Central Hall, Westminster was the preacher, and the Rev. Terence R. Harris in the evening.

Over £120 was raised during this time. Thanks is expressed to all concerned.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, JUNE, 1970—SEVEN GOLDEN WEDDING



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Anniversary Sunday School

Caversham Heights Methodist Church Annual Sunday School Anniversary has been planned for Sunday, 7th June at 11 a.m. and 6-30 p.m. During the morning Service the children will be taking part. The theme will be "Creation". In the evening the theme will be continued under the title: "New Creation".

ST. MARGARET'S MAPLEDURHAM

Corporate worship at St. Margaret's

At 8 p.m., June 1st, there will be an open meeting at Mapledurham Church House, 222 Upper Woodcote Road, for members of St. Margaret's congregation. The main subject for discussion will be "Corporate worship". It has become increasingly clear that quite a number of suggestions and criticisms are being mulled over by the congregation, and this meeting will give everybody a chance to consider them and what action if any should be taken.

Reading Madrigal Society

On Saturday, June 20th, this Society will sing Evensong at St. Margaret's at 6 p.m., having held a rehearsal in church at 4 p.m. A congregation will of course be welcome.

The Church Choir

The number of children in the choir has grown to such an extent that both seating and clothing are stretched to the limit. At the same time, both the quality and quantity of their singing has been steadily improving.

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CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS
TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD.

Bath night in the fourteenth century must have been a social occasion equal to any Hippie 'Happening', according to Mrs. A. B. Ridley, speaking to Caversham Heights Townswomen on "1066 and All Mod Cons" at their April meeting. The lord of the manor would take first dip in a tall tub, one of several hauled in for the purpose and, in descending order of importance, one by one of his family and retainers tubbed in the same water. With open-plan living, the oldest living plan in the world, there was no privacy and everyone ate, slept and took their recreation in the same room—a sobering thought for anyone who thinks we invented the "permissive" society in the twentieth century!

With many amusing anecdotes Mrs. Ridley outlined the history and growth of "modern conveniences" through the ages and told how, in 1909, the blue blood of England, staying at Chatsworth, were forced to queue to use the one and only bathroom in that vast stately home and how, as recently as 1923, debutantes waiting to be presented could only use a chamber-pot behind a screen in a ladies' cloakroom, such was

ROUND THE CLUBS

the state of the plumbing in Buckingham Palace at that time!

Mrs. Haydon thanked the speaker, and this member of the audience at least went home grateful for the comforts of modern living, whatever the pessimists may say about their fears and phobias engendered by life in the 1970's!

During April the Social Studies Section heard Professor Betts speak on 'What Drawing and Painting is All About,' and much helpful information on painting techniques was learned.

Twenty-two members of the International Section were told about an exciting year spent on a Kibbutz in Israel by their speaker Miss Alison Matthews. Kibbutz living is a way of life, and each part of living is inter-related. Kibbutznics start work at 5 a.m. daily, and they work hard. Although they believe that family units are obstacles to community living,

children in fact spend several hours each day with their parents with whom they appear to have a good relationship. Miss Matthews went as a volunteer for a year and said it had been a very interesting experience which she had enjoyed.

The Guild is now running a series of six Yoga classes and twenty-six members are attending weekly. The Drama Section had entries for both the Tilehurst Festival on April 28th and the Woodley Festival of May 13th.

The Annual Jumble Sale, held in Balmore Hall on March 21st, raised nearly £50 thanks to the hard work of the many members who helped to make it a success.

CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON
TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the April meeting the Salvation Army came to the rescue of the Guild, in the person of Mr. F. Hammond, a retired Salvation Army officer, who kindly agreed at short notice to address the members. He traced the growth and work of the Army from its foundation in 1865 by William Booth, to present day when it has become an important international organisation. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. D. Holliday. The competition for a flower arrangement in a wine glass was won by Mrs. M. Barlow. A floral tribute was presented by Miss N. Brown in recognition of her 84th birthday. The National Council motions were then discussed.

EMMER GREEN
TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD.

On a cold spring evening members found a great deal of enjoyment in hearing Mrs. Smith's amusing talk about the problems and pleasures of her one and three-quarter acre garden at Winnersh. The slides she showed of the four seasons in her garden were extremely colourful and having seen what could be done to turn a piece of overgrown land into a place of beauty, we resolved to stop grumbling about the late season this year and get down to work in our own gardens as soon as possible.

The drama group are hard at work having entered both the Shinfield and Tilehurst Elsteads.

The sale of plants and produce at the April meeting raised a further £5 for the Royal Society for the Blind.

ROSEHILL W.I.

Mrs. Green, the President welcomed seven new members to the April meeting. She announced that the recent Jumble Sale realised £26 2s. 11d. Mrs. A. C. Beasley, the International representative, explained the work of the A.C.W.W.

The speaker was Mrs. M. Whittaker, who gave a demonstration on Japanese flower arrangements. The competition "A miniature flower arrangement", was won by Mrs. Booker. Runners-up were Mrs. Bluring and Miss C. Stevenson.

MAPLEDURHAM W.I.

The Birthday Party was held at the April meeting at Trench Green. The Vice-President, Mrs. Martin, was in the chair, Mrs. Deacon made a birthday cake and members from other Institutes attended. Miss Jean Warrand sang, accompanied on the piano by her husband, Mr. Shaw—a very enjoyable half-hour. Invitations were issued for a coffee morning in aid of Denman College alterations. Mrs. Skinner gave an account of the Group Meeting at South Stoke, and arrangements were made to man the shop in May-day Week, to be held in July, and various goods to be sold.

BLAGRAVE W.I.

Mrs. B. Smith intrigued members with her description of the neglected bungalow and garden which had in turn been a tannery and night club and became home for her and her family. Her slides showed the magnificent garden they made during their fifteen years' stay. Mrs. J. Messent gave the vote of thanks.

Mrs. Wright, President, presented the birthday posies. The Spring Council Meeting was reported by Mrs. Sholl. Miss Reynolds gave a report of her course at Denman College and encouraged members to take advantage of the courses offered. Mrs. Price told members about the final arrangements for the Group Meeting on 30th April.

MAPLEWOOD W.I.

At the April meeting the President, Mrs. Betty Lewis, welcomed two new members. Vice-Presidents are Mrs. Bubb and Mrs. Wyeth, Secretary and Assistant Secretary are Mrs. Alford and Mrs. M. Clarke, and Treasurer is Mrs. Clamp.

The speaker, Mr. Brow, gave a very interesting talk concerning Berks, Bucks and Oxon Naturalists, trust and Mr. Bacon showed a film. Reports were read by Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Titley, and Mrs. Clamp presented the Budget. Mrs. Alford won the wild flower competition.

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Some years ago a non-church going friend of mine became a practising Christian. We had spent much time together in our 'teens', and always on a Sunday, I as a Catholic, had slipped off to Mass. One day she went away on holiday and came back converted. Her first words to me were:— "Why ever didn't you tell me?"

I was very shaken. She knew my religion and I had never thought to talk about it. I had just taken it for granted that this was something she didn't share with me.

As a local reporter I remember once going to report

a centenary in a Baptist Chapel. There were readings from Timothy, and then the speaker gave a short talk about Christian Witness. I was enthralled. I liked the word WITNESS. I went home wondering why the Catholic Church didn't use it. But of course it did, under the cobwebs of church jargon which have been swept

partly away since the Vatican Council.

This word Witness has emerged in every sphere of teaching. In the Introduction to the Ecumenical Directory we read:—

"Every one of the faithful, as a member of the Church, should . . . bear witness in the Church to God and Our Saviour

Jesus Christ by his own Christian Life."

Do Christians at grass root level really BEAR WITNESS? Is everybody aware that we act as we do because we are Christians? Aren't we so afraid of pushing our religion down people's throats, that we steer clear of talking about it all together, so that others imagine it is a sepa-

rate segment of our lives. Whereas it is the force which motivates everything we do.

One can't imagine the apostles keeping quiet about Christ, surely when they set the example of Christian living they made sure that people knew what they were proclaiming. We hear people today saying: "I'm not a religious person but . . ." What makes them say this? Have we given people the idea that Christianity is something to be ashamed of? How do we react when people say this. Dare we say "Aren't you . . . you don't know what you're missing?"

Have you ever seen a dying man's face when you quietly mention God, or say you are praying for him? He often clutches your hand and feels he's with a friend, and if he can't speak his eyes communicate. Have you seen a great lorry hold up a line of cars to let a little shabby car slip through . . . because the driver saw that the woman driving that car was a nun. Her habit proclaims that she is witnessing for Christ. Watch an old person's face light up when you say sincerely 'God Bless you' as you bid them goodbye. We seem to think it is ostentatious to mention God. We forget how many times his name is mentioned thoughtlessly or vulgarly. Could not our respectful use of this name help to right those wrongs? Have we made sure that there is no one in our immediate circle who knows nothing of God because nobody has bothered to tell them? This is the work of lay-people at grass-root level, in their own particular sphere or circle. We can bear witness by our actions and words so that no-one will be able to turn round and say to us: "Why ever didn't you tell me?"

Rosemary links talent to faith in aid of children

An attractive young school-teacher walked into the office of the Council of Churches in Adelaide, and made a request: "Please, could you help me to get to Vietnam? I want to help the people . . ."

That was the beginning of a lively liaison between the Council and Rosemary Taylor, about whose work among the Vietnamese orphans I heard when I visited the Council office recently. The Council sponsors the work, which is truly merciful.

Rosemary works among the Vietnamese children whose needs gripped her the instant she arrived in Saigon. She discovered that endlessly they were being brought into hospitals and orphanages in the city. Many were new born, abandoned by their mothers who just could not cope.

Sometimes they came in because the rest of their family were dead. Very often they died themselves soon after arrival.

Those who survived were put into cots—rows of them—and because there was no-one to give them the individual care and love they needed, there they remained, listlessly lying day after day. She discovered two-year-olds who couldn't stand because their muscles had been used so little; a baby of 20 months who couldn't even sit up.

Still at it

Soon she was working full stretch at Phu My, a large hospital, giving herself endlessly to the children. Now several years later, she is still at it, but now much of her time and energy is given over to finding homes for the children. She has placed many children with new parents all over the world, personally handing the babies over, and this, of course, has involved long and difficult journeys.

Last year, alone and unaided, she made a flight from Saigon to Europe with 15 children, twelve of whom were under two years of age. Some of the babies went to France, some to Switzerland, and one to England. Writing to her parents in Adelaide about the journey she said:

"I couldn't sit down for two minutes . . . I had to check up continually on each baby . . ."

And so she was fully occupied attending to babies strung up in hammocks, babies under seats and babies on the floor of the aircraft. However, the rigours of the journey were offset by the joy of the new parents to whom she handed over their Vietnamese children.

Rosemary gave a brief description of the flight:



by
Dorothy O'Neill
Moved to tears

"At 5 a.m. in Nice I gave four babies to their new parents who were moved to tears to receive their children . . . Especially moving was the handing over of my own god-child Cecilia, whom we had just discovered to be a polio victim . . . I had written express to break the news to the adoptive parents just one week before, offering to replace the child . . . To my joy, they refused a replacement and cabled me to bring Cecilia immediately . . ."

"Before descending at Nice, I had dressed up the babies with woollen finery. They were a picture, though very tired. I was also a picture!"

Rosemary is a girl of many talents. A former colleague who worked with her in a Mission in Alaska described her as "the most capable, enthusiastic and indefatigable person with whom I have ever been associated. . ."

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Ensuring fair play at Wimbledon

by Edyth Harper

Competitions cause trouble if there is any variation in conditions for those competing. This is particularly true in tennis tournaments, so naturally at Wimbledon every precaution is taken to ensure fair play, particularly as regards the balls used.

Tennis balls are usually made with care, but those used at Wimbledon have to be of the very best quality, conforming strictly to conditions laid down by the International Federation of Lawn Tennis.

Each ball must be completely smooth on the outside. Where seams occur no stitches are permitted. The weight too is controlled falling between two ounces and two and one sixteenth ounces. They have to be tested for size, weight, bounce, and compression in the factory before they are passed as satisfactory.

BOUNCE

Testing for bounce is done by dropping the ball from 100 inches height near a wall with a scale marked on it. The ball bounces on concrete and must rise in the air or bound between 53 and 58 inches. This test is repeated four times. Wimbledon balls are tested again before the championship takes place.

To test the size and shape of the ball, a machine is used. The ball has to pass through a metal gauge with two circular openings. The larger opening measures 2.675 inches in width. Through this the tennis ball must drop of its

own accord or weight but it must not go through the smaller opening of 2.575 inches wide.

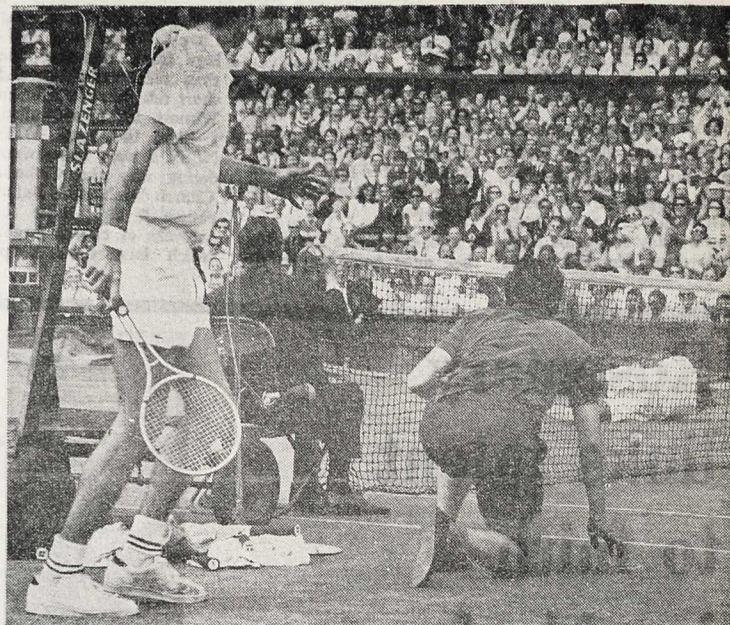
TESTS

All tests have to be carried out in the same temperature to ensure accuracy, 68 degrees F. They are stored at Wimbledon in boxes where this temperature is constant. When play begins the chief ball boy's duty is to see that 24 dozen balls are in position in each box. After every nine games, new balls are taken

out and the old ones collected.

About 12,000 balls are used during the Wimbledon Championships on all the courts. Most of the used balls are as good as new and can be bought second-hand eventually by clubs, tennis associations and the general public.

All these tests and precautions ensure that every competitor from champion to novice player has a ball of the same standard—an important point in any tennis player's game.



Pasarell beats Gonzales with a shot during their exciting matches in the 1969 Wimbledon.



Getting a bearing in rough country

ORIENTEERING

A fine test of brain and stamina

by Chris de la Perrelle

What is Orienteering?

Orienteering is competitive "wayfinding" or a "car rally on foot." It is an international sport which has spread from Scandinavia since 1918, and is now rampant in fifteen nations of the world, including the U.K. As a game it is second to none in providing opportunities for challenging exercise for both mind and body. It can be practised at all levels of attainment, and can be fiercely competitive for the dedicated athlete, or mildly stimulating for the recreational walker.

In Britain, orienteering is divided into nine large areas which are governed by the British Orienteering Fed-

eration.

The B.O.F. publish a quarterly magazine called "The Orienter", and John Disley writes a few pages on orienteering in "The Climber and Rambler" which is a monthly magazine.

Rules and Procedure

Basically you are expected to locate red and white control flags that are set out in forested or open country, as quickly as possible. You are provided with the appropriate map (usually two and a half inches to the mile) and a given description of the control sites on a "clue sheet." You also take a control card which gives details of your name, class and start time. Competitors are set off at one minute intervals. The first point of call is the "Master Maps" where you copy down the exact position of the controls for your course on to your own map. (The compass is a must in a good event, so that you can navigate accurately.)

It is up to you to select the best route from control to control and to avoid getting lost during the circuit. At each control you record your visit by punching your control card with a metal punch which hangs from the flag. Courses range from 2.5 km to 10 km, according to class.

Your Chances of Winning

The winner will certainly be a good runner who can read a map and make rapid and accurate decisions about his choice of route through rough country. However, the "Hare and Tortoise" fable is applicable to orienteering situations, and there is no doubt that the "Brain" will defeat the "Brawn" every time. Nevertheless, ENJOYMENT is the main criterion and you cannot fail to enjoy this sport in Britain's wonderful countryside.



The FORERUNNERS —an American

gospel folk group
who are on a two-
year tour of
Europe. Recently
had their new LP
"Running Back"
released.



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For Compass club members

A black and white line drawing of a young girl with curly hair, wearing a collared dress and boots, standing amidst a large pile of various food items including bread, bottles, and fruit.

Something to do

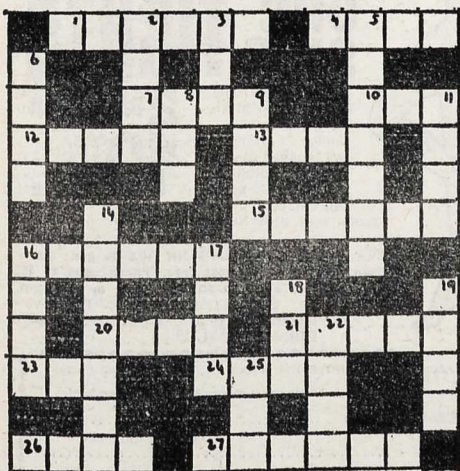
Just for a giggle

Something to grow

For the same reason **cockerels** crow at unusual hours of day and evening. **Seagulls** come inland and call harshly from the house-tops, warning that there's a storm at sea. **Robins** sing before a storm.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

2. Having the skill to do something (4).
3. Your first bed (3).
5. An illegal act (7).
6. Used first thing in the morning (4).
8. Request (3).
9. Consumes food (4).
11. Valuable stones (4).
14. Schoolgirl's game (7).
16. What the footballer must do (4).
17. Fish (4).
18. Find fault or scold (3).
19. Often left from a wound (4).
22. A moveable home (4).
25. Unpaid bills are this (3).



Solution to crossword puzzle:
Across: 1, France; 4, Port; 7, Late; 10, Pig; 12, Males; 13, Acre; 15, Stocks; 16, Preach; 20, Bank; 21, Able; 23, Spa; 24, Down; 2, Able; 3, Coc; 5, Offense; 6, Comb; 8, Ask; 9, Eats; 11, Gems; 14, Hake; 16, Pass; 17, Hake; 18, Nag; 19, Scar; 22, Tent; 25, Due.

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Can they do it for 'the folks back home'?

There's one dead cert about the English World Cup squad. That is that their Kop-chorus song "Back Home" will be sitting Top of the Pops in the disc world while they are playing to retain the World Cup in Mexico.

As they sing and as they play, everyone will be thinking of the Wembley Final of 1966, when Alf Ramsey's men earned his knighthood for him.

That was England in their own back garden, and playing at home in the World Cup is sure to be worth a goal a match—and two in the final. That was as true in 1966 as it had been often

enough before at other national venues of the cup.

ENG-LAND

The thousands of voices bellowing "Eng-land! Eng-land!" which are still selling cheese on T.V. won't be behind our players with the same volume of support in Mexico.

This will make a difference and whether the team of 1970 is going to hit the top spot in soccer as well as in pop is worth a good two-sided argument in your Public Bar. The idols with the golden tonsils may prove to have feet of clay.

Look at these other facts:

- The climate and the altitude will constantly sap the energy of European teams, however good the warm-up preparation.

- England's record in recent internationals — at home or away—has been poor. A goal-average at starvation level or below must be a searing worry.

- Several of the best-tried of England's squad may turn out to be too old, too tired or too stale, and yet some of the new hopes have scarcely been blooded.

NEW DISC?

For all these reasons 1966 will be easy compared with 1970.

The folks back home will want their team to overcome these drawbacks and bring the World Cup back home again. And if they do that (but not before) they can cut another disc. Something like "We are the greatest."



Congratulations all round in 1966

Man in the street THE COUNCILLOR by Ken Hills

They come in all shapes and sizes: a great mixture of all kinds of men and women. They are very much "man in our street." In a factory I know there must be a dozen, at least, at all levels.

They come from North, South, East and West, and at considerable personal cost and inconvenience—in that sense they'd be a lot better off if they'd never taken on this job.

It's thought of generally as a "spare-time" activity—but we have to be joking to say that. The time comes from the hours the rest of us spend with the family, or relaxing, or gardening or following some sport—or even earning one's money at work. And, often enough, it's the hours of sleep that get broken into.

THEIR RIGHTS

Nine times out of ten, the people who call on the holders of this job are irate, or upset or even despairing, and a large proportion who come 'demanding their rights' are the kind who wouldn't dream of doing anything for anyone else—and certainly not voluntarily.

Why do they take it on? Like the rest of us, they have mixed motives. Some like the prominence, a sense of importance, maybe most do. Some do it for political reasons, some with ambitions regard it as a stepforward towards bigger things. Some just like their local community and feel a sense of duty to "pull their weight," and some just have a simple sense of service and find that this is a way of fulfilling it.

There are a lot of other things that could be said about these people—but mostly, we're lucky there are enough of them willing to do the job.

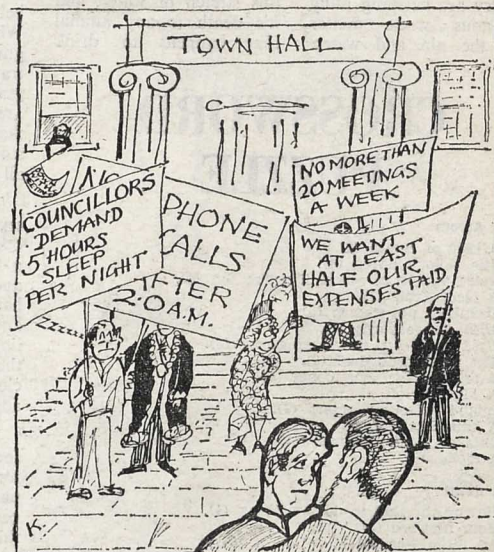
Who are they? Our local councillors. City, town, country, borough, and all the boards and committees that go with them. They take on the job and most of them give enormous amounts of time, thought and effort to it. We mayn't always agree with their policies and actions—or lack of them—but we do owe them a debt of gratitude for their voluntary work.

INTIMACY

Maybe, one day, they'll be replaced by professionals—but I hope not, for in our system we have a special intimacy between residents and the councillor "in our street."

It is an arduous and demanding relationship—but it is a balance between 'person-to-person' and 'little man-to-big social group' which is at the heart of the community. It is very precious.

Hats off to these councillors! Though we abuse them and take them for granted often, let's say "thank you."



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