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Thirty years ago nearly everyone went places by public transport. Roads were comparatively clear. The Longbridge motor worker went by tram into Birmingham for a Saturday afternoon at the Bull Ring Market. The Tynesider queued by the thousand outside Newcastle Central Station for a summer day's outing to Whitley Bay or South Shields. The East-ender did the same to go to Southend. Nearly everybody went by train for their holidays.

Thirty years ago the public transport system was pretty good—though it wasn't cheap and it had to be supported because most people couldn't afford a car. Today the car is well on the way to killing it, and to killing our cities too. Public transport could be revived; modernised, rethought, it could reach standards of service and convenience undreamed of

thirty years ago. This must happen if our cities are not to die of thrombosis or their populations from carbon monoxide poisoning. But that revival will be costly.

It will be costly in rates and taxes. It will be costly in fares, until we begin to understand that transport is just as much a public service as mains water, or the provision of pavements outside our houses. It will cost us restrictions on the way we use our cars: they would have to be excluded from city centres.

The only alternative is to rebuild this country so that in years to come twenty or thirty million cars will be able to go where their drivers please, when they please. And that is likely to cost us our cities, our towns and our countryside, and we can't afford that price.

We must take this problem seriously before it's too late.

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THE CAMPAIGN for feminine equality is mounting steadily. It wasn't all over and done with when they got the vote. Far from it. Nor will it be over when the principle of equal pay for equal work is accepted in practice as well as in theory. There is a hard core of militancy which is determined to break, once and for all, what it sees as the male domination of society.

TRADITIONAL

This is far more than a determination that women should have equal rights before the law and equal access to all careers. It is aimed at breaking down the familiar patterns of home and family life by challenging woman's traditional role as home-maker and bringer-up of children. The alternatives which are suggested seem, I am glad to say, as unacceptable to most women as they are to men. A society which is not based on a secure, happy, loving home life is too hideous to contemplate.

But behind the fantastic theories there is a note of truth. That is, that women are full members of the human race and ought to be treated as such. There is a good deal in human history which has seemed to deny this, and in our present society there are still traces of attitudes which regard the female as inferior to the male. So if the feminists say that women are equal to men in humanity this may need to be said.

On the other side, their opponents raise an equally important point. "How can you talk about the equality of the sexes", they say, "when they are both composed of individuals who are unique?" "We are not cast in a mould—either a masculine or a feminine mould—each one of us is special and needs to be treated as such."

GROUPINGS

This also needs to be said, but isn't there something more? Between all the millions of individuals who make up the one human race there are all sorts of groupings, separating one set of people from another. There are artists and astronauts, writers and fighters, scientists and singers. A person may be unique, he may share a common humanity with all other people, and at the same time belong to one or many of these groupings.

These groupings have their own characteristics, special privileges, problems, and responsibilities. They bring variety, tension, and spice to life. Their members are equal in humanity to all others, but any idea of equality which denies the uniqueness of the individuals or the distinctiveness of the groupings is mistaken.

Two of the most important of all groupings are those which distinguish men from women. VIVE LA DIFFERENCE!

THE FAIRLY EQUAL SEX



The Charles Hodgson Column

New Unity Move

A new national church unity movement called "ONE" was launched earlier this year. Six former groups ceased to exist, and "ONE—for Christian renewal" was born.

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—to accept one another in Christ.

—to study together the nature of our responsibility for God's world.

—to combat poverty, racialism and oppression through social and political action.

—to help in re-creating the one church: new in witness, worship and life.

—to support actively those doing the work of Christ inside or outside the institutional church.

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Letter

Dear Sir,

I read Charles Hodgson column in the May issue of Compass with some interest. What strikes me is the selective nature of the subject of protest. Like Charles Hodgson I am against apartheid as an offence to human dignity. But I will not support people who select such a problem for their protests whilst ignoring the complete enslavement of a whole western nation by a tyranny.

When the Bolshoi Ballet and the Red Army Choir become the subject of discussion as to whether we demonstrate peaceably or violently against them I shall begin to take your protests seriously.

Yours etc.,

A. J. MOHR.
Streetly, Sutton Coldfield.



From Pirates to YMCA

By Edyth Harper

Time and again in the World's history the most unexpected people have achieved great things.

You would hardly expect a sailor who had fought off pirates, made and lost a fortune and been shipwrecked in the Antarctic, to be the founder of the Y.M.C.A. in the United States.

Thomas Valentine Sullivan was a man who seemed destined for adventure. Shortly before he died, he wrote an account of his life, not for publication but to interest his children and described his encounter with the pirates.

His ship was bound for the Rio Grande in Brazil. One Sunday or "holy sabbath" as he called it, he sighted a pirate ship. His own cargo contained over £2,000 in gold. Sullivan, aged about 34, had recently become deeply religious. He now debated what to do, convinced that the Devil was urging him on to battle but his conscience counselled more peaceful methods.

FETCH A BIBLE

Suddenly, Sullivan told the first mate to fetch a Bible as well as any religious tracts and papers he could find. This the mate did, no doubt wondering what his Captain planned to do.

The pirate ship was armed with a gun amidships, boarding pikes ready near the masts and an evil-looking bunch of ruffians as crew. It drew near to Sullivan's vessel. He grasped the Bible in one hand the tracts in the other and prepared to stave off attack by preaching the gospel to his enemy.

But there was no attack. The pirate ship "hauled on the wind and in an hour's time was hull down on our weather quarter". Sullivan brought his vessel safely into port and discharged his valuable cargo.

The incident was forgotten but Sullivan and his friends later decided to found the first Y.M.C.A. in America. They chose the Spring Lang Chapel of Old South Church, Boston, as their start for a movement that quickly spread through the States and is still flourishing to-day.



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Leicester's concern for their Mentally Handicapped Children

by Ellsye M. Finnie

Much is being done through local Health Departments to help the subnormal child and ease the problems of parents. Gone for ever are the days when it was thought these children could not be trained or educated and experience has shown that many of them can actually achieve a much higher degree of education than was at one time thought possible.

The Leicester Society for Mentally Handicapped Children which was started in 1952 was one of the first Societies to realise this. They made it one of their aims to get the Government and local authorities to allocate money for specialised teachers to be made available for the important task of teaching the mentally handicapped. They also realised the need for social centres to be set up for what they affectionately call their 'Mencaps'.

Search for a building

With this in view they began to look for suitable premises. What they wanted was a place where the children could enjoy themselves in attractive surroundings, stimulating and suitable for their particular needs. Some place where parents could meet others with similar problems, discuss their difficulties with one another for mutual encouragement and help.

In 1967 the Leicester Education Committee made available to the Society a school building which had been closed after serving as a temporary school for 21 years. The setting was perfect, just inside one of Leicester's largest and most beautiful parks on one of the main roads leading into the city.



The rooms are light and airy with many windows looking out on to the lovely parkland surrounding it.

Voluntary helpers, young and old, gave the building a facelift, and on August 20th, 1967, the Centre was officially opened by Mr. Tom Coyne of BBC Midland TV News. It was given the title of "The Constance



Well known B.B.C. Midlands T.V. Personality Tom Coyne, opened the centre in 1967

Jackson Social Centre for Mentally Handicapped Children". Alderman Mrs. Jackson is a Vice-President and her husband, F. J. Jackson, J.P., is Chairman of the Society. They have both worked unsparingly for many years for the welfare of the handicapped.

The Centre has a large kitchen complete with chip-fryer; a games room with mobile toys and a model railway. There is a billiards-room, office, bathroom, autistic room with special flooring, and a restful lounge reserved for parents.

The Centre is open on four nights each week and is manned by voluntary helpers.

Rota of helpers

Also in school holidays the Committee run a special playcentre. This necessitates arrangements for mid-day meals and a rota of helpers to amuse and care for the children, with help from the Health Department by way of providing a minibus to solve the problem of transport. The children forget their boredom and their parents are able to snatch a few hours' relaxation.

The Constance Jackson Centre is believed to be one of the finest of its kind and it is hoped this will be the forerunner of many more in other towns. It was made possible by the generosity of interested citizens who have given money, goods and time to the project. Though the 'Mencaps' themselves may not be able to express their thanks in words, it is only necessary to visit the Centre during one of their sessions to be assured by happy shouts that they appreciate it all. And for those who care this is sufficient reward.

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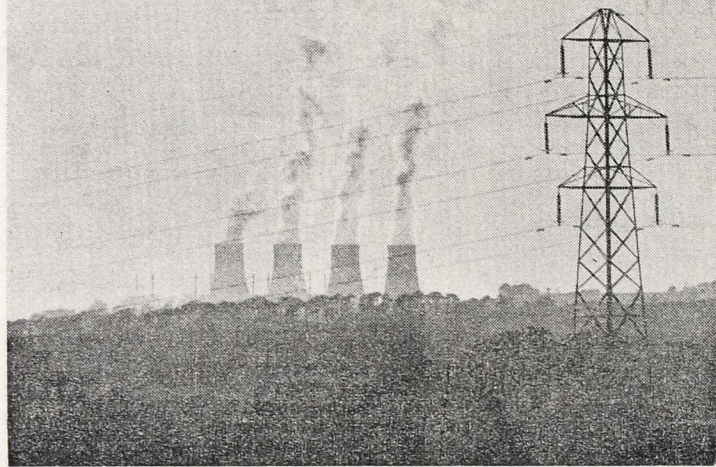
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CEMENTING WITH RUBBER

A genial chemist and inventor named Charles Macintosh discovered that layers

of cloth cemented with india rubber made garment materials reasonably waterproof. Convinced that his discovery had vast commercial application, in 1823 this farsighted Scotsman took out a patent for his now famous

'macintosh' cloth. In shape and appearance Macintosh's material was a far cry from the mass produced garment of today.

Macintosh didn't devote all his time to the waterproofing of clothing. He started the first Scottish aluminium works and in 1825 obtained a patent for converting malleable iron into steel.

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by Edyth Harper

As you use your electric toaster, washing-machine, spin-dryer or cooker—to mention but a few of the benefits electricity has brought to the housewife—you no doubt feel thoroughly modern.

Yet in actual fact, you are using a power that was at least known about, if not commonly utilised, as long ago as the days of the Grecian empire.

Greek 'scientists' discovered that when amber was rubbed, it would pick up certain objects and could draw to it particles of such things as straw. Amber in Greek was 'electron' and the word gave us our modern term, electricity.

Of course no one could say what electricity was. They were content to note and use its effects in a small way. The Romans knew all about electric eels and magnets. The Chinese went further and discovered that magnets, if freely swung, pointed to the North. Yet many, many years went by before electricity and magnetism were connected.

Scientists puzzled

The 17th century saw the introduction of very simple machinery that did produce static electricity. More and more scientists puzzled and worried over electricity. Benjamin Franklin found out that lightning was electricity in another form. In the 19th century in 1819, a Dane called Oersted found, quite by accident, that a current of electricity passing near a magnet made it move. Then Michael Faraday actually made electric currents by moving a magnet near a wire. He too constructed the dynamo, the earliest working piece of machinery that made currents, not merely static electricity.

Progress from there was swifter until the present high standard of electrical equipment became possible.

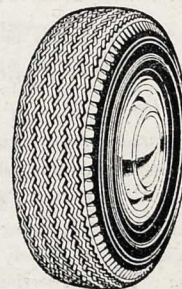
Today we tend to take electricity for granted. We may grumble at its cost but just imagine for a moment what the world would be like without it. It only takes a power cut to make us realise how much we depend on this mysterious force. As you grope for the candles, be thankful that the failure is only temporary and that in a matter of minutes, you will be able to watch the television, be warm in bed or finish the ironing—thanks to Faraday and many others like him.

CAR SENSE



Someone asked me the other day if I would say something about tyres and how to look after them. The difficulty here is that it's impossible to do more than lay down one or two general rules, and then say "follow the maker's instructions". The tyre pressure you should use is governed by such things as tyre width, wheel diameter, stiffness of the tyre walls, weight on the wheel, road conditions and the speed at which you intend to drive.

The rate of tyre wear is governed by such things as tyre pressure, wall stiffness, axle and suspension design, the load you carry, the speed you drive and the way you drive. After that you only have to consider a few simple things like keeping the treads clear of nails, flints and pieces of glass, and swapping wheels around from time to time to get more even wear!



TOP-LEVEL CONFERENCE

You can see that it's impossible for the average motorist to exercise considered judgment about all these things. So we are squarely in the hands of the manufacturers—who fortunately do the job pretty well. The maker of your car will in the first place have decided on a recommended tyre pressure for the tyres they put on it when it was new. Follow his advice, bearing in mind that pressures are to be measured with the tyres cold: that is, NOT after a long run. If you ignore this you may well run with your tyres under-inflated, which is expensive on tyres as well as being a legal offence.

If for any reason you fit tyres not of the make or type originally fitted then find out what the tyre manufacturer recommends for that particular tyre on that particular car—for he also has done his tests. And if a manufacturer says that a particular tyre must not be used on a particular car then take note—for to disregard that advice may also be an offence!

If the maker of your car tells you one thing and the tyre maker another, play safe and choose the higher figure. It may give you a slightly harder ride but there's no other harm likely.

BRIAN FAVELL.



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CAVERSHAM'S BIG WEEK

THE CAVERSHAM BRIDGE is glad this month to be able to give full details of the ambitious plans for Caversham's big Mayday week. The splendid brochure that is reaching a wide public, both within Caversham and beyond, should ensure that all the events are well attended.

But we cannot remind ourselves too often that Mayday week is not primarily a series of money raising events, though it is hoped that three very important charities will in fact benefit substantially from the week. From the first it was conceived to help all of us to understand more about human need, both in this country and overseas. The organisers of the week are well aware that the problems raised are in many respects technical ones which are not capable of an easy or quick solution, and it is encouraging to know that a considerable number of Caversham people have made a real attempt to study these problems over the past year.

The General Election will have taken place both before this number is published and also before the many events of Mayday week are held. But whoever is our new member of Parliament should be able to go to Westminster knowing that the people of Caversham care—they care for those less fortunate than themselves, and they want to feel that they have as their Member of Parliament someone who, whether he sits on the Government or Opposition side of the House, will see to it that the people of Britain give first place to the needs of those who are less fortunate, regardless of their race or creed.

John Grimwade

CAVERSHAM MAYDAY WEEK

MAYDAY WEEK EVENTS

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 Caversham Court.

Celebrities—Humphrey Lyttleton, Suzanne Harris, The Settlers.

Final of Folk Song Competition. (Admission by ticket 5/- from XPLOR, 3, Harris Arcade, Rdg. 583160).

Friday, July 10th:

Public 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.

Diamond Jubilee service at Westminster

Twenty-seven Guides and Rangers, among them Susan Michell, of St. John's Company, assembled at Reading Station on May 16th. They were representing all Brownies, Guides and Rangers in Berkshire at services in Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral. Each County contingent, on arrival in London, headed for Buckingham Gate School where they freshened up after the journeys. Attending the service at the Abbey were Princess Margaret, President of the Girl Guide Association, and Mrs. Derek Parker-Bowles, a former Berks County Commissioner and now Commonwealth Chief Commissioner. Lady Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide attended the service at the Cathedral which was taken by Cardinal Heenan. In the Abbey the President's new Personal Standard was dedicated at the beginning of the service, which was held to give thanks for sixty years of Guiding in this, the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Association.

THE EDITOR REGRETS

that pressure of space continues to make it impossible to publish all the material that is submitted. Readers are reminded that the outer eight pages are published by Compass Newspapers and any correspondence relating to articles on those pages should be sent to them at the address given on the back page.

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A meeting of Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 21st May, 1970, and the Council elected Mr. E. F. Dawe to be Chairman of the Council and Mr. W. H. Wheeler to be Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Dawe presided at the meeting.

The Parish Council at a previous meeting had agreed, in principle, to accept responsibility for the escarpment area between The Warren and the Ridge Hall/Cliff House development now taking place. Following a meeting with the Area Planning Officer on this matter, the Council are now to approach the developer asking that financial assistance might be given towards the erection of a boundary fence along The Warren.

The Council were extremely perturbed to learn the County Council are to go ahead with its plans to open Mapledurham Country Park during the summer months. The Parish Council has on numerous occasions informed the County Council of its real concern that the park should be opened, without first at all improving the road leading to the area. With the narrow width of the road, and its many bends, the

Parish Council feel the safety of many motorists may be at stake if visitors to the park are as great as some of the estimates given.

Although it is realised the members and officials of the County Council are aware of the Parish Council's previous requests for road improvements, and that the County Council have said they will spend £2,000 on passing bays next year, the Clerk has been requested to write to the Chairman of the County Council and the Chairman of the appropriate Committees, appraising them of the situation.

The Council were advised in a letter from the County Surveyor, that one of the reasons for discontinuing the Chiltern Queens bus service along the B.4526 between Trench Green and Goring Heath P.O. was because of the high cost of maintaining the road. In view of the Council's concern over the proposed re-routing, which will leave certain parts of the Parish without any means of public transport, a meeting has been arranged with a representative of the County Surveyor's department.

In response to a request from Henley R.D.C., regarding the future of local government boundaries in relation to the Maud report, the Council reaffirmed their previous decision that it was still in favour of a two-tier system. However, having regard to the geographical position of Mapledurham in relation to the proposed Reading and Berkshire Unit 52, the Council considered it should be incorporated in Unit 52 should the Unitary Authority supersede the present boundaries.

CAVERSHAM PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Old friends of Christine Gillett of Henley Road will be interested to know that she has recently returned home after eighteen months' nursing in Zambia. We have not had time to find out more about her future plans or to hear about her experiences in Zambia, but we hope to report on both in the near future.

Married at St. James' in May was Elizabeth Ferreira of Grosvenor Road, who has figured in our columns before. For some time she has been a theatre sister in a London hospital, where she met her husband, Dr. Peter



Quinn. Their honeymoon was spent in Portugal. We would like to offer them our very best wishes for the future.

We are sure the very many Caversham people who know them would like to join us in offering our very sincere sympathy to Rosemary Judd, of Westfield Road, and her two young children, Timothy, and Penny, on the sudden death of her husband, Eddie, last month. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with them at this time.

It was a great shock to the friends and colleagues of John Moth, of South View Avenue, to hear of his sudden death last month. He had been a teleprinter operator at the BBC for some fifteen years, and was known for his friendly and obliging disposition and his great sense of humour. His fund of stories was enormous. Known to many as 'the gentle giant', it will be a long while before his colleagues become accustomed to his absence.

Our prayers are very much with his mother and father with whom he lived, and with his brother Noel and other members of the family. The very full attendance at the service held in St. John's Church was some token of our very high regard for a much-loved colleague.

W.D.

Caversham Residents' Association

GOOD NEWS

One of the most disquieting features of the super market at Emmer Green was, not so much the hideous starkness of that prison-like wall, nor the insolence with which it butted well beyond the agreed building line, as the feeling it engendered that ordinary members of the public just do not count once a decision has been made by "them". It was yet another example of something that was clearly not wanted by the people most concerned but that it looked as if we were going to have to put up with.

Consequently there was great rejoicing when the news came that there was to be a public inquiry after all. At least our voices had been heard and, whatever the outcome, it means that notice is being taken of us. It must of course be made clear in this case that 'us' includes a wide range of people, Reading Borough Council, as well as many individuals and organisations from Emmer Green and Caversham.

This column, in fact, has cheering news all along the line this month, instead of its usual moans. After receiving complaints that the new Thames Valley 'bus stop in Church Street was situated in such a manner that intending passengers either stood safely and well hidden behind the wall of the chemist's shop and saw the 'bus go straight past, or else advanced boldly into the traffic where they could be seen and also risk premature death, the Residents' Association approached the 'bus company with a request that it might be moved to a more convenient spot. After a little hedging and muttering about the difficulties involved, we were very pleased to hear that the stop was indeed to be moved to one of the places we suggested.

The Post Master has replied to our request that a stamp vending machine be restored to central Caversham, to say that when the new decimal machines are available, "consideration will be given" to placing one in the shopping precinct.

It seems inviting a cynical response to suggest that the peanut factory may be moving, but the owners have said that they hope to be moved in six months, time. We take due note of the word 'hope' but nevertheless there have been hints that we can in the not too distant future hope to see the end of this.

And last but by no means least, we have a new secretary whom we are very pleased to welcome. She is Mrs. Kobe, who lives at 15, Prospect Street, Caversham, Tel. 71479.

M.C.

RANDOM JOTTINGS FROM AN R.C. LAYMAN

MIXED MARRIAGES

As the Catholic partner in a mixed marriage, I of course welcome the easing of the regulations. This is due to take place in October, and the exact amount of easing will depend on the bishops in different countries. Between now and then it will no doubt be revealed as to how liberal the hierarchy are prepared to be.

I have always felt deeply sympathetic towards the non-Catholic partner over the signing of the paper promising that children of the marriage be brought up Catholic. They have often resented this bitterly; some Catholics have indeed left the Church as they in turn resented their partners being put in this position.

Again, although obviously safer and more convenient, it has seemed to me somewhat unrealistic in a non-Catholic country, the majority of the population of which is non-Catholic, to expect Catholics only to marry Catholics. Quite apart from the ecumenical opportunity, I would have thought that this possibly missionary opportunity a mixed marriage presented was overlooked. We are after all often told that this is a missionary country, and prayers are sometimes said for the conversion of England.

It is welcome too that in special circumstances permission may be given for the marriage to take place before a non-Catholic minister.

BURNS & OATES CLOSE

It was a shock to read that the retail shop in Victoria Street is to close at the end of this month. I see Westminster Cathedral plan an extension of the bookshop inside the porch, though this is to be limited to a few shelves.

BICYCLES FOR ST. BENET'S

The house parents of St. Benet's Church of England Children's Society Home at Emmer Green are hoping to be able to provide all the boys from age ten upwards with bicycles. They would welcome the gift of any second hand bicycle, but are also willing to pay a reasonable price for any in a good state of repair. Offers please to Mr. and Mrs. Butling at St. Benet's Home, Tel. 72897.

LAYMEN NEEDED

On the 30th April the National Laity Commission published a report. In this it alleged the work of the Church is beyond the physical resources of the hard-pressed clergy and "the present handful of fully active lay people".

Pilot schemes for training lay workers, it is suggested, should be tried out in cities and suburban and rural areas.

The "Guardian" correspondent says, "When experimental areas have been chosen the lay representatives will meet the bishops to discuss the proposals. If the projects are a success, study and training schemes may be put into operation nationally."

He says the commission is clear that it is not enough for laymen to see their role only as going to Mass each Sunday, going to confession and communion once a month, and leading an upright and honest individual life. Much more is needed.

From the beginning of the experiment, local people will take responsibility for the development. The emphasis will be on training five or six people from each of the selected parishes to set up or extend group study and action in their neighbourhood. One of their objectives will be to revolutionise the work of the local church.

It will be interesting to see which of the three types of area (city, suburban or rural), will carry out this experiment most successfully.

Obituary

LILY AND VIOLET NEWMAN

The death occurred in May of the two Newman sisters, Lily and Violet, Lily the elder dying just a fortnight before her younger sister. Thus a long link between St. Peter's and the Newman family is severed. Their parents were married at Holy Trinity, Reading, in 1879, but moved soon after to Caversham and their father was a bell ringer at St. Peter's as early as 1874, and rang on the occasion of his diamond wedding in 1939. The Misses Newman had lived recently in Westfield Road. They are survived by a brother and sister in Canada and another brother at Newbury.

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Mr. and Mrs. PHILIP SIZER.

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Postbag

The Editor,

re Emmer Green—Caversham Park Shopping Precinct,
Peppard Road

We welcome the Ministerial enquiry into the siting of the proposed supermarket, and hope that he will uphold the desirable principle laid down over 30 years ago—"toeing the building line."

Oxfordshire County Council by their apparent inability to do this, may now continue to plead "excessive costs" which have doubtless seriously escalated since the correctness of the siting was queried in November '69. It should be made clear that some estimates of cost published have been grossly over-exaggerated, and referred to moving of the whole shopping precinct. In fact owing to the construction of the building, only the supermarket need be affected, and there appears to be room at the opposite end of the shopping precinct for this, as was originally anticipated.

Such an arrangement will then not interfere with any future road improvement plans for which Reading are responsible, in addition, the building will be more acceptable since the ugly

brick wall will have been moved away from the edge of the road, and will not be such a length; also a safer junction to the rear of the shopping precinct from the Peppard Road can be constructed.

As residents of Emmer Green we welcome a supermarket and a shopping precinct but certainly not the building in its present form, which is a complete eyesore and a blot to Emmer Green.

At the time of going to press, the date of the enquiry has not been given, but this will be published, and we will welcome your support at the enquiry.

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PHILIP AND IRIS SIZER

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sizer, who have recently moved from 18 St. Barnabas Road, have both taken an active part in the life of the community. After many years in Caversham they have gone to live in Bucklebury, but still hope to see much of Emmer Green.

As a boy Mr. Sizer lived in Kidmore End and sang in the choir of St. Barnabas' Church. He was educated at Reading School. Before 1939 he had joined the Territorial Army and during the Second World War saw active service in Italy and Greece. He returned to carry on with his father's business in Reading as a general and commercial printer and he hopes perhaps his elder son, who is now studying at a Canadian University, will follow in his footsteps. His interest in music led him to become secretary to the Reading Madrigal Society. He is also a member of the Reading Rotary Club and a Justice of the Peace for the Borough of this town. Nearer home ground he was, and still is, on the Board of Governors for the Emmer Green Youth Club, work which he hopes to continue.

Mrs. Sizer, Iris Maule as I remember her, was living in Caversham before 1939 and was educated at Hemdean House and the Abbey Schools. Incidentally I was very surprised and pleased to meet her again after more than thirty years when I went over to 18 St. Barnabas Road for material to write this article. We both went to the Abbey together and were in Ducat House, that meant an orange stripe in our hat band! For five years Mrs. Sizer has been a member of the Rosehill W.I. and has held the offices of secretary and president at various times. She is a voluntary County Organiser for the Women's Institute and still hopes to keep her connection with the Rosehill Group.

When they were first married Mr. and Mrs. Sizer lived in Tilehurst and were members of Greyfriars Church for 20 years. Then 14 years ago they moved with their four children to Emmer Green, and during the last four years there became members of St. Barnabas Church where Mr. Sizer once again sang in the choir. They also held a mini-crusader group in their home here for five years.

By now they will no doubt be over the worst part of moving house and will be settled with Tiger the cat and Dodger the English Setter. Best wishes to them in their new home and may they enjoy many happy times gardening—a hobby which they both enjoy so much.

M.K.

JOHN AND BARBARA HARGREAVES

"He has the knack of dealing with all types" says a former colleague of John Hargreaves. Which is just as well, since his work as a reference librarian, particularly in the thirteen years he spent with the Reading Public Library, brought him into contact with a great variety of people.

Coming to Reading from Lincolnshire twenty years ago, John worked for five years at Caversham Library before becoming reference librarian at the Central Library, a post which he held until 1963 when he moved to the Technical College Library.

He is known as a conscientious and helpful colleague, a man who shows great attention to detail and who will tackle any query, whether it be scholarly or more down to earth. He has always been interested in local history, a subject on which he has given many talks, and has recently produced a new guide to St. Peter's Church.

And now John is moving on to Mander College, Bedford, where he will be a tutor librarian. His wife Barbara, a local lass whom he married at St. Peter's in 1959, together with Edward and Mary, aged 9 and 7, will join him as soon as he can find accommodation.

To 'Bridge' readers he will perhaps be best known as our advertisement manager, a job which he took over when the old Church magazine, for which he was secretary, was replaced by the 'Bridge'. Nor was this all he did. He has served on the PCC, in the Sunday School and with the old Guild Committee. As a sidesman at St. Peter's he has recently been ably assisted by young Edward who takes a great delight in helping daddy hand out prayer books. Meanwhile, Barbara takes her turn in helping with the Sunday morning creche. So one way and another they have contributed a great deal to life in our local community.

They are sorry to be leaving the district but intend to maintain their links—Barbara's father still lives in Reading, so they will be returning quite frequently. And they are already talking of returning here when they retire. But that is a long way off. In the meantime we would like to offer our thanks for all they have done and our very best wishes for their life in Bedford.

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At 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, June 28th—Bishop Trevor Huddleston is preaching at an ecumenical "Service for Mayday Week" specially written for the occasion.

Admission by tickets, available from the churches, will be maintained up to 6.10 p.m., and then those without tickets will be invited to fill the remaining seats.

The St. Peter's Festival is raising money for a Shelter housing project in Liverpool.

ST. PETER'S FESTIVAL

From June 27th-29th St. Peter's Church will be decorated with flowers by the Thames Valley Flower Club.

MAYDAY WEEK SHOP

Work has been going on behind the scenes for several weeks. It will reach its climax with the opening of the Shop in the Penta building, Church, Road at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 3rd. The shop will be open until Saturday, July 11th.

An astonishing variety of exciting articles has been collected. Because of the activity of many women's groups a large amount of fresh vegetables and fruit and home-made produce will also be on sale. All ages and tastes are catered for.

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ST. ANDREW'S SUMMER FAIR

Derek Nimmo, television star of "All Gas and Gaiters" and "Oh Brother", is opening the fair which will be held from 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 4th, in the church hall and grounds. The many attractions include a children's fancy dress parade.

£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.

CAVERSHAM FILM.

Readers of "The Bridge" may have seen members of the Central Cine Unit of the Central Club on location in Caversham in April and May. The results of their work—a brief portrait of life in Caversham—and the Christian Aid film "The Vicious Spiral" will be shown on Tuesday, July 7th, at 7.30 p.m. at the Grove School, Surley Row.

FEED-IN FOLK EVENING.

2,000 people are expected at this event featuring Humphrey Lyttleton, The Settlers and Suzanne Harris. It will take place in the grounds of Caversham Court in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Reading.

Tickets at 5/- each are on sale at X-plor—3 Harris Arcade (Tel. Reading 583160).

Also taking part will be the finalists of the Folk Song Competition and local young people who are putting on a programme of dance and drama on the theme of "Hunger for Food . . . Justice . . . and Love". Canon Douglas Bean of St. Paul's Cathedral will sing two songs he has written for the occasion.

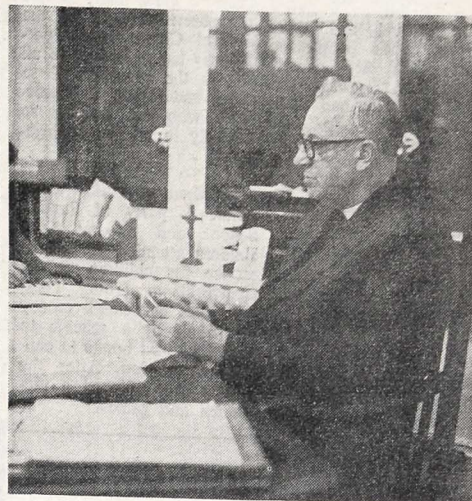
PUBLIC MEETING CONCLUSION OF WEEK.

The subject of Overseas Aid—though still on the periphery of most politicians' pre-election speeches—is becoming more topical as people give serious thought to Britain's relationship with the developing countries.

Caversham Court—8 p.m., Friday, July 10th—is the place for the concluding event of Mayday Week. At this open-air meeting (if wet in St. Peter's Church) the speakers will be Lord Chalfont, Mr. Nigel Fisher and Canon John Kingsnorth.

The Reading World Poverty Action Group will have an Information Desk at the meeting.

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WELL KEPT WHIT AT ST. PETER'S

With Whitsunday not falling on a bank holiday weekend, Whitsunday came into its own again as a major church festival and there were far fewer people on holiday than has usually been the case. The choir was at full strength and sang anthems at two services, and there were 273 communicants during the morning, possibly a record number for this festival at the parish church.

Another Martin. Congratulations to Brenda and Barry Martin on the birth of a sister Deborah for Paul on May 23rd. In hospital Brenda found herself nursed by another member of the congregation, Jennifer Besley.

Another Bass. The departure from Caversham Park to Australia of Mr. and Mrs. Reid meant that St. Peter's lost in their daughters two choir girls. But almost at once Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith arrived at Caversham Park and appeared speedily at St. Peter's with their three children, and the choir is very glad to be reinforced with a new bass in Mr. Goldsmith. Aldershot's loss is Caversham's gain.

A quiet May. May on the whole has been a quiet month at St. Peter's but a lot of hard work has been going on behind the scenes as preparatory work for the Flower Festival has kept

many people busy. Under the capable and cheerful chairmanship of Mrs. Betty Evans a great many people have been at work on the Festival Committee; a particularly happy feature of all this is the presence of so many newcomers to Caversham who are helping so willingly in all the arrangements.

Children visit the Cathedral. A party of Sunday School and Sunday Club children attended the annual service for children at the Cathedral on Trinity Tuesday, and presented money on behalf of a scheme to send Ladybird books to children in Ceylon. After the service they enjoyed a picnic tea and games.

HOUSE COMMUNION

House Communion at 2 Blackwater Close, Caversham Park Village—all welcome—especially mothers and children of pre-school age. Use this opportunity to introduce your children to corporate worship in an informal, friendly atmosphere.

10-30 a.m. Wednesday, July 8th, and Wednesday, July 22nd. The service, which lasts 25 minutes, is followed by coffee and biscuits and squash for the children.

Round the Anglican Parish

The Rev. D. F. Shaylor. His innumerable friends in Caversham were extremely sorry to hear of his illness and to know that this means the postponement of his ordination which was to have taken place on St. Peter's Day. Mr. Shaylor is however making excellent progress though it is not yet possible to say when he will now be ordained priest, but he hopes shortly to resume light duties. The Rev. F. Dawson will of course still be ordained to the priesthood on St. Peter's Day.

Parish Holiday. It is still possible to come on the parish holiday which is being held this year at Shanklin on the Isle of Wight beginning on Saturday, August 29th. The cost including return fare is only £11, with cheaper rates for children according to age. The Rev. F. Dawson has taken over the arrangements for the holiday from Mr. Shaylor and all registration forms and other correspondence should be sent to him at 25 Ikley Road.

Choir Dinner. Not to be outdone by the boys who enjoyed an outing after Easter a party of choirmen and their wives (and one choir lady with her husband) forty-one in all, enjoyed an admirable dinner at Chiltern Chase Lodge Hotel, Woodcote, at the end of May. There was a great deal of talk in the course of the evening but only Mr. Rowe could be persuaded to burst into song.

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ST. ANDREW'S NEWS**Church Parades**

Attendance at the Family Eucharist by the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies has declined in recent months. There are several reasons for this, chief of which is that the Family Eucharist, even with a simple address, just isn't a suitable service, especially for the Cubs and Brownies.

On Friday, May 1st, instead of a parade service in church, Mr. Packer conducted a service in the Church Hall, to which an encouraging number of parents also came. The theme of the service was Sight. There were hymns, a reading, some prayers written and spoken by the Cubs and Brownies and a short talk by Mr. Packer. A collection for the Guides' Diamond Jubilee Project to buy a Mobile Eye Unit for Pakistan (hence by theme of Sight) raised £3 5s. 0d. As an experiment to try to solve some of the difficulties over Church Parades, this service was a great success. It is hoped to hold further services of this kind in the future.

Bible Study

At one of their recent meetings the members of the District Committee devoted an evening to Bible Study. All who took part in this found it helpful and stimulating, and at the next business meeting it was decided as a matter of policy to promote straightforward Bible Study in the District. A pilot scheme will therefore be organised in the autumn and led by the Priest in Charge. For one evening in three or four consecutive weeks in the Church Hall, one of the shorter books of the New Testament will be studied. Please watch the weekly notices for further details.

New House in Birmingham

The money raised at last year's Summer Fair was the opening.

The Bartlett's visit Holland

St. John's has been making its own contribution to the furtherance of Anglo-Dutch relations. Norman and Gwen Bartlett of Coldcut Street recently spent six days in the city of Deventer as guests of a family whom they have known for the last 5 years. The visit had its origin in war time.

In 1945 the Royal Engineers, with whom Norman was serving built the Deventer railway bridge which is still in use today. In 1965 the Deventer City Council invited ex-engineers to be guests of the city during the Liberation Celebrations. Similar celebrations were held in May this year to mark the 25th anniversary of the Liberation. Official ceremonies included a service in memory of members of the resistance and British pilots killed during the war, and the lighting of the Liberation fire by Brigadier-General Gibson. There were also visits to an exhibition of Phillips Radio and Television, the Zuider Zee and the world famous tulip fields. The visit ended in grand style with a regatta ball.

It was a week Norman and Gwen will never forget, and they are looking forward to having their Dutch hosts to stay with them during the summer.

given to the Wellclose Square Fund. It has now been used to help set up a second house to extend the work begun in Wellclose Square, Stepney, by Fr. Joe Williamson. This new house, in Birmingham, is now ready for occupation and will be formally opened by Mrs. Cadbury and blessed by the Bishop of Birmingham on July 11th at 3 p.m. To back up last year's gift a coach load of supporters and wellwishers will be going from St. Andrew's for the opening.

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MUSIC AT ST BARNABAS'

The concert given on May 3rd by the Reading University Singers was most enjoyable. Rarely has such beautiful singing been heard in St. Barnabas. The sixteen singers, led by Ian Fenlon, obviously enjoy their music. The retiring collection, which totalled just under £12, was given to the work of Christian Aid.

Music of a more modern and less formal sort was offered on May 6th when St. Barnabas' young people's group, known as 'The Conscience', entertained the ladies of the Caversham Ward at the Fairmile Hospital. This rendering of modern folk songs in both English and French, was greatly enjoyed by everyone there.

A coachful of people visited Kew Gardens on May 16th. The weather was superb; almost too hot to enjoy the sight of bananas growing in the Palm House, but ideal for a picnic near the Pagoda. While some of the children may best remember the fish in the pond, which swim to the surface to take bread, and the constant stream of large low-flying aircraft overhead, others will never forget the displays of tulips, rhododendrons and azaleas which were at their best.

Rodney Wood, not known to many perhaps outside the

questioners' group, has started a period of work on the estate team of the Lee Abbey Community at Lynton, North Devon.

This mixed religious community exists primarily to run the house and estate which are used for holiday and training house parties for the laity of the Church. Up to 120 guests can be accommodated in comfort at this house, which is set in some of the most magnificent countryside to be seen anywhere.

Mrs. Joyce David has retired from the post of Playgroup supervisor for the Wednesday playgroup after four years' service to take up regular work. There are many families who have cause to be grateful for the work she has done.

Thanks (and memories of comradeship) are also due to Chris Burdon from Reading University who has helped with the Sunday night Youth Club since its origin last autumn. Later this year he will start a teaching career in a London school.

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Under 9 years:

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Martin Leckie
Robert Morgan
Clare Simpson
Chesterfield Springer
Wilfred Springer

9 and 10 years:

Sarah Morgan
Angela Springer
Sheila Taylor
Susan Watret
Paula Willcocks

11 and 12 years:

David Leckie

13 and 14 years:

Jennifer Tee

GRADE 2 (60—79)

Under 9 years:

Sara Angell
Toni Boorman
David Harding

Neville Keating

Jonathan Ward
Philip Ward

9 and 10 years:

Paul Court
Mark Spash
Michael Tutty
Caroline Wale
Susan Willcocks

11 and 12 years:

Colin Boorman
Philippa Brown
John Davies
Wendy Middleton

13 and 14 years:

Terry Boorman

GRADE 3 (40—59)

Under 9 years:

Mark Postles

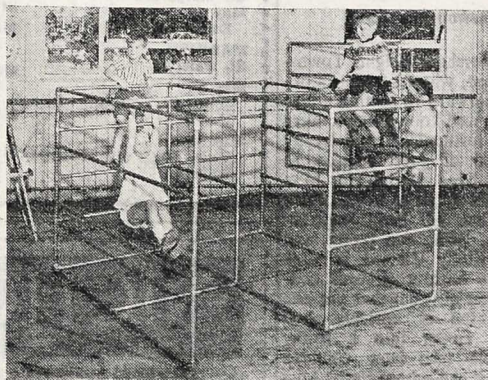
11 and 12 years:

Colin Simpson
Keith Springer

Caversham Heights Methodist Church obtained 91 points in the Southampton District and so retains the Florence Reid Shield. Second was Trinity, Southsea, with 89, and third was Tadley Common, Reading, with 86.

READING TEMPERANCE EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following young people passed the examination. Philippa Brown, Keith Springer, Timothy Wale.



St Barnabas' Play Groups Try New Equipment

Staff and children of St. Barnabas Play-groups have been trying out some new climbing frames which will shortly be on the market. The Reading firm Gascoignes (Kee Klamps) Ltd, who have developed the frames after consultation with the Pre-school Play-groups Association, say that they had in mind the fact that playgroup leaders using church halls and other multipurpose accommodation have to set up their equipment for each session and pack it away afterwards, and the three frames lent to St.

STRANGE. BIBLE NAME FOR POP GROUP

When the Caversham-based pop group, the Blue Flag, wanted to find a new name, they might have looked in a dictionary, but since they were in a church hall where they practice, the book that came most easily to hand was a Bible. "We just opened the Bible and took the first word we found, and the word was 'strange,'" says Graham Sharman, the group's vocalist, who is a carpenter by trade. "Not THE Strange, just Strange", points out Michael Katowicz, the lead guitarist, an apprentice carpenter and joiner.

Chris Cook, a clerk, who plays base guitar and looks after the business-side, and Gary Preston, apprentice electrician, who plays the drums, are both warrant-officers in the 6th Reading Company of the Boys' Brigade at Gosbrook Road Methodist Church. In their two years as the Blue Flag the four young men have bought (and paid for) all their instruments and amplifying equipment and also two vans, and their engagements have taken them to Guildford, Henley, Maidenhead and Sandhurst.

ST MARGARET'S GOES WALKING

THE WEATHER ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY was almost ideal for walking, sunny with a cool breeze. This year for some reason, fewer walkers set out from North Reading on the Christian Aid walk compared with other parts of the town, though some of those who did completed the whole journey, arthritis and all.

With the agreement of the organisers, the St. Margaret's party started at Upper Basil-don at about eleven o'clock, four adults and nine young people and children. They had a delightful walk along quiet lanes, through woods and fields, past pleasant gardens, across the river at Pangbourne to Whitchurch, where they had a picnic lunch in a hall. Fruit drinks and biscuits were generously provided free of charge.

After lunch they set out for Mapledurham, along the track through the Hardwick estate. Outside the White Cottage, they were given a friendly greeting by Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, who were on duty there to warn the unwary of unexpectedly fast traffic on the lane. So on to their second check point, where they were kindly looked after by Lady Rose of

Hardwicke House. Up to this point almost every road junction was "sign posted" by friendly guides and the roads patrolled by cars ready to pick up the exhausted, but from the Warren to St. Laurence's Hall these supporters seemed to be much more sparse.

At Mapledurham five of the party dropped out, including our youngest walker aged five and a half; they returned home after walking seven miles. The remainder walked on, meeting the Bishop of Reading, the Mayor and Mayoress, and the Press on Reading Bridge, walking on with them to St. Laurence's Hall to complete eleven miles. Although the final total is not known yet, the total the St. Margaret's party should have raised for Christian Aid will be about thirty pounds.

Andrew, one of the boys, asked by a reporter if he thought he could have walked further, said he thought he could have done another four miles. This was probably true for all the children, including six-year-old Susan. So next year they may well be more ambitious.

They all enjoyed the walk so much as a family activity, they thought that this August they might have a parish walk and picnic. Non-walkers going by car being entrusted with the picnics: the walkers parking their cars, then walking five or six miles to the picnic place, and later completing a circle back to their cars by another route.

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ROUND THE CLUBS

Maplewood W.I.

The President, Mrs. Betty Lewis, presided at the May meeting. An interesting discussion on Annual Meeting Resolutions, by a Team from the Institute, was attended by Miss de Peyer, delegate to the Albert Hall for Maplewood, and Risely and Swallowfield. During Social Time Mrs. Duckworth spoke about the exhibition "This Green and Pleasant Land".

There was a coffee morning at Mrs. Warwick's house on May 28th. A very good response had been made to Mrs. Bubb's appeal for magazines. Maplewood came second in the Cookery Competition at the Group meeting at Grazeley. The Drama Group play was good. Mrs. Lewis said that the concert

in aid of Reading hospitals raised £21. 15. 0. Members were asked to remember the 'Mayday Week' stall which is to be at our June meeting. An exhibition of small posies was most attractive.

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

"And the Desert shall blossom like the Rose", a prophesy which seems to be on the way to fulfilment in Israel, as described by Mrs. Jean Caplin of the Women's Zionist Organisation, at the May meeting of the Guild. Although harassed by neighbouring Arab states, Jews and Arabs in Israel are working together to build a secure, modern and well organised society. Mrs. A. Coward thanked the speaker for a most interesting talk on the "Aspects of Life in Israel".

The Guild was then entertained with a selection of slides from members' own transparencies.

Mapledurham W.I.

At the May meeting at Trench Green Birthday posies were presented by the President, Mrs. Lacey. Arrangements were made for an outing to Longleat. Mrs. Peacock talked on the League of Friends Fete to be held in June and told what had been done with money raised the previous year. Mrs. Price from South Stoke W.I. gave an interesting talk of her visit to the new buildings at Denman College. The A.G.M. Resolutions were read by the President.

Rosehill W.I.

Mrs. Green, the President welcomed five new members to the May meeting. Thirty members attended the Group Meeting on April 30th when Rosehill won the cup for the Competition. Voting took place for the resolutions for the A.G.M. in London. Mrs. A. G. Beasley was to attend as delegate.

The speaker was Mr. Booker, who gave some hints on the culture of gladioli. He also judged the competition for a pot plant. Result: 1st Mrs. Harris, 2nd Mrs. Jones, 3rd Mrs. Russell.

Blagrove W.I.

Parking convictions would not debar members from serving on juries said Mr. P. J. Morrish in his talk on

"Administration of the Criminal Courts in England and Wales". Mrs. Griffiths gave the vote of thanks. The final arrangements were made for the June meeting which is a visit to Littlecote House near Hungerford.

Mrs. Beasley, Rosehill W.I. delegate for the A.G.M. attended the meeting and discussed the Resolutions. The competition for the flower of the month was won by Mrs. Batstone.

Emmer Green

Townswomen's Guild

At the May meeting the Drama Group were congratulated on their success at winning the cup and an Honours' Certificate at the Tilehurst Eisteddfod. The Social Studies group provided information regarding the motions for the National Council meeting and the delegate was advised of the Guild's views on these. The speaker at the meeting, Mr. J. Holt, explained the workings of a Unit Trust and advised members of the various ways in which small sums of money could be invested. Items of collage and samples of sugar roses made by members were on display.

Caversham Heights

Townswomen's Guild

Caversham Heights Townswomen, who had been looking forward to putting a face to a well-known voice, were very fortunate in their happy choice of guest speaker at their May meeting, for Miss Anona Winn of B.B.C. fame fulfilled all their expectations. Petite and pretty, and beautifully dressed in sage green with a glorious confection of a hat that put one in mind of apricots spun with cream into a frothy souffle (she later confided that it came from Paris) Miss Winn gave her audience a hilarious evening by telling them many amusing experiences in show business. Born in Australia and trained as an opera singer, she had realised early in life that (as she put it) "neither she nor her voice was big enough for the strenuous life of an opera star" and she had turned her talents to musical comedy. At one time she had had her own band, known as "Anona Winn and her Winners" and had joined the B.B.C. appearing, incredibly, on Henry Hall's very first Guest Night! Twenty-two years ago her voice became known to millions on the "Twenty Questions" panel game, and more recently she has had further great success with the all-lady panel game "The Petticoat Line". Mrs. M. Idenden, the Guild's Drama Chairman, echoed the feelings of all the 130 members present in St. Andrew's Hall when she thanked Miss Winn and told her how greatly her visit had been enjoyed.

Mrs Idenden herself was congratulated by the Chairman, Mrs. V. Birtwhistle, for the success of the Drama Section of the Guild in the Woodley Festival this month, when they had won the cup in the Ladies Only section with their play "Caroline".

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St. Barnabas

May 10 Janine Finch
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May 24 Jennifer Joyce
Jonathan Joyce

St. Margaret's

May 17 Darren Fox

MARRIED

St. Peter's

May 9 John Carman and Joan Foster

May 23 Barry Stagg and Maureen Watson

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Cliff believes in people asking questions but, as he says, a lot of people ask without being willing to accept answers or make decisions.

The more you study the Bible, Cliff says, the more you find the truth. He likes the modern English versions, and advocates even more translations suitable for people at different academic levels.

He believes in daily reading. When he is in a regular show he sets aside fixed hours for the purpose, but when his working life makes this more difficult, he tries to keep up the reading without too many gaps. He points out that such gaps can be allowed to grow bigger and bigger and some self-discipline is called for.

Of his favourite passages, Cliff says: "I could read Romans endlessly." He agrees that Romans is difficult but he finds it contains the essence of the Gospels.

Cliff is making some L.P. recordings based on the American "Living New Testament", substituting English slang for Americanisms.

He agrees that the "Living New Testament", as a paraphrase, is no complete substitute for direct modern translations.

Cliff expresses no desire for commitment to any particular political party, but as he says—"the world is run by politics" and Christians must be involved, influencing changes by "what we believe and what we do."



RESCUE SQUAD ON SKID ROW

The Simon Community Trust

The 'non-citizens' of Britain's Welfare State—that is what the vagrants, meths drinkers and inadequate who live in overcrowded lodging houses, derelict buildings and bomb sites of our cities have been called. Theirs is a sad tragic and hopeless world.

The Simon Community, taking its name from Simon of Cyrene who helped Jesus to carry his cross, was founded by a Catholic layman Anton Wallich-Clifford in 1963 to seek ways of bringing compassion and hope to those caught in this desperate situation. It also gave itself the task of bringing the problem before the nation which, in its affluence, could easily forget the darker side of its life.

Volunteers

During the sixties 'Simon' built up a network of communities of volunteers—working for as little as 30/- a week pocket money—who run homes of hospitality and shelter where misfits and drifters can find community and care along with others. Perhaps for the first time, outside institutions such as prisons or mental hospitals,

these men and women—products often of broken bodies, broken minds or broken families—are given an opportunity to take their share of the responsibilities and support of living with others. Most of these communities are in towns or cities, but there is also a farm community near Canterbury where people from 'skid-row' may go for long-term help and support.

Now, in the seventies, 'Simon' is planning to expand and meet new problems of homelessness, loneliness and isolation. The new work is directed towards arresting the numbers of homeless people, often teenager or families, who drift to cities in search of a home, work and a future—or escape from the past. Too often there is nothing but the lights, the crowds, the pavements and the loneliness. They have not the ability to use the existing facilities provided by the state, which, anyway may not be able to offer the immediate help needed. They become candidates for 'skid-row' and, today, the drug scene.

Meeting the problem

To help meet this problem and to nip it in the bud 24-hour care, accommodation and referral centres have been set up in London's West End, at 'Centre point' attached to St. Anne's, Soho, and backed by that church and the Salvation Army—and also in Liverpool in the crypt of the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

To meet the costs of this new venture 'Simon' has launched a £100,000 appeal, supported by the Archbishops of Westminster and Canterbury, among others. An organisation which changes to respond to changing needs deserves support.

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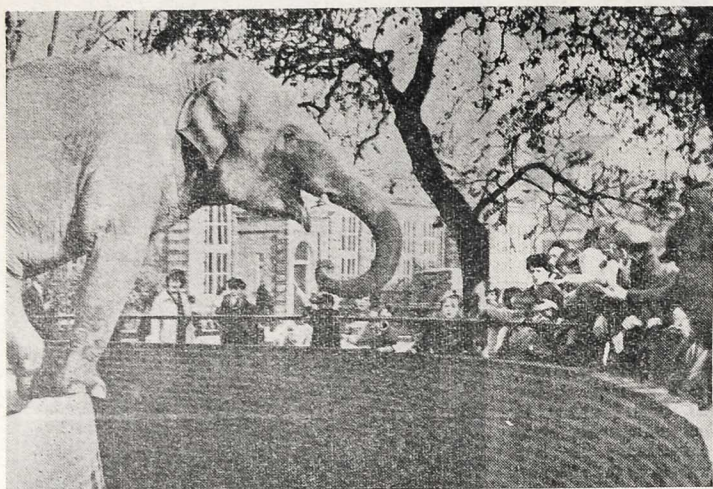
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A trip to the Zoo

Going to the zoo is a trip to suit all ages, tiny tots upwards. For pre-school children a cool and quiet Spring morning is a good time to go:

A cool morning because zoos get pretty smelly on a hot day.

A quiet morning, preferably a week day, that avoids Bank Holiday so that there's not too much shoving and pushing to see the inhabitants.

The walk round a large zoo is half the enjoyment and you can hire your push chair at the entrance gate.

Dozy Beasts

The lions and tigers and polar bears are not especially appealing to small visitors—deep down in their pits they seem distant and dozy and don't look like perking up until feeding time—but it's nice to be able to 'roar' at them from a safe distance.

The monkey cages are fun with a grown monkey swinging hand over hand in the wire mesh, and a baby monkey clutching on to its mother. Two fluffy-faced monkeys peel their oranges and eat them very messily, chattering and scolding. Children identify themselves with them at once!

The more timid and gentle-looking animals are popular—spotted deer like Bambi, kangaroos, a pair of saucer-eyed owls, and two sleeping pumas who looked deceptively like 'pussy cats'.

Docile Favourites

The giraffes are an unexpected success. Three giraffes live in a huge barn-like house. It's warm and clean with high-placed drinking troughs and feeding racks. Geoffrey the tallest stands at 16 feet—which from a 3 feet eye level very close to the wire must look gigantic. Yet the

by Diana Dewes

animals are so docile and attractive and immediately favourites.

Elephants can be disappointing on an off-season morning when they are not outside to give rides. They look scabrous and cramped, delicately treading between their huge droppings in their indoor house.

The Children's Corner is scaled down for them—small creatures in pens. Modern bouncing 3 and 4 year olds don't get excited about chicks, rabbits, goats and guinea pigs. A rearing, frisky Shetland pony, is the highlight here.

Tiny tots' reactions are unpredictable and they don't confine their interest, they are as fascinated by the zoo people as by the animals. Workmen are preparing for 'the season', a decorator painting concrete walls, a man loading gravel on to a lorry, a gardener with a motor mower, the lady who serves the orange juices in the cafe, and the young man who calls the sea-lions by their names.

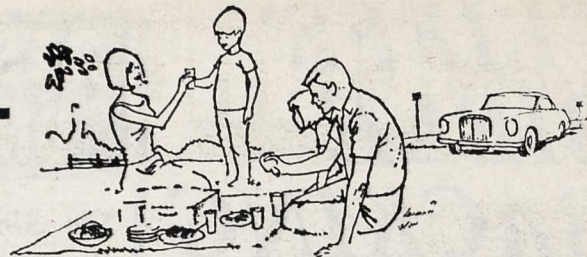
crete walls, a man loading gravel on to a lorry, a gardener with a motor mower, the lady who serves the orange juices in the cafe, and the young man who calls the sea-lions by their names.

Exciting Trip

There are closed up kiosks and snack bars to inspect, and a deserted roundabout and chair-lift to look at.

Managing slopes and steps and hand-rails is an adventure—and bumping up and down steps in the push chair a treat. The zoo is a very good half day's trip—lived over and over in retrospect.

The clearest memory is of a toy teddy bear that hangs up with the cleaning and feeding equipment in the children's corner—and the most repeated comment "Elephants don't have clean houses."



puzzle corner

Background to Jig-saws

by Edyth Harper

Most families in Britain have at some time or other argued over a jig-saw puzzle. In fact 17 million puzzles are bought each year, a fact that shows their popularity has grown steadily since the first puzzle appeared on the market two centuries ago.

Jig-saws or 'dissected puzzles' as they were then called were first used educationally. Lessons in geography were made more attractive if the chief countries, cities, and rivers etc. were learned by filling a map together. Devotees of this new method of teaching included Lord Spenser and Cowper the poet, who were prepared to pay as much as 12/- a puzzle to improve the youthful mind.

In fact it was a schoolmaster, John Spilsbury who started the craze. Art master at Harrow in 1767, he cut up his own coloured drawing of Britain to make pieces that fitted together but did not actually interlock.

Manufacturers quickly took up the idea, trading on the Victorian love of bringing up the young in the way they should go. Virtue and Vice were depicted as two trees, the fruit of one bearing such sins as gambling, stealing etc. on its branches, while the other tree bore courage, honour and good living.

For amusement

Languages, how things were made, the art of marketing all formed subjects for puzzles while Biblical scenes were in great demand. Gradually amusement took the place of educational themes. Soldiers on parade in gay uniforms, touching family scenes, views and of course, animals probably sold better than the counties of England.

At first all puzzles were hand-cut but by the beginning of this century, machines took over and interlocking pieces made puzzles more interesting and cheaper too. What was



considered only fit for the nursery or school-room began to interest adults.

So popular did the hobby become that doctors recommended doing a jig-saw for neurotic patients. During the Great War many sufferers from shell-shock and other nervous troubles did indeed derive much help from the soothing task of fitting a puzzle together.

Jig-Saw Clubs

Today you can join jig-saw clubs or be a member of a lending library of puzzles. They vary in difficulty from simple nursery puzzles consisting of about 6 pieces to giant jig-saws running into many thousands. From the Royal family downwards all sorts and conditions of people enjoy the challenge all over the world.

America probably holds the record for devotees. Certainly America gave the dissection puzzles their present name. A jig-saw in the States is a special saw for cutting out various shapes in wood. Today few jig-saws are used to produce puzzles but the name seems to suit the pile of odd shaped pieces that tumble on to the table from their container.

Psychologists may know the reason but once a space has been cleared and the puzzle started, no one seems able to resist joining in. Perhaps the urge to prove that we know better than our neighbour is the motive or just a desire to show off and nonchalantly slip in the very piece everyone is looking for, is too strong to resist.

Whatever the answer, the jig-saw 'gets its man' time and time again. Then—once 'done'—it hardly wins a glance. It was the effort to complete that really counted.

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A Laughing Matter

Some people do have crazy notions! We're thinking of the people who say that religion is a kill-joy, and is dreary and spoil-sport. 'Absolute rot,' says **Young Compass**: 'repeat—absolute rot. Part of religion is having a sense of fun.' So this month **Young Compass** thanks God for good clean healthy laughter, for good sportsmanship, for cheerfulness, and mirth, and wit, for singers and musicians, for poets and craftsmen, and in fact for all the Lord's merry-men.

When God had finished the earth and the whirl of coloured suns
He turned from making big things to fashion little ones.
Beautiful tiny things, like daisies, he made: and then
He made the comical things, in case the minds of men
Should stiffen, and become
Dull, humourless, and glum,
And so forgetful of their Maker be
As to take even themselves quite seriously . . .
And as for the duck, I think God must have laughed a bit
Seeing those bright eyes blink on the day He fashioned it.
And He's probably laughing still at the sound that came out of its bill!

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WOT YER KNOW?

Young Compass's current craze—rhyming slang! We've gone quite dotty over it. We've discovered that in England rhyming slang began about 1840, and is mainly used by Cockneys. But both America and Australia have their own rhyming slang, and actors and actresses also have their own version of it.

Quite often rhyming slang expressions get shortened, and the rhyming part disappears. One example is **lolly**, a slang word for **money**. The full word is **lollipop**, which rhymed with **drop**, a word meaning a **tip** or **money**.

Now see what you make of the following story. The rhyming slang expressions are underlined and are all given in full. If you get stuck, look at the key below.

I came in from the pleasure and pain and put my Auntie Ella in the Johnny Horner, and then took a butcher's hook in the parlour. My trouble and strife was telling her one and t'other about a tea leaf she'd seen in the street. They were having a good old rabbit and pork. My skin and blister was at the old Joanna, and there were a whole lot of Nellie Blighs round her loaf of bread. I asked for Rosy Lea and Johnnie Rutter, but they only gave me fisherman's daughter. I'd got Kennington Lane in my plates of meat, and an awful can of oil on my neck. So I climbed the apples and pears and had a bit of Bo-peep.

SOMETHING TO DO

Make your own rhyming slang dictionary. We've given you something to start with this month. You may hear other examples on the radio or telly. If so, add them to your book. We'll be giving further examples later in the year.

There's no reason on earth why you and your friends shouldn't invent your own rhyming slang, and have a kind of secret language among yourselves.

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Stepping Out

Now that summer's here, lots of us will be discarding shoes for sandals. Health sandals are just the job for boys as well as for girls, and they're jolly good for the feet too. But they can look revolting if the feet aren't well cared for—in fact, sandals mean more and better foot care.

Feet should be scrubbed with soap and water and rinsed in cold water every morning and every night, and even more often if you've been caught in mud and rain. After washing, treat your feet to a few seconds' massage with cream or lotion. Hard skin should be rubbed away with pumice stone. Remember that toe nails should always be cut straight across. This prevents painful in-growing toe-nails. Take every opportunity you can of going barefoot, especially on holiday. But there are times, of course, when you've got to wear shoes and stockings. Girls should remember that stockings that are too short in the foot can cause foot troubles as much as badly-fitting shoes do.

Skipping, running and

walking on tiptoe in bare stocking feet are all excellent for strengthening the feet and legs—and for making them shapely too.

WANT TO BE AN AIR-HOSTESS?

If so, you'll have to be nippy on your feet. On a flight to America a hostess walks five miles serving meals and drinks, and handing out newspapers.

KEY TO RHYMING SLANG

Pleasure and pain	—	rain
Auntie Ella	—	umbrella
Johnny Horner	—	umbrella
Butcher's hook	—	look
Trouble and strife	—	wife
One and t'other	—	brother
Tea leaf	—	thief
Rabbit and pork	—	talk
Skin and blister	—	sister
Joanna	—	piano
Nellie Blighs	—	flies
Loaf of bread	—	head
Rosy Lea	—	tea
Johnnie Rutter	—	Bread and butter
Fisherman's daughter	—	drink of water
Kennington Lane	—	pain
Plates of meat	—	feet
Can of oil	—	boil
Apples and pears	—	stairs
Bo-peep	—	sleep

Answers to 'Is your town here'

Reading; Leicester; Newport; Stafford; Derby; Grantham; Lewes; Taunton.



Is YOUR town here?

1. A place where a din goes on.
2. I don't like stale ices terribly.
3. I saw your new portrait yesterday.
4. Can a priest afford a holiday?
5. I wander by the river.
6. A vagrant hammers at the door.
7. The pale western sky.
8. A fat aunt on a motor bike.

Answers below.



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ZANY CLARA



Zany Clara wants to know whether cat burglars have kittens when they see a policeman!

The door-to-door Salesman

Man
in the
street

by
Ken
Hills

I was born during a depression. Too young to understand much about it, I was often puzzled by the drab looking men who appeared on the doorstep trying to sell tatty products to my mother. Usually they succeeded—and then she hid them because we couldn't afford them and it made my father angry.

"Here missus, would you buy a card of buttons for 3d.?"

"Oh, very well—but wait a minute, these are all damaged!"

"Well, what do you expect for 3d.?"

Door-to-door selling was unashamedly for his benefit, but to-day's salesman wants us to believe its wholly for ours!

He's still with us—but we mustn't think he's just going from door to door! Oh! dear no—we have been specially chosen, or recommended, or here's a gift whether we buy anything or not, and may he come in, and won't we sit down, and this is our lucky day (and bang goes £5 to £200!)

High pressure and non-too-honest techniques of modern home salesmen often feel smooth, soothing and flattering, but are aimed to remove from us

our freedom of choice while leaving us thinking WE have chosen—or too confused to know. We are being manipulated. This is evil. We could do without most of this breed.

But there is the usually cheery soul who turns up at the door regularly, be he the milkman, the baker, the travelling grocer, the postman, or even the rare salesman who has something we need but still retains a respect for us as persons. These don't see us as 'things' to be manipulated for their commission—all of them CAN and often do bring a touch of humanity, a human encounter, a friendly exchange which helps us feel we are alive and someone has noticed.

So, even the brief door-step meeting can bring a service to us, and, for many, a few moments welcome relief in a fairly isolated existence.

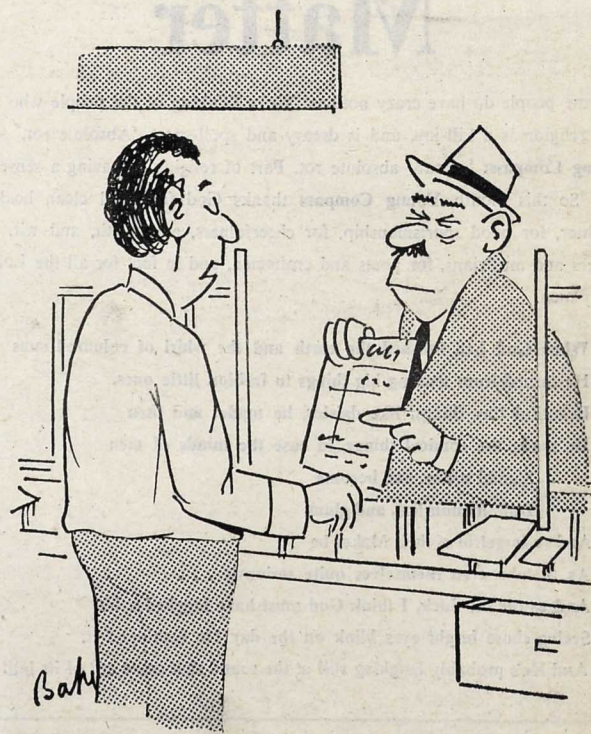
But, just because we need these things so much, they can also be misused and abused.

A door-to-door salesman highlights one of the big problems of our time—the best and most creative use of the moments of meeting between people—the desperately needful and highly treasurable gift of treating people as persons, rather than as things.

It may be the most important single achievement of your day tomorrow, though you may never know how important it will be, to someone.



good for a laugh



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