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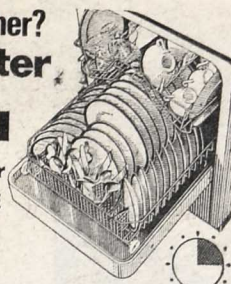
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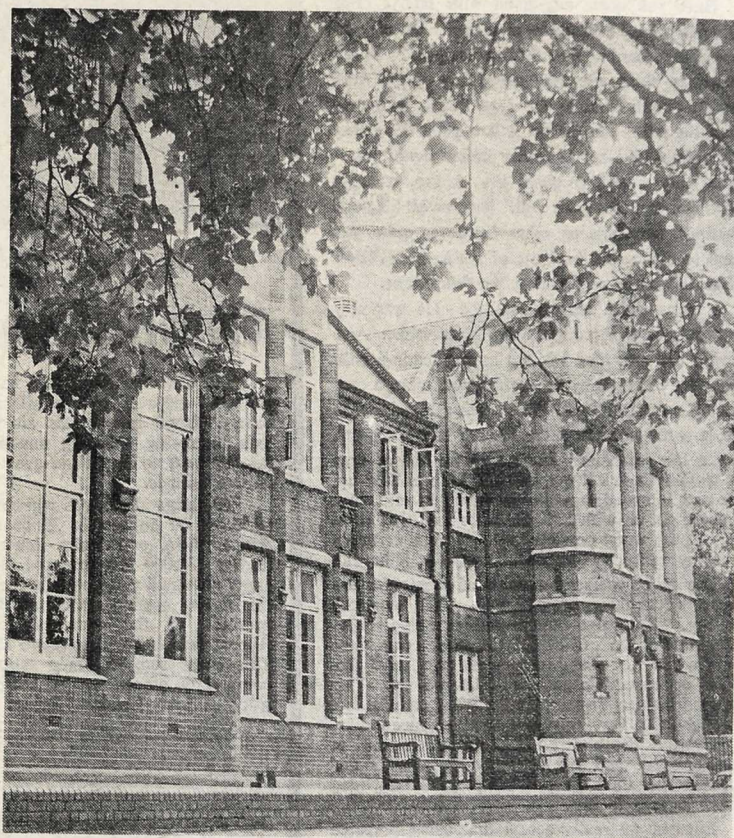
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Why?

Because the school that can *only* be entered by selection will always be a more attractive proposition to parents than the school that will take anyone. There isn't a great deal of glory in winning a place at a school you could have gone to anyway! And whether we like it or not most parents want other people to see that their children are bright.

Comprehensive Schools depend not only on a broad range of subjects, a competent staff to teach them, and the opportunity to take all the exams available to a Grammar School child—they also need a proportion of academically bright children, and while Grammar Schools exist they won't get them.

Let's come clean—there may be good arguments in favour of keeping Secondary Modern Schools with selection to Grammar Schools, but the idea that you can have both Comprehensive Schools and Grammar Schools on equal terms seems to make no sense at all.

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The Charles Hodgson Column

letter

ATTITUDES TO PROTEST

—the debate continues.

Dear Sir,
I want to signify my whole-hearted support for Mr. A. J. Mohr's letter, referring to The Charles Hodgson Column of your May issue.

Like Mr. Mohr, I am against apartheid. Not knowing the gentleman, I cannot vouch for him, but I am also against any form of violence, whether physical or intellectual, whether perpetrated for causes of the Right, the Left or the Centre; whether political, social, racial or religious in origin. I (and I suspect many others too) am sick of the hypocritical attitude of the vociferous mini-minority which, in the name of "humanitarianism", espouses Left-wing causes only and conveniently forgets the millions of enslaved East Europeans and those men and women behind the Iron Curtain imprisoned, in the past and at present, for their political, social or religious beliefs. I trust that your August issue will not contain an impassioned appeal on behalf of the Students who were recently gaoled at Cambridge for their acts of violence: not for their peacefully-demonstrated political belief.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. Vorvoreanu,
Caversham, Reading.

do it with a will

Have you made any good will lately? For that matter, have you made even one? Or are you a member of the No Will Makers' Brigade? In my experience there are two categories of No Will Makers. First, there is the type that is in favour of making wills, who thinks it is a good thing that affairs should be set in order before death intervenes; who would, if given the chance, strongly advise you to make your will. But for all his good intentions, somehow or other he never quite gets round to the actual business of seeing his solicitor or bank manager and getting the thing done.

I met such a person recently. He was very intelligent, very thorough, very businesslike. And his wife had just died without having made a will. They were not wealthy as wealth goes; more a case of being comfortably off. There was a bit of money here, a small account there, here a little property, there a few securities. But it took no end of time and trouble to sort it out and get things settled up. "We both intended to make our wills," he said, "but we never got on with it." So he had all that extra worry at the worst possible time. "I shall certainly make my will now," he said. I wonder if he did.

The other category consists of those who are against will making on principle. "It's morbid," they say, "life's grim enough without being reminded what's at the end of it." In many cases there is a kind of fear that just to mention a word like 'death' or 'cancer' is enough to bring it on. This supposed connection between the word and the fact is a sign of a very primitive kind of superstition. So the word 'death' is softened to 'passing on' or 'passing over', and the certainty of 'when I die' becomes the unlikely possibility of 'if anything should happen to me'.

But can we really accept that being prepared for something brings that thing nearer? And if we can't, then wouldn't it be much more sensible to treat death as a fact and make preparations for it?

Making a will is one preparation, and a simple and practical one at that. It is important that your possessions should be disposed of responsibly. It is important that your heirs should be spared unnecessary delay and confusion at a time when they may be mourning their loss. It is even more important that we should live this life with a consciousness that it is short and that we can't take our money with us.

A Last Will and Testament helps with all these things. But remember, it isn't enough to have the intention; you need the will.



Ethiopian Refugees in the Sudan. £22,000 of Christian Aid cash is helping to provide year-round water for them and their animals.

CHRISTIAN AID SPENDING INCREASED

The Christian Aid Board have given advance approval to the allocation of over £300,000 to overseas aid projects, thus increasing spending announced so far this year to over three-quarters of a million pounds.

The latest allocations will be released to about 60 projects in 35 countries of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. A further £30,000 is announced for immigrant community schemes in the U.K.—this money coming exclusively from the proceeds of the churches' Christmas Appeal (which last year raised £370,000). This latest sum will help support four community officers to be recruited for work in inner-London, Bristol and in

Glasgow.

Two of the biggest single allocations of £22,920 and £15,485 for Botswana and India respectively will be used largely to exploit water reserves—in Botswana to assist the Christian Council provide reservoirs and piping, in India to sink wells in Maharashtra.

Other allocations include £11,000 to help make self-sufficient the hundreds of Tibetan refugees in India who have established their own industries and £9,000 to Tanzania to combat East Coast Fever which, in some areas, has been killing as many as 70 per cent of the calves. The money will be used for additional cattle dips requested by the Christian Council.



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A TEACHERS EYE-VIEW OF CHILDREN... AND PARENTS

by
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Hill*



Terry

Terry comes to school each morning looking white and tired. He often falls asleep at his desk in the afternoon. But if questions are asked about a programme shown on television, it is always Terry who knows the answer, sometimes giving detailed descriptions of the gangster film that didn't finish until ten thirty on the previous night.

Diane

Diane is a pretty, timid child, always neat and tidy. She wears expensive frilly dresses, which she is not allowed to get dirty. When the other children are playing rough and tumble games on the grass, Diane always stands aside, looking on, afraid to join in case she spoils her nice dress.

Dale

Dale comes to school in dirty unpressed clothes, his hair matted and dull. He is pale and fat, and most of his meals at home are corn-flakes or chips. If it were not for the balanced school dinner that Dale gets each day, he would be seriously undernourished.



Carol

Carol is a cheerful, capable girl of nine, the eldest of three children. Her mother works at a knitwear factory, so Carol does her fair share of the housework. She is very good at swimming, and when the games teacher tells the class that an after-school swimming club is to be formed, Carol is thrilled. But she arrives at school next day tearful and strained, saying that she is not allowed to join the club as she has to collect her two young brothers from the babies' class, take them home and give them their tea. Mummy is working on the late shift. It's a good thing to see children self-reliant and helpful, but sometimes the strain of responsibility is too much for such young shoulders, and the child becomes resentful. Perhaps Carol's mother could have arranged for a neighbour to collect the younger children and give them their tea, and so give her eldest child the chance to go to the swimming club? It didn't seem much to ask.

Negligence

Each of these children reflect negligence, in some way or other. Terry has permissive parents who allow him to stay up far too late. Diane's mother has the best of intentions, but is depriving her daughter of one of the most precious things a child can have—the friendship of other children. Dale's mother is lazy.

Very often it is working mothers who are blamed for neglecting their children, and this is sometimes true.



Andrew

Andrew has a different home. He lives in a fine new house, and has everything he wants, good clothes and many toys. He has two shillings to spend on sweets each day, which he rarely shares with other children. But he is sent to school many days when it is obvious that he is unwell. Andrew has a weak chest and a hacking cough. In order to keep up the family's high standard of living, however, Andrew's mother considers it essential to go to her office come rain or shine. Could she not have paid a reliable person to look after Andrew when he needed to stay at home?

Teresa

Now take Teresa. Her mother works part time in a supermarket. She finishes at three thirty, and collects her daughter on the way home. There isn't much

A teacher sees many things, and cannot help learning much about a child's home, simply by watching and listening. In observing children at school it is quite plain that some parents get their values wrong.

money to go round, and yet that child is happy. The house is always full of friends, and there is laughter and fun. Sometimes the family go for a walk, finding odd objects, and bringing home wild flowers, which Teresa's mother arranges with care. She makes Teresa's dresses, which are the envy of the other girls at school, since they have embroidered details which make them different from the clothes bought in the chain stores. Teresa's parents have time to care.

Little time to care

Sometimes it is all too obvious that there is little time to care. The parents may be busy themselves, perhaps both of them working long hours. They may be tired when they come home at night. The burden is particularly heavy on the mother who has been out to work all day, and then comes home to cooking and cleaning, and the sorting out of family squabbles. A child needs his mother to talk to, and if she cannot spare the time, he will either take his company elsewhere, or refuse to talk to anyone, becoming withdrawn and sullen. This is NOT to say that all working mothers neglect their children. Many women are happier working outside the home, and are better mothers because they are more relaxed and content.

But they must realise where their priorities lie, and in observing children at school it is quite plain that some parents get their values wrong.



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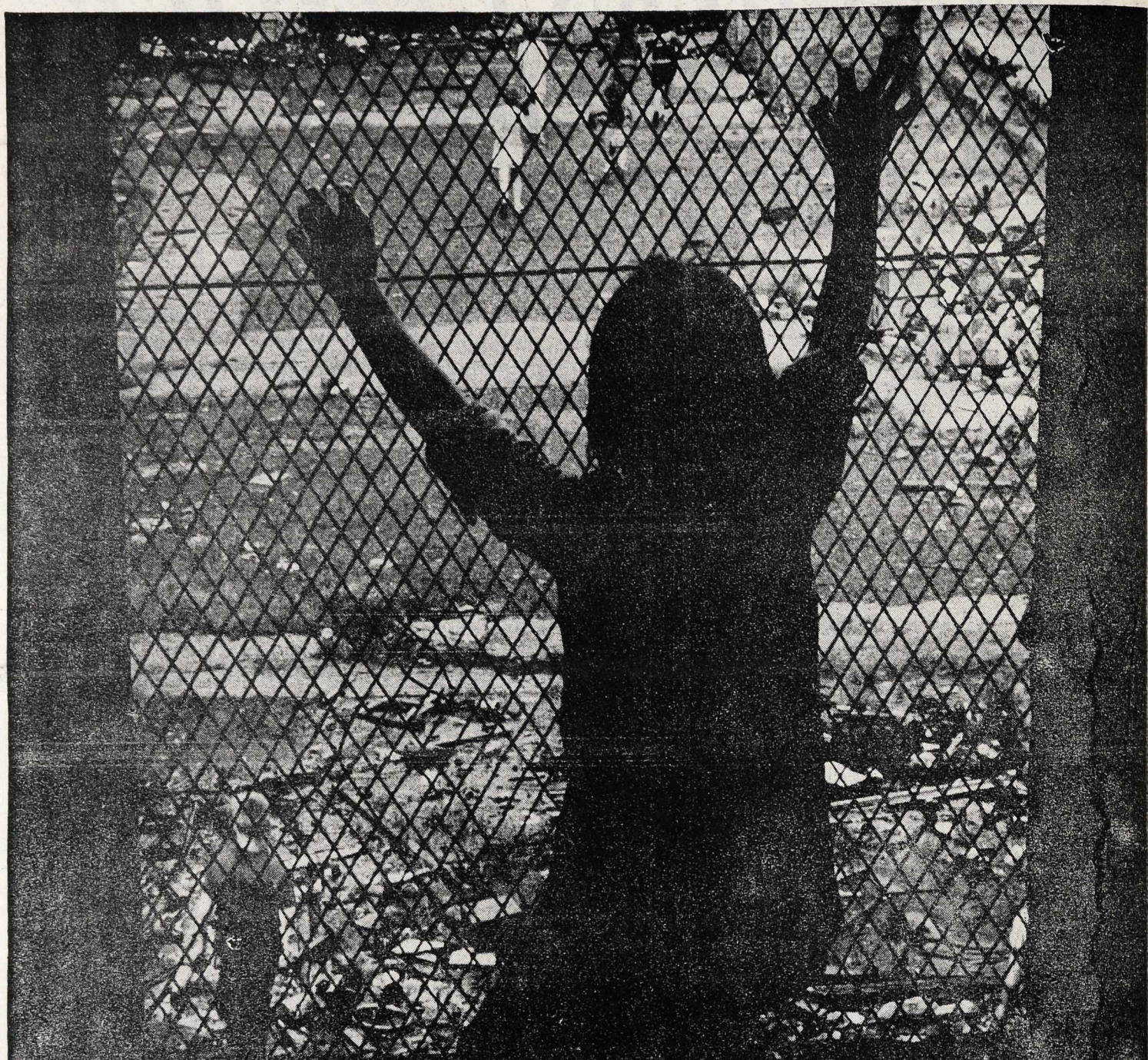
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WHO—WHEN—WHERE?

A NUMBER OF READERS HAVE REMARKED that they have not been able to find in our pages details of Sunday Service time, the names and addresses of the local clergy and other information of this kind. This is a valid comment.

When the Caversham Bridge was started in 1964 information of this sort was included nearly every month. But as time has passed it has appeared less frequently: the names of the clergy, for example, last appeared as long ago as February. With so many new people moving into Caversham it is obvious that information of this kind is really valued, and steps will be taken to see that such matter appears more frequently. Prominence has been given this month to this on another page.

But the reason why Sunday service times and the like have appeared so rarely is perhaps worth commenting upon. It should be recalled that when we started publication we only produced six pages of our own Caversham material—indeed some months only four. Now we always produce eight pages, but even so we nearly always go to print leaving some material unpublished through lack of space. And it has become apparent that since 1964 many people have come to realise that this paper, more than any other, is a vehicle for publicising local news and for giving voice to local opinion. In this way the Christian Church is playing a significant role in the life of the community, and is indeed helping to build up an awareness of community. Local businessmen have also come to realise that the paper is a valuable advertising medium, and the revenue received in this way has meant that in spite of many substantial increases in the cost of printing and producing this paper we have only once had to increase our price since 1964—a record that is shared by very few other newspapers.

So please go on sending in your news and comments—but write as briefly as possible and do not be disappointed if what you write does not always appear in full, or is held over to a later issue. And we will do our best to give details of Church service times and the like. But above all we welcome readers' comments and criticisms. It's your paper and the Church in producing it is seeking to serve the community.

John Grimwade

MARGARET and MARY MURPHY

When the Murphy sisters retire this winter they will certainly never have a dull moment. Their home at 32 Matlock Road is already filled with many interesting things which they have made—wool rugs, tapestry pictures, as well as with equipment for the new hobbies they intend to take up when they have more time

Moving to Caversham from Hastings at the beginning of the second world war they have made many friends in the Reading area. Margaret Murphy took a History Degree at London and then after a post-graduate course taught first in Grammar Schools and then at a Primary school in Lincoln. Since 1945 she has been on the staff of St. Anne's Roman Catholic School. She will be retiring at Christmas and will no doubt find more time to experiment with enamel work which she has just begun to explore. She hopes also to extend her knowledge of silver work.

HIGHLAND CRAFTS

Mary Murphy is a radio-grapher. Trained at St. John and St. Elizabeth Hospital in London she has now spent twenty-five years in Reading Hospitals, first at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, and then since 1954 when the Casualty Department was moved she has been at Battle Hospital. In June she received a well-earned M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours. Retiring in October she plans a holiday in Majorca and then will settle down to more crochet work, tatting, dressmaking, Fair Isle knitting and cooking. Both the sisters are very fond of the Shetland Isles and are taking courses there on Highland crafts this summer.

They plan to move away from Reading on retirement. The Caversham Bridge wishes them both a happy retirement wherever they decide to spend it.

M.K.

Appointed to Sandhurst

The Rev. Roger Packer, who has been priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's since 1965, has been appointed rector of Sandhurst by the Bishop of Oxford. He will be instituted to the living on Tuesday, November 10th. The November edition of the Bridge will carry a feature article about him.

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Mary Murphy (left) with her sister Margaret in their home at Matlock Road.

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12th Caversham	Mapledurham Memorial Hall	Friday 7—8.30 p.m.	Miss J. Wykes, 43, Woodcote Road. Reading 476248.
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6-30 p.m. Evensong

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

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

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8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9-15 a.m. Family Eucharist.
11-00 a.m. Family Service (2nd Sunday).
6-30 p.m. Evensong

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Share in Car Industry

When the present company took over production switched to a number of cork-based materials including table mats and flooring. Today the cork factory is part of a much larger firm, Engineering Components, which in turn belongs to the major industrial empire of Turner and Newall, a company with world wide interests, among them asbestos, building materials and items needed in the manufacture of cars. The group is the largest producer of cork and rubber products in this country.

It is in this field that Caversham makes its important contribution, turning out cork and rubber blocks from which car gaskets are made. These are eventually supplied to the big car manufacturers like Ford and B.M.C.

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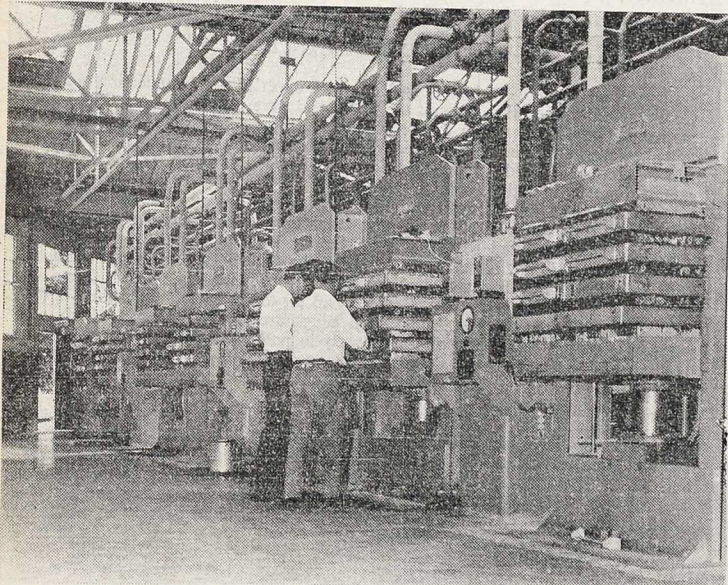
What strikes you about the factory isn't so much the noise of the machines as the friendly atmosphere. There is a mixed labour force numbering 200. Almost all employees are fortunate enough to live within walking distance of work. They know each other as neighbours outside working hours and not just as work mates. It is this surely which contributes a great deal to the good relations in the factory to which the small labour turnover and the fact that many employees have worked here for many years, bears witness. Not for a long time will there be much trouble at the Mill.

P.A.



Liners being cut out by machine, and packed ready for dispatch.

Photo: Walton Adams.



Cork and rubber after mixing and moulding is seen being compressed into blocks.
Walton Adams.

Obituary

PEGGY LANAGHAN

The death on July 9th of Peggy Lanaghan came as a shock to her many friends in Caversham, and the large congregation at her funeral was evident of the respect in which she was held. She had been secretary of St. Peter's Ringers for seventeen years, an office she still held at the time of her death: for fifteen of those years her husband Tom had also held the office of Captain and it is indeed impossible to think of St. Peter's ringers without also thinking of the happy partnership of Peggy and Tom. She was held in great affection by all the members of the band most of whom were able to attend her funeral and share in the ringing of the half muffled bells. But she had many other interests besides the bells. A friend to many in need, she was also an active member of Caversham Horticultural Society and loved flowers and open air pursuits. But the secret of her life was a deep personal faith in Christ. Bell ringing for her did not just mean summoning others to worship—she answered the summons and will be missed as much in the pews of St. Peter's as she will be in the ringing chamber.

To her husband, Tom the Caversham Bridge extends sympathy. May she rest in peace.

ROY WALLER

It is only eighteen months since Mr. and Mrs. Wallace left Step Cottage, Mapledurham, to live near Taunton. It is tragic to have to announce Mr. Waller's death after such a short retirement. He was a person of the deepest integrity, sympathy and understanding. Always ready to help no matter who needed it, he gave his time unsparingly to village life in Mapledurham. He will be remembered with gratitude by many. The thoughts of many Caversham Bridge readers will be with Mrs. Waller in the days that lie ahead.

Obituary

ELIZABETH SEELEY

A great many people were sad to hear of the death of Elizabeth Seeley. At one time she and her husband used to live at Dean's Farm, Mrs. Seeley herself being from a farming family in Gloucestershire.

She was a well-known figure in the community at large and for many years contributed a great deal to the life of St. John's.

Many will remember that much of her life was spent caring for others in a very personal way, sometimes even looking after people in her own home. Loved by many, respected by all, she will be very greatly missed.

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A Thought about Freedom

IN JULY PARLIAMENT WAS DISSOLVED AND A GENERAL ELECTION HELD.

During the course of the campaign many of us felt from time to time a sharp twinge of disappointment, which occasionally came very near to disgust, as we listened to intelligent men engaging in a mud slinging competition.

Among the accusations regularly levelled at each other is the perilous position of our Freedom. We are daily assured that within a few short months, the words which echo from the French Revolution will have overtaken us—"Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains".

There is a great deal of nonsense in this; even worse, there is a much greater amount of hypocrisy. But in any case, what do you mean by "Freedom"?—Is it as these folk suggest, Licence?—the right to ride rough shod over all who disagree or get in their way? Is it Skinheadism? For election purposes it looked rather that way. But

by Lyn S. Lewis

the word "Freedom" is essentially Christian. Which by the way is much at variance with the general concept of the Christian faith. For the vast majority the Gospel means restraint. "Look at the season of Lent" they say. This is restraint indeed, and it makes life grey and dull.

KEYS

In reply it should be made quite clear that Life is a bondage. And release from that bondage comes only through acceptance of the fact, that through bondage liberty is achieved. These negative words, discipline, restraint, even law itself are keys to the great positives—achievement, liberty, success. This is true in the world of Nature.

The surface of the great loch is narrowed into a channel and its rushing power transformed into light, heat. In the arts the genius is the slave of self-imposed routine. A pianist of international renown has said that if he missed one hour of his hours of practice he knew it, and if public knew it. Bondage to

practice set his hands free, a freedom of nimble fingers that had to be seen to be believed. And the question comes to be not which of the seeming opposites—liberty or restraint—have you chosen, but to what or to whom are you in bondage. St. Paul gives the extremes of the choice, 'the bondage of corruption' and 'the glorious liberty of the sons of God'. That there can be a bondage we know only too well. We have sensed it ourselves as a grim possibility and it is to be seen in the world around us. But there is a wide variety of choice between these two extremes, in the realms of art, business, sport; these and other spheres afford countless possibilities. The point is that our choice determines the whole meaning and purpose of life.

OPEN SPACES

How universally misinterpreted are those familiar words "Narrow is the way". So we talk about keeping on the straight and narrow, as if this were a permanent state of restraint and limitation. The gate is narrow but it leads to the broad open spaces. We learn the A.B.C. We pass through this narrow door into the wide and wonderful spaces of literature.

Therefore, the Christian speaks, as he passes through the various doors of experience of "the glorious liberty of the Sons of God" and asks "Make me a captive, Lord, And then I shall be free".

Let us make quite certain what we mean by Freedom.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

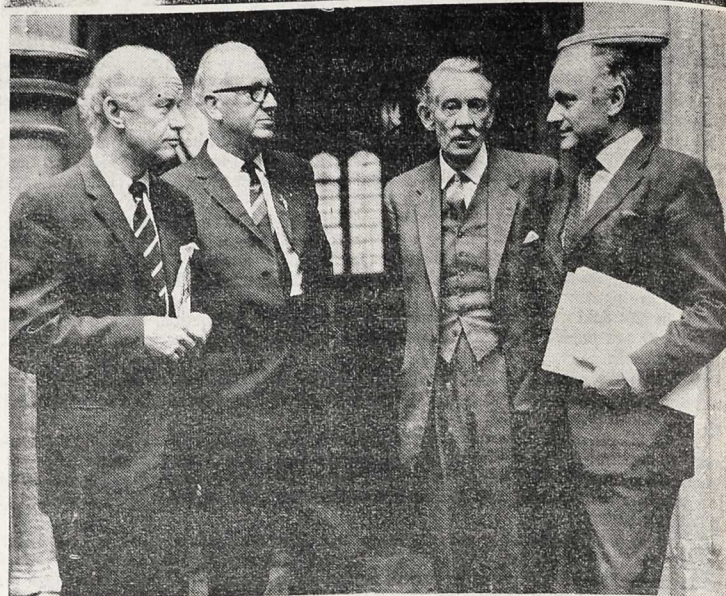


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Before the Public Meeting in St. Peter's Church. From left to right—Mr. Nigel Fisher, M.P., Canon John Kingsnorth, Lord Thurlow and Lord Chalfont.

At a well-attended meeting in St. Peter's Church on Friday, 10th July, Caversham wound up Mayday Week with the help of Lord Chalfont, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in the last Government, Nigel Fisher, Conservative MP for Surbiton, and Canon John Kingsnorth, who has worked for many years in Africa.

WIDE EXPERIENCE

All of them have had a great deal of experience in connection with the Commonwealth and other parts of the world and were able to give us all the information we needed regarding the problems of feeding the world's population. Details, however, are unimportant besides the plain fact that, as the speakers stressed, two thirds of the world's population do not have enough to eat. If that fact alone cannot move us to action, nothing will.

All three speakers dealt with the problems in a very practical way. Lord Chalfont told us we spent seven times as much on defence as on overseas aid; this ratio was ridiculous and sooner or later the world would have to do something about it. Nigel Fisher, repudiating statements by Enoch Powell on the subject of aid, said that Britain had a special responsibility because while she had enriched herself at the expense of the colonies, she had all too often left them poor and in a bad state of development. And Canon Kingsnorth gave us details of his own personal experience of the appalling poverty in parts of Africa.

WIDENING GAP

Time and again it was stressed that the gap between the rich and the poor nations was getting wider and that, moral issues apart, if something wasn't done to alter this, sooner or later the poor people would take matters into their own hands and the result would be a confrontation of the type none of us could imagine.

The UN, we were told, had set a target of 1 per cent of the national income of all rich nations of the world, to be devoted to aid. Britain, with by no means the worst record, only reached .75 per cent.

LIVELY QUESTIONS

Question time provided further facts and figures and a rather heated debate on where the blame lay. Our two politicians, with a long history of addressing disinterested audiences, were inclined to blame the public; the members of the public present on this occasion were more inclined to blame politicians and parties for not having the courage to set their sights higher and give a lead.

We were told that the speakers were pleased and impressed to find themselves addressing people who were deeply concerned with the problems; we, in turn, were grateful to them for coming to talk to us.

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TOC H AUTUMN CONCERT

The news has just arrived. The annual autumn concert, organised by Peter Shock in connection with the Toc H service to the local community, takes place on Saturday Oct. 31st, at St. Andrew's Hall.

The visitors on this occasion will be the boys of King Edward VI School Choir, Southampton, who will give a concert of choral and instrumental music. The school, dating from 1563 and of royal foundation, has a fine musical tradition. In recent years the choir has made numerous sound broadcasts and television appearances. Abroad they have performed in Denmark, Norway, and West Germany. In 1966 the boys had the honour to sing at a banquet at the House of Commons on the occasion of a visit from the Parliamentary Delegation of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. They have this summer undertaken a major recital tour in Finland. The choir's musical director is Mr. Eric Merriman.

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MAYDAY WEEK ROUND-UP

OVER 1,000 AT FOLK EVENING

The Mayday Week event for Oxfam—the Feed-In Folk Evening in Caversham Court—made a profit of about £150. Besides providing good entertainment it also gave the chance to challenge the audience to think about the hunger of millions for food, justice and love.

Despite the evening of Wednesday, July 8th, being cool and threatened by rain clouds blown across the sky by a steady wind—well over 1,000 people of all ages were present, including Alderman Mrs. Lovett, the Deputy Mayor.

STARS AND LOCAL TALENT

Two local groups started the programme. Then 20 minutes from Humphrey Lyttleton and his Band preceded a period of dramatic poetry and movement by a group of young people from Caversham and girls from Westwood School—produced by Mrs. Joan Debenham. Songs by Suzanne Harris and Canon Douglas Bean were integrated into the themes of Hunger for Food and Justice.

The finalists of the Folk Song Competition sang their songs—and then there was a second 20 minutes session from Humphrey Lyttleton and his Band before another short period of poetry and song on the theme of Hunger for Love.

COLOURFUL SETTING

By now it was getting dark, and the stage was lit up by floodlights and coloured lights in two nearby trees. The Settlers provided the climax of the evening with 45 minutes of songs put across in a most professional way which managed at the same time to be fresh and enthusiastic. Mr. Owen Thomas, Education Officer for Oxfam, introduced the various items, and when opportunity arose said something about the need for developing countries to be on a political and economic level as well as on a personal level. The first rate exhibition on "Poor Justice" placed on one side of the stage backed up the theme of the evening, and a lot of literature on World Development was sold and distributed.

WORK BY VILH FORMERS

Vilh formers from Southlands School worked hard to arrange the refreshments, and assisted by Vilh formers from Queen Anne's School, sold over 1,000 hot dogs.

Caversham Court provided a beautiful setting for the event. The frequent comment "When is the next evening like this going to be?" showed that Mayday Week may have started a tradition in Caversham for similar large scale entertainments involving top rate stars and local talent.

J.Y.C. Humphrey Lyttleton and his Band at the Folk Evening in Caversham Court. Photo: Peter Canham.

Feed My Flock

It was a pity the Mayday film evening held at Highdown School on 7th July was not better attended.

ALAN WHICKER COMMENTARY

Many people will already have seen the excellent Christian Aid Film "The Vicious Spiral" with commentary by Alan Whicker. Giving a new approach to the subject of aid to underdeveloped countries, it stresses the extreme poverty of large areas of the world and contrasts this with the high standard of living in the western world. Despite the comparatively small area of the world suitable for cultivation, it stressed, in a way

that words can never do, just how affluent we in the west really are. It shows a visit to a Caversham supermarket, tracing the shopper's progress round the packed shelves, and finishes with a meal in a Caversham home.

So many people willing to pay lip service to the cause of aid to underdeveloped countries plead poverty themselves as an excuse for doing nothing. This film makes us realise just how lucky we are and leaves us with no grounds for complacency. Shown along with "The Vicious Spiral" it shows a complete contrast in standards of living. As one member of the audience said: "It makes you think." Enquiries about this film should be made to the Borough Youth Officer.

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St. Andrew's Summer Fair

Derek Nimmo attracted one of the largest crowds ever seen at a Summer Fair at St. Andrew's. Before the gates opened there were two queues in Albert Road—one stretching to Harrogate Road and the other to St. Andrew's Road. Immediately after the opening Derek Nimmo signed 238 autographs at a 1/- each and kindly gave the money to the Fair.

ENJOYED BY ALL

After this highly successful beginning, the rest of the afternoon went with a swing. The weather, after a gloomy start early in the day, brightened up and as well as being a financial success, the Fair was also an enjoyable social occasion. One new feature this year was a Barn Dance in the evening. This was held



Photo: F. J. Wallace.

Derek Nimmo addressing the large crowd at the St. Andrew's Summer Fair.

in the Rectory Garden and was no less successful than the rest of the day.

FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Our target of £400 was exceeded by well over £100, and that in spite of an extra £40 expenses as compared with the previous year. Had the Hall and the Car Park been larger with more stalls and sideshows even more money would have been raised. As it was the Fair Committee had spent a lot of time beforehand re-arranging things and

trying to make better use of all available space. In retrospect this was certainly a step in the right direction, even if several more steps now seem to be required.

Thanks are due to the Committee, to those who ran stalls and sideshows, made teas, took the money at the gate, helped with collecting tables or other equipment and clearing up afterwards. And thanks, not least, to all who came to the Fair and gave it their support.

R.P.

At the time of going to press it was not possible to have final figures of the money raised by the Shop and the events of Mayday Week.

The total account available for distribution to Christian Aid, Oxfam and Shelter should be in the region of £1,500. A statement of accounts will be published in the October "Caversham Bridge".

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ST. BARNABAS' NEWS

All other things were overshadowed in July by the tragic accident in which a three-year-old boy, Michael

John Vince, received fatal injuries soon after leaving St. Barnabas Playgroup one Wednesday morning. Playgroup parents extended their sympathy to his family and it is hoped that something may be done to make Grove Road a safer place.

Interest in the work of the Rev. Peter Bugg in Zambia was stimulated when the children of the Sunday Club led a service in Church on July 12th on the theme of life in Zambia which they had especially written.

Help has been offered towards the cost of an irrigation pump and engine for the Mpongwe Farmer Training College where he works. The proceeds of a charity cricket match, to be held at B.B.C. Caversham Park on Saturday, September 5th, when a B.B.C. XI will play an XI drawn from the cricketing fraternity of Reading and the surrounding area, and a Harvest Sale on October 2nd at 8 p.m. in St. Barnabas Hall, will go to this fund.

Gentlemen—start hoarding now for next year's Harvest Sale. The ladies of the Mothers' Union express their thanks to Mrs. Goodworth's family who entertained members at their home in Woodley for the July meeting. The delicious tea and home-made cakes were greatly appreciated.

Church of England Children's Society

The Society has been given permission to hold a Flag Day in Caversham on Saturday, October 3rd, with house to house collections during that week. Miss R. Eves, 6, Wrenfield Drive, or Mr. H. Hitchman, 153, Upper Woodcote Road, would be very grateful to know of any readers who would like to help the work of this society by assisting in this collection.

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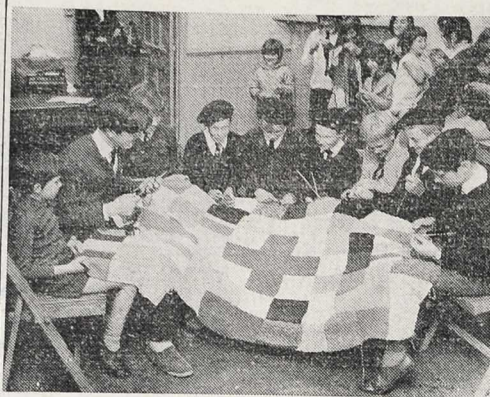
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MENTION THE RED CROSS and most of us think about first aid and prisoners-of-war. Few of us outside the movement realise just how wide are its activities, nationally and internationally. Red Cross members supply books, pictures and cups of tea to hospital wards, they care for the handicapped and take groups on holiday trips or for therapeutic activities such as horse riding, and they keep stocks of 'disaster kits' at bases throughout the country. It was for this reason that this group of Caversham Red Cross cadets learned to knit and produced this lovely blanket. And the time it took? From the idea of teaching the boys to knit till they actually completed the blanket, less than a month. No wonder Janet Hayes, the cadet leader, is so proud of them.

Janet, who lives at 54, Cromwell Road, was practically born into the movement. Her father, impressed with the help he received from the Red Cross as a prisoner-of-war, returned home determined to show his gratitude in a practical way. Now, together with his wife and daughter, he devotes practically all his spare time to the work, often giving up holidays to take parties on holiday.

The British Red Cross celebrates its centenary this year. There is room for everyone in the movement, whether your talents lie in making cups of tea, practising first aid, or simply helping to raise funds or collect supplies. Children from the age of eleven, or even earlier, can join the cadets. The local headquarters is at 48, London Road, but the Hayes family would welcome enquiries from Caversham people. So how about lending a hand?

Caversham Park village House Communion at 2 Blackwater Close will be at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9th and Wednesday, September 23rd.

All are welcome—especially mothers with young children who find it hard to get to church on Sundays.

St. Andrew's News

'The Diary of Anne Frank' is to be Caversham Drama's fourth production for us to see something of the outcome of last year's Fair. All who were present on July 11th returned to Caversham more determined than ever to give this work as much support as we possibly can.

Since last year, membership of this Group has been extended to include all ages from 16 upwards. Rehearsals and other activities are still held on Friday evenings under the leadership of Mrs. J. Debenham, 71, Priest Hill.

VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM

On Saturday, July 11th, a coach party from St. Andrew's attended the opening of Wellclose House in Balsall Heath, Birmingham. This is the second house in the country to be opened by the Wellclose Square Fund—the organisation founded by Fr. Joe Williamson in Stepney in 1962. The money raised at the 1969 Summer Fair was given to this fund and earmarked for this Birmingham house. It was

YOUTH SERVICE

War and Peace was the theme of a Youth Service on Sunday, July 12th. This service was conceived and run by members of Teen Action. A series of songs, with guitars, interspersed with modern poems, a reading from the New Testament and two periods of silence made an impressive act of worship.

The congregation, however, was disappointingly small. This was partly due to the fine weather that afternoon and also to the fact that this was the first Youth Service at St. Andrew's for some time. It is hoped to repeat this particular service later in the year and also to hold further services of this kind in the future.

St. Margaret's News

Some questions before St. Margaret's Church Council.

1. A question of timing. At their last meeting, the Church Council discussed whether 9.15 a.m. is the best time for the main service of the day, or whether it would suit people better if it started somewhat later. Other factors that have to be considered are the effects of changing the time on the monthly family service, and the ability of the clergy to take other services elsewhere. Various arguments were stated for and against a change of time. Before making any decision it was agreed that the congregation should be consulted.

2. A question of which service to hold.

It has been suggested that once a month the main service should be Matins or some other non-sacramental service instead of the Parish Communion to make it easier for the unconfirmed to share in the corporate worship of the Church. But it was by no means clear whether this would appeal to more than it would discourage, it was decided to consult the congregation on this too, bearing in mind that a person in church is worth two who intend to come!

The congregation will be asked about these questions at the Parish Communion services during September.

3. A question of which way to face.

The Council agreed that for a trial period of six months, the altar could be moved forward, and the Eucharist celebrated from "behind" the altar.

The Family Service.

This service which is held at 10 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month has been steadily growing and

developing in character. In July the numbers were so great that there were insufficient books to go round—this has since been remedied. The theme on that occasion was man's part in creation: how God had given man special brains and hands, and the power of speech, the world in an unfinished state like a box of leggo, and had called him to help him create it. Homes and housing was chosen to illustrate this, and the school children and their parents produced an excellent exhibition for the occasion.

Each family had been asked to make a model of a particular type of home, and these ranged from a badger's set to a modern block of flats. The main section of the exhibition illustrated how man had used God's gifts and by experimenting and sharing his discoveries had moved from living in caves to building fine modern houses. Another section illustrated a range of special homes such as igloos, wigwams and caravans, castles and Reading Abbey. A third section illustrated "unfortunate homes"—families crowded into one room, a man asleep in a bus shelter, refugees and shanty town homes. The wretched homes of those who hadn't discovered or been taught how to make better homes, or needed help to do so.

In the service, thought was given to how knowledge is shared, and that God calls men to share their knowledge and to help each other. This could be seen happening in the schools, in May Day week and the projects supported by it in Liverpool, British Honduras and Jordan, and carried out by Shelter, Christian Aid and been steadily growing and

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FLOWER ARRANGING

After being in charge of the flower arrangements for six years Mrs. Dorothy Bowen has felt it right to hand over to a successor. During these years the flowers at St. Peter's have given pleasure to countless people and the whole congregation owes her a big debt of gratitude for the work she has put into this task. This summer she had the great pleasure of liaising with the Thames Valley Flower Club over the arrangements for the flower festival which proved such an outstanding success. Mrs. Louise Cropp, of 39 Blenheim Road, has kindly agreed to succeed Mrs. Bowen. The actual work of

flower arranging is shared by many members of the congregation. Now that cooking is becoming the pursuit of so many men perhaps some will also enter the ranks of flower arrangers, and Mrs. Cropp, would be glad to hear of members of the congregation of either sex who would like once or twice a year to help with the flowers.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SUPPER

Canon Kingsnorth, who spoke at the final Mayday meeting with Lord Chalfont and Mr. Nigel Fisher, returns to Caversham again at Harvest Festival, September 27th, when he will preach at the Parish Communion and Matins—his last Sunday in England before returning to Zambia. There will be a Harvest Supper in Balmore Hall on September 29th.

HARVEST FESTIVALS AT METHODIST CHURCHES

CAVERSHAM METHODIST CHURCH in Gosbrook Road are celebrating their Harvest Festival on Sunday, 20th September, at 11 a.m., with a Family Service conducted by the Reverend H. John H. Stevinson from Mapledurham. At 6.30 p.m. the Reverend Terence R. Harris will lead the evening worship. On the Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. there will be a sale of produce followed by the Annual Harvest Supper.

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH in Highmoor Road will thank God for the Harvest on Sunday, September 27th, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Both these Services will be conducted by the Reverend Terence R. Harris. The Harvest Supper has been planned for Tues-

day, 29th at 8 p.m. This will be the occasion when we shall welcome the newly appointed Superintendent Minister of the Reading Methodist Circuit, the Reverend Doctor Ronald G. Ashman, M.A., and the Chair will be taken by Mr. H. William Turner, the Circuit Steward and Head Master of Hemdean Road Primary School.

VISITATION CAMPAIGN

Gosbrook Road Methodist Church is organising a visitation campaign commencing on Monday, 28th September, for one week. This will be used to introduce the forthcoming special Film Services arranged for the third Sunday of each month at 6.30 p.m. starting in October until March. All are welcome to attend these Services.

NEWLY APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER FOR THE READING METHODIST CIRCUIT

The Reading Methodists have said a fond farewell to the Reverend and Mrs. John Badcock, who retired last month.

There is a welcome meeting for the newly appointed Circuit Superintendent, the Reverend Doctor Ronald G. Ashman, M.A., at "Wesley" Methodist Church, Queen's Road, Reading, on Monday, 7th September, at 7.30 p.m. The Chair will be taken by the Chairman of the Southampton District, the Reverend Donald P. Lee, M.B.E., B.D.

ST. ANDREW'S WEDDING



Two well known and popular members of St. Andrew's Ashley Vincent and Catherine Griffiths, were married on July 10th by the Rev. Roger Packer.

Walton Adams.

The Church — who cares?

A weekend for teenagers and twenties has been arranged for Saturday, 26th September, from 10.30 a.m. until 10 p.m. at Whitley Hall Methodist Church on the theme: "The Church who cares?" A detailed leaflet can be obtained from the Reverend Terence R. Harris (Tel. No. READING 72223). On the Sunday (27th September) at 8 p.m. there will be a Sunday Special lasting for one hour and a quarter. This has been organised by a sub-committee of the Reading Methodist Circuit Youth Council.

CAVERSHAM CHOIRS' VISIT TO WINDSOR

Members of the Anglican & Free Church choirs of Caversham had the privilege and thrill on Saturday, Aug. 1st, of singing Evensong in the ancient chapel of St. George at Windsor beneath the banners of the Knights of the Garter. The invitation came from the Dean because he was impressed by the standard of the singing when he preached in St. Peter's at the Dedication Festival last October.

The service was sung to a setting by R. Vaughan Williams and the anthem chosen

was Sydney Nicholson's version of "Let us with a glad-some mind". The choir was made up of forty-five members of the four Anglican churches of Caversham, together with some members from St. Margaret's, Mapledurham, and the Baptist and Methodist Churches of Caversham.

More than a hundred members of Caversham congregations travelled to Windsor for the service and the large party was privileged after Evensong to be given a talk on the history of St. George's and to see round the chapel before returning home.

ST. JOHN'S SCOUTS

During the last few months St. John's Scouts have been working very closely with the other troops of Caversham.

Some twenty boys from four different groups have taken part in a First Aid course run by Miss Hayes of the British Red Cross in St. John's troop room. This was followed by a cooking competition at Milestone Wood Headquarters.

With Dr. Hey judging, ten pairs of boys from five groups cooked a first-class meal in the open.

In June a weekend camp was held at Malthouse Farm, Beenham, where seventy boys enjoyed a full programme of traditional scouting activity including competitive games, campfire and a Scouts' Own.

A service held in Caversham Free Church on 5th July was attended by Scouts, Cubs and Guides from four groups.

It is hoped that the autumn programme will include a combined act of worship in St. John's Church and a Scout film evening.

Scout leaders are pleased with the progress being made, particularly with the growth of co-operation and joint activity with other groups in the area.

OBERAMMERGAU

The much travelled Mrs. Ella Goodban has just returned from what she describes as the experience of a lifetime — the world-famous Passion Play, performed every ten years in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau.

To stay, if only for two or three days—which is all the visitor is allowed—in a community totally dedicated to this way of re-living the life of Christ is something unparalleled and never to be forgotten. The whole village is involved in some way or other; visitors are accommodated in the homes of the villagers. Mrs. Goodban stayed with a woodcarver's family. She was impressed by the warmth and friendliness of the people and also by the way they care for their village.

Six men were needed to erect the 30ft cross which dominates the village from its position high on a mountain peak—setting the tone for what happens below.

The play itself is something of a marathon for both performers and audience. In fact, it lasts for most of the day, from 8.30 to 11.00 in the morning and from 2.00 to 5.30 in the afternoon. The auditorium seats 5,000, and such is the attention during a performance that you can feel the silence. The Old Testament tableaux providing a commentary on the events of Christ's passion are particularly beautiful.

Presented as the play is in the open air, the players are very much at the mercy of the elements. But when Mrs. Goodban saw it even the weather seemed to change to suit the various moods of the play, which makes you wonder who is the stage manager?

Oberammergau is unique. In fact it is not so much a play as a way of life for all involved. Obviously, comparatively few people are able to share this experience, so get Mrs. Goodban to talk about it: it is the next best thing.

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MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 23rd July, 1970. Mr. W. H. Wheeler, Vice-Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

The Council are still pursuing matters in connection with the future use of the B.4526 in relation to the suggested re-routing of the Chiltern Queen buses onto the B.479 (Reading-Woodcote Road). The Council were advised the Area Surveyor has looked into the possibility of trimming back the soil at the edge of the road, but because of the present foundation this would be unwise. Meanwhile the verges, banks and hedges have been trimmed to improve the road's width. Actual widening of the road will depend upon the availability of finances by the County Council.

It is hoped new road signs will be displayed in parts of the Parish, including a place name sign indicating 'Mapledurham' at the Reading boundary of the B.479.

The Council's attention has

again been drawn to the unsatisfactory condition of Geoffreyson Road and Hill-top Road. Although some work was carried out on the footpaths during the past year, the Council agreed to contact the County Surveyor again requesting him to take some stronger action against Messrs. Gants, bearing in mind that a promise had been made last year that the road conditions would be improved.

The Council have had further correspondence with the County Council regarding Graveney Drive. The Parish Council are anxious to obtain from the County Council an assurance from that Council that when the road is properly made up the installation of street lighting will also be included. The County Council have stated they are not sufficiently aware of the financial position of this development to state if any money will be available for street lighting, even if sufficient can be found to complete the road surfacing.

The Parish Council are to press the County Council for a more detailed reply to its previous enquiries which asked for certain assurances having regard to the unsatisfactory position the householders in this road have been left in due to the inability of the developer to complete the development.

Residents' Association

News of the outcome of the public inquiry into the siting of the Emmer Green shopping precinct will be eagerly awaited by all those who have been following this case. The chief objections to the siting of this projecting prison-like wall were from Reading Corporation, but they were supported amongst others by residents of Emmer Green and members of Caversham Residents' Association. The start of the holiday season does not deter Caversham people when they feel their interests are at stake.

Traffic problems continue to loom large in Caversham life. At our Annual General Meeting Mr. W. H. Tee, the Town Clerk, promised to send along a traffic expert to discuss them at a public meeting. This will now take place on Monday, 14th September, at 8-00 p.m. at Caversham Church House, Gosbrook Road, when Mr. T. Clarke of the Borough Traffic Department will speak about plans for coping with Caversham traffic and will answer your questions.

M. C.

MAPLEDURHAM JUBILEE CLUB

During the summer Mapledurham Jubilee Club for Senior Citizens has had several enjoyable meetings. The children of Mapledurham Church School came to one meeting and gave a short but very energetic gym display. A coach trip with tea at the Swan Inn, Stratley, filled another afternoon in June. Members of the W.I. at Trench Green gave the Club another coach outing and a wonderful tea in Mrs. Skinner's delightful garden at Cane End in July.

Several members have shown great interest in the May Day week shop and made items for the craft stall.

CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON**TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

Most women like jewellery, whether as an investment or for the pleasure of wearing a beautiful gem. This was evident as members at the July meeting listened enthralled to Miss Nora Coop, FGA, Gemologist, when she described how precious stones were formed and in fact grew, in rocks, this process taking many hundreds of years. With the exception of pearls, amber, jet and coral, all began as crystals produced as the result of extreme heat and pressure, each having its own particular pattern. Great skill is required in cutting and polishing to obtain the final beautiful gems so much admired and treasured. A vote of thanks for a most interesting talk was given by Mrs. H. Clark.

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Mrs. Nancy Gould, speaking on the history of Mapledurham House at the July meeting of Caversham Heights Townswomen, told members that Mapledurham Mill had been mentioned in the Domesday Book, the Saxon name meaning "Maple Tree Enclosure". William the Conqueror, whose custom it was to reward his Knights with Manors (meaning a parcel of land and not a house which the name has since come to mean) gave the land round the mill, called Mapledurham Gurney, to

We record...

Baptized. St. Peter's. June 14. Peter Cuthbertson. Gary Hall. June 21. Peggy Reeves. July 5. Andrew Langford. Tara Cross. Aug. 2. Elizabeth McQueen. Joanna Side. St. Andrew's. June 21. Jacqueline Mundy. St. Margaret's. June 7. Richard Barnett. Caversham Methodist Church. July 12. Richard Aston. Caversham Heights Methodist Church. July 5. Lance Warwick. Aug. 2. Andrew Witney. Married. St. Peter's. June 6. Peter Brown—Zlita Turner. John Ellerbeck—Jennifer Besley. Michael Lunn—Christine Bungay. June 20. Philip Sherman—Valerie South. July 11. John Jones—Rosemary Barlow. Menrie Williams—Jane Reading. St. John's. June 27. Stephen Hall—Janet Smith.	St. Andrew's. May 30. Michael Lovejoy—Susan North. June 13. Stewart Buck—Julie Holloway. July 10. Ashley Vincent—Catherine Griffiths. St. Barnabas. June 6. James Taylor—Susan Dare. St. Margaret's. June 6. David Fleming—Jean Willis. June 27. David Jenkins—Patricia Evans. Caversham Methodist Church. July 18. Peter Styles—Janet Scott. Funerals. St. Peter's. May 28. Horace Osborne. June 4. Winifred Davis. July 3. Elsie Gay. July 10. Peggy Lanaghan. July 29. Herbert Durrant. July 30. Hilda Allwright. St. John's. July 31. Elsie Trinder. St. Barnabas. July 15. Michael Vince. St. Margaret's. July 18. Nicholas Thomas.
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ROUND THE CLUBS

MAPLEDURHAM W.I.

The July meeting was held in the garden of Mrs. Robson's house with the President, Mrs. Lacey, in the chair. A bring and buy stall did a good trade, and members entered for the various competitions. Birthday posies were presented, and lots were drawn for the Denman College Scholarship. Arrangements were made for the Jubilee Club Mystery Tour, and tea being given at Mrs. Skinner's invitation.

EMMER GREEN**TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

No one should say that Guilds are not active for during the past few weeks members have been to Norway, to the Garter Ceremony at Windsor Castle, and an outing to Woburn Abbey. The Art and Craft section attended a cookery demonstration at Burchetts Green, the Music Group listened to an evening of Opera and members of the Drama Group paid a visit to the Progress Theatre. At the monthly meeting the Guild heard of the successes and sorrows attached to the work of the Missing Persons Bureau of the Salvation Army from Lt. Col. Clayton Thomas.

William de Warrenne, and Mapledurham Chausey (the land round what is now known as Chazey Court Farm to a Milo de Crispin. It is interesting to note that many of these old names are preserved in the district, and tempting to believe the possibility that The Warren may be connected with the name de Warrenne.

Part of a half-timbered manor built at Mapledurham Gurney 700 years ago still remains and is in constant use, teas and refreshments being served there to the many visitors who come to Mapledurham to see the fine Elizabethan mansion that was later built whose history is so interwoven with that of the Blount family. And what a rich and romantic history Mrs. Gould had to tell! Of priest-holes and passages, and secret signs to show when a forbidden Mass would be held; of an ostrich farm on the land to provide feathers for fine courtiers; of brave soldiers who rode out for the King and of one who was killed at the Battle of Oxford. Fortified for the King, the house was attacked by a

Roundheads, but the attack failed when the petard (an iron half-cone filled with a heavy charge of gunpowder) which the soldiers hooked on the doors to gain entrance blew up in their own faces. A trench was dug to bury the soldiers in an area known to this day as Trench Green, and a very old lady had told Mrs. Gould how, when she was a child, children still sang a song about the Roundheads in the woods as they danced over the soldiers' grave!

Mapledurham is one of the last villages to remain unspoilt and unaltered for 100 years, and the outside appearance of the famous Almshouses built in 1613 is preserved exactly as it was then. The old mill, still with its wooden machinery intact, has fallen into disrepair, but a grant has recently been received to commence restoration work on this. Much loving care has been put into restoring Mapledurham House itself, with its original oak staircase, moulded ceilings and chapel, and the fine collection of pictures dating back to the 16th century, and local residents should surely feel grateful that the present owners are making so much effort to preserve and place on public view so beautiful a part of Britain's heritage.

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Originally the march had been planned to take place during the visit of the South African cricket team to Birmingham and to end outside the Edgbaston cricket ground to hear the pledges to racial harmony. But the march was always intended not to be merely 'against' the South African cricket tour, but 'for' understanding between races.

During the controversy over the South Africans' visit there was a growing body of opinion keen to have the tour cancelled. Once cancelled, the issues quickly fell from the headlines. Birmingham's movement, 'All Faiths for One Race' is determined to keep the wider challenges of a multi-racial society before the public eye.

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BOOK REVIEW

Students away from home



Two booklets, produced during the summer, are valuable reading for this year's crop of new students—and their parents—in the exciting, but anxious, weeks before they launch out on a new life away from home. The two booklets are 'The Experience of Higher Education', produced by the British Council of Churches, and 'Students Away from Home', an excellent well-written, realistic introduction to the world of Higher Education, published by the Marriage Guidance Council.

It is easy to get the impression that the University and College world is a dangerous jungle of drugs and demonstrators, peopled by a weirdly dressed mob of young people totally at odds with their homes and backgrounds. These publications will help to put the world of Higher Education in perspective. Between them they give straight-forward practical information about Universities, Colleges and Polytechnics.

Young people are warned about, and so prepared for, some of the inevitable bewilderment and loneliness which they will experience on arriving in a large, impersonal world where everyone seems to have friends, but them: 'if there are others obviously feeling out of it all like you, why not make the first approaches'.

There is advice about sharing flats, about taking honest decisions and actions in relation to the other sex, about keeping a proper balance between work and other activities, about managing your health, your money, an old car.

Going away from home and its accepted patterns of life and ideas into a new world where patterns are very different and where there is a great variety of ideas and opinions, presents a great opportunity for young people to formulate their own views about morality, religion, politics and other issues. This can create stress between parents and their sons and daughters. Perhaps the most important function which these two booklets fulfil is to prepare people for these strains, to see them in a positive light as the necessary growing pains to adulthood and to encourage the different generations to treat each other with gentleness and sympathy during these years.

These booklets can be a real eye-opener to young people and their parents as, together, they set out on the experience of higher education.

"The Experience of Higher Education"—6d. from British Council of Churches, 10, Eaton Gate, London S.W.1.

"Students Away from Home"—3/6d. from Marriage Guidance Council, 58 Queen Anne St., London, W1M, 0BT.

TOO BUSY?

By Ellsye M. Finnie

"The Master has come and He's calling for you." What! Me? When I'm busy? I've so much to do! There are dishes to wash; potatoes to peel; I'll need to buy groceries before the next meal. I hope that the sitting-room's tidy once more; No dust on the shelves and no crumbs on the floor. I'll take off my apron and straighten my hair; To meet such a Guest you must let me prepare.

And then close beside me I heard His voice say: "My child, I am here, so please let Me stay. "I would like to be with you at work or at ease; "I can talk to you here. Do let me in please. "I know that you're busy; you needn't pretend; "I'm here as your Guest, for you are my friend."

O Master, I'm glad that You came to call me, Although I'm as busy as housewives can be. I don't have much time to be quiet and still, To study Thy Word and to find out Thy Will. But come to my kitchen and stay by my side For under Thy shadow I long to abide. And while I am working please teach me to prove The peace of Thy Presence; the power of Thy Love.

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CAR SENSE

BELTS & BRACES

By Brian Favell

Thirty years ago when I was an apprentice in a large engineering works I had a spell in the electricians' department. There I earned the reputation of being just a mite cautious. The reason was that even though I knew the fuses were pulled out I would put a screwdriver blade across the terminals before working on a circuit just to make sure it was 'dead'. And just once or twice there was a fat blue spark, and a bang at the distribution board as the fuse blew—because someone had pulled out the wrong one!

That degree of caution is not a bad thing when working on cars. You can get some badly damaged fingers through trying to tighten or adjust something near the front end of the engine while it is running, and forgetting about the fan. Long hair or hanging bits of clothing can catch in the fan belt when the engine is running. Many people have been literally scalped in factories through getting hair caught in moving machinery—and one can be throttled by a tie!

But the greatest risk which normally faces someone working on a car is of it falling when it is jacked up and they are working underneath. Most modern cars just do not have enough room for the human body underneath, when they are standing on their wheels. Because of this they must be raised to do even the simplest job, which of course is very nice for garages, but not for the hard-up do-it-yourselfer.

Makeshift means of supporting your car while you work underneath are not worth the risk. Either borrow or buy a pair of properly made ramps, and when the car is up on them don't just rely on the handbrake to keep it there. Put chocks under front and rear of both wheels which are still on the ground.

If you have to take a wheel off (e.g. to work on brakes) you will have to jack up that side of the car instead of using ramps. But don't just rely on the jack—it could slip. For safety's sake put a tripod stand underneath the axle or chassis near the wheel you're working on, then lower the jack until some at least of the weight is on the stand. If you've not got a suitable stand, make a good rigid pile of concrete blocks, bricks or timber, and use it the same way. Then—THIS IS VITAL—put chocks under the other wheels. The handbrake can at best only be effective on one wheel in these circumstances (with my Land Rover it is completely ineffective if one rear wheel is off the ground) and if you are working on your rear brakes you will have to leave it off anyway.

When it's a matter of physical safety, I'm a belt AND braces man. What about you. . . ?



ten tips for tinies' tea-parties

by Diana Dewes

1. Let parents know the time the party begins . . . and ends.
2. Don't ask too many children. For a 3rd birthday party 6 would do (+ their mums, and their baby brothers/sisters). Ask children your daughter/son knows. Not cousins from 30 miles away that she won't recognise.
3. If the guests bring presents, smuggle some away for later. After they arrive, don't wait too long for tea.
4. Put some protection over the carpet in the tea-table area and 'hoover' up as soon as possible. Make the tea-table look pretty; use paper cloths, plates, mugs, serviettes—they are sold in bright colours. Put a name by each place.
5. Make sure there are enough high-chairs and bibs (for smaller babies) and hand wiping equipment for all. See that mums would have enough room to sit by a shy child—and have plenty of adult tea on the side.
6. Orange juice is more popular than milk: let them have several drinking straws per child.
7. Familiar tastes are popular: they never leave any sausages on sticks, crisps, chopped up cheese, cut-up tomatoes, and boiled eggs. "Hundreds and Thousands" sprinkled on bread and butter looks pretty. However many cakes are available, fingers and meringues will go first. Chocolate blancmange turned out of a rabbit mould and surrounded with green jelly for grass is always popular.
8. Remember that the main thing about a birthday cake is its candles. Light the candles when eating is subsiding. Sing "Happy Birthday to You" and let the birthday boy/girl have the first blow. Then light them again for others to have a blow.
9. Small children like paper hats better than crackers. Balloons are always popular—give one to each visitor as they go.
10. Relax.



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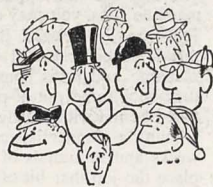
Watch for the Harvest Moon. It's the full moon nearest to the autumn equinox, and if you don't know when that is, well it starts this year at 11-59 a.m. on September 23rd. The harvest moon rises for several nights running at the same time, and so gives an unusually bright series of moonlight nights.

Get hold of a diary and see the pattern of the times the moon rises each night during the other months of the year. Compare and check with the times the harvest moon rises. You could make an interesting chart to show this.

Gather sweet chestnuts and thread them on a string. Then hang the nuts in your garden or from a window frame for the birds.

Spy out spores (fern seeds) on the back of fronds (fern leaves). The spores look like tiny specks of brown dust, and are ready for planting when they drop easily if you touch the fronds.

Cut pieces of the fronds with the spores attached, and place them in pots of seed-sowing compost or fine, moistened, sandy soil. Put small pebbles in the bottom of the pots for drainage, and stand the pots in an inch of water until the spores germinate. Keep in a warm room.



WHO AM I?

Re-arrange the letters in each of the following names to find the occupation of each person.

1. IMA SUNDER
2. ELSA MAWSON
3. MONA SHOFIELD
4. VI ELSTON

(Answers below)

All kinds of Everything

Strange month, September. Summer's gone but autumn hasn't really turned up yet. It's a month of gorgeous colours, lots of things still to do out of doors, lots of things to look out for.

God of bright colours: rainbows, peacocks,
And the shot-silk gleam of springing
Wind-shaken wheat
On rolling red-ribbed Earth . . .
Who in the smouldering forest
Makes the huge
Red flare of Autumn:
God of all the colours
On earth . . .
Unblind me to Thy Glory
That I may see!



They couldn't change it's name

Although September is the ninth month in our year, it was the seventh month in the old Roman Calendar, and got its name from the word SEPTIMUS, Latin for SEVEN, as some of you may know. Several Roman Emperors had a shot at different times at changing the name of the month, but none of the new names lasted long. So the old name SEPTEMBER has survived.

Answers to 'Who Am I?'
Fashion Model; Novelist.
Nursemaid; Saleswoman.



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Paint is expensive:
time is valuable.
Don't throw
both away for want
of a good brush.
Buy a new Harris.



The paint brush with a name to its handle

The Skilled Workers

Man
in the
street

by Ken Hills

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"Hulloh Bill, how's things?"
Silence.

Bill was leaning with one arm slung casually across the top of the great horizontal borer at which he works each day—and has done for years. He had an absorbed expression, his eyes looking but not seeing.

Wait. Quietly.

When a man is looking like that, he is feeling, hearing, sensing and knowing what his machine is telling him about itself, whether he's set up the job right and true. Of course, before that he has used his setting tools, checked to thousandths of an inch with his micrometer—in theory he knows it is O.K. But between him and his machine there is a relationship of something close to mutual respect, a 'feel' for each other which really decides whether the job will run sweetly or not.

It is deceptive to watch unless you've been allowed to enter into some understanding of how a truly experienced and skilled man or woman works. Sometimes you may see him apparently idling around while his machine runs, you may even be tempted to think 'that looks easy'—Beware! In fact, there is a kind of invisible umbilical cord between the operator and his machine and he is constantly alert to its 'feel'. You may spot some out-of-place looking, dirty old bit of wood bound with a dirty oily rag, poked in somewhere—many a planner has come unstuck, with weeks and weeks and thousands of pounds wasted, trying to replace the job that bit of wood is doing, by some new addition to the machine!

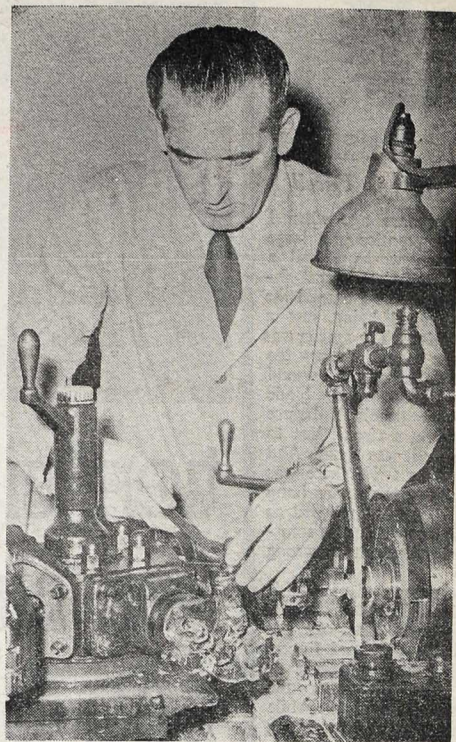
Experience, skill, rhythm, 'feel', all in some rather unassuming chap who lives up your street—yet he's a kind of heir to the red-Indian warrior sniffing danger in the air, the aboriginal laying his cheek against the earth to feel whether this is a good place to camp, the local tracker reading the story of the day's passers-by along some bush path, with a mere glance.

"Of course it's just an electronic moron, it can only do what its told, however fast it does it" is a typical remark by a computer man. Most are at pains to stress their independence from their machine—and its dependence upon them.

Maybe this remoteness, this break with the sympathetic relationship has quite a lot to do with the things which are the result of the speed of the "electronic moron."

Bigness, higher-powered competition, higher material standards, remoteness of managements from other employees, such things are the gift of the computer. Quicker information, bigger deals and wider opportunities for business, all these too.

But one of the biggest social problems for our children's tomorrow will be how to harness, bring under man's control and humanise the huge self-sufficient, demanding and providing organisations



which will have developed a life of their own. As one director put it: "This place has become so big I no longer know the computer whose instructions I obey."

Others put it another way: "Why am I so frustrated?" Why is the morale so low in this place?" "Why are we all so irritable?" It could be that we have sacrificed too much in the march of the great technological advance. Perhaps we've been too awed by its wonders and given too much uncriticised power to its technicians, in return for material things.

Would a movement to achieve "Capitalism with a Human Face" receive the same spine-juddering full-stop as did its twin in Czechoslovakia?

Men used to be as 'real' as Bill—and now there's a computer-tape machine ready to "help" him too!

Should we always do what we can, without counting the losses? "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

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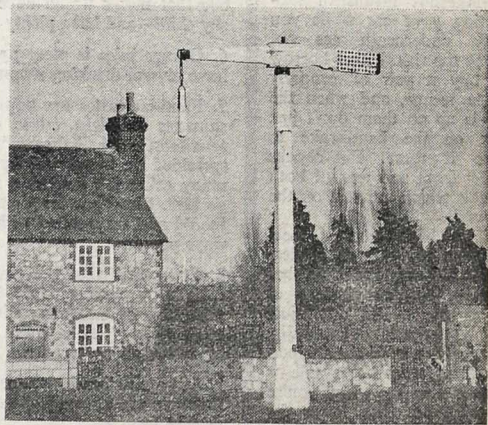
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