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The priest of a South African township

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Chris Brodan calling



QUALITY

— the loser in the status game

The other day I saw a three-piece suite in a shop. It was covered in South American buffalo hide—or something. It cost around £800. It was rather small and not very attractive. You could buy more pleasing, more comfortable furniture in any High Street for around a tenth of the price. Yet most people will still say that that hide suite, the pricey one, was the one they would really like.

Now, no doubt, it graces a rich man's home. And perhaps he'll lose no opportunity to point out his latest luxury purchase to his friends. And perhaps, just casually, he'll mention what it cost him.

Better than you

'That's the sort of money I can afford', he seems to be saying, 'and unless you can match it, that makes me a better man than you.'

This status game is not an uncommon one. The rules are crude. The winner is he who can buy and display most. And the game isn't only played in the league where they buy buffalo hide sofas. The competition's just as tough down at the local, where they buy big rounds with flashing fivers, in the suburban road where status is reckoned by the car we drive.

It's a poor way to measure a man. But then perhaps it's the only way left

when he's become so besotted with acquiring more wealth, more things, that he's lost the art of savouring the more deeply rewarding things in life. Our palate has become coarsened.

Watching the world go by

An art work is valued, in so many peoples minds, by its price rather than its vision and craftsmanship; the gasps at Christies recently when a Velasquez was sold, was for its price rather than its beauty. Books are as much for decoration as for gleaning understanding of human nature through literature. Records are for boosting our collection as much as for giving musical pleasure. Time is too valuable, for getting on, for making our pile, to be 'wasted' in talking and thinking, standing and staring and watching the world go by.

The Quality of a man's life

The Church has often warned of the deceitfulness of riches. Christian men and women, like that early drop out St. Francis, have even renounced all possessions to escape the steely, dehumanising grasp of greed. Obviously everyone cannot do that—but maybe an important Christian witness today is to suggest, by refusing to compete in the status game, that the quality of a man's life cannot be measured by his spending power and that, as Jesus reminded his followers, a man's life does not consist of what he possesses.

NEW CATHOLIC VENTURE IN TEACHER TRAINING

For the majority of the first batch of students to have come to Birmingham's Newman College, the end of the course is now in sight. In the three years since these young people first arrived great progress has been made; now is a good time to take stock.

Situated on about thirty acres of land Newman College is a most pleasant yet convenient spot. The students have within easy reach the academic centre of Birmingham University, the city's theatres, cinemas and concert halls, plenty of open land and country, and even a service station on the motorway for starting their hitchhikes!

'Newman' is notable for being the country's first Catholic college for the training of teachers to be entirely under lay control. The resulting special freedom has brought it fame overseas as well as at home, and this is clearly shown by the numbers and origins of applications for places. Now the establishment is nearly up to strength, there being about

640 students, only a hundred less than the design capacity. The fact of lay control creates an unprecedentedly liberal and thoughtful atmosphere. A common remark amongst the young people, especially by those from convent schools, is that 'theology is not rammed down your throat'. That is most significant when it is realised that all of the Catholics

have to follow a compulsory course in the teaching of religion. A number of visitors notice an unusual atmosphere of friendliness when they enter the College—Christianity is obviously still a way of life for many of the 'inmates'.

Academically too, Newman is building up a record of which it and the Principal Simon Quinlan, may be proud. A great deal of attention is paid to shortage areas like chemistry, mathematics and physics, as well as to modern aspects of teaching such as educational technology and primary science.



A coffee party in one of the 300 study-bedrooms
(John Whybrow photograph).

**CHURCH IN
ACTION!**



THE YOGA BOOM

Musicians claim it improves their playing; ballerinas say it makes them more graceful. Harassed housewives claim it tranquillises them; frenzied businessmen say it teaches them equanimity. All are agreed on these issues: stiff necks and shoulders loosen up and spare rolls of fat disappear, whilst posture and general health improve; placidity and imperturbability take the place of panic and tension.

What is this panacea? It is a very ancient form of exercise known as Hatha Yoga which was evolved in India some 6,000 years ago. Increasing numbers of British men and women are recognising the curative powers of Yoga and are currently attending classes. Weekly they arrive at the Yoga class or Ashram carrying a non-slip mat or rug under their arms and wearing slacks or leotards. For the duration of the lesson they forget everything except the exercises on which they are concentrating. Those who practise Yoga are called Yogis (male) and Yoginis (female). The teacher is a Guru.

Mystic Cult

To the uninitiated, Yoga conjures up a picture of some mystic cult of worshippers whose devotees stand on their heads or sit in the Lotus position chanting 'a um'. Certainly this advanced stage can be reached, but only after years of discipline and practice.

by *B. Harverd*
who writes in
particular about
Hatha Yoga

The purely physical Yoga has no religious aspect, though in its Eastern context it embraces vegetarianism, spiritism and the philosophy of cosmic oneness. Adapted to Western needs, it is a means of relaxing and strengthening mind and body through various exercises.

The postures of 'Asanas' may look difficult, but the approach to them is very gradual and gentle. Given time and practice, even the stiffest limbs will loosen up. The exercises involve a lot of bending and stretching combined with controlled deep breathing or 'pranayama', which supplies the brain with more oxygen. Unlike any other form of exercise, Yoga restores energy instead of leaving one exhausted.

After a two hour Yoga lesson, the students feel light and airy. Peace of mind is a by-product and a general sense of well-being follows.

The word Yoga in Sanskrit means a union of mind and body. The postures teach control over the body, and this may take some years, after which the student can then proceed to meditative Yoga if desired.

The practice of Yoga can be started at any age and indeed Ben-Gurion, Israel's elder statesman, began when he was over 70.

Through it he found his health was much improved. At first his wife Paula worried that he might over-exert himself, but when he lost excess weight and stopped wearing a corset, she was convinced.

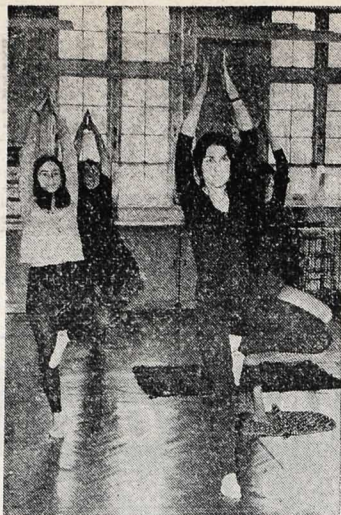
Apart from the weekly lesson, the student should follow this up with daily practice of about 10 minutes, if he wishes to progress steadily.

Students who are serious about Yoga often incline towards vegetarianism, and invariably give up smoking.

Designed

Each posture is given the name of a bird, plant, animal or inanimate object, which relates to the shape of the pose. The various poses are designed to relieve different ailments and physical defects, by massaging internal organs. For example, the Cobra and Locust correct bad posture, whilst the cat stretch is especially beneficial to back-ache sufferers. The Eagle helps varicose veins, whilst the Plough is guaranteed to clear a hangover. Other postures alleviate eye-strain, constipation and sore throats, and others develop the bust-line or induce sleep.

Taking up Yoga also involves meeting new and interesting people in class. The feeling of camaraderie is as close as on the ski slopes, and everyone is genuinely pleased or amused at one another's successful or comic contortions.



RUN-AWAY MARRIAGE

Our sixteen-year-old daughter has run away from home and married a boy of 23 whom we know but do not like. We cannot approve of this marriage—yet we don't want to lose contact with our only girl. How should we handle the situation?

L. P. S., Ipswich.

Young as she is, your daughter has made her choice. She's made her bed as they say, and must lie in it — and your letter doesn't suggest she is unhappy in it. Happiness is the important thing, not your approval. You think she's mistaken, you might be proved right and if you are it could be your privilege and pain as parents to pick up the pieces—without saying 'I told you so'.

I should forget any idea of maintaining contact with 'your girl' without 'the boy' as you call him. Remember he's 23, young, yes; but a man and, incidentally, her husband. In-laws who refuse to accept their children's choice of partner only cause unhappiness between husband and wife—and I'm sure you would not want that for your daughter's marriage. While the marriage seems sound and happy you must accept them as a couple—if you don't you will only succeed in pushing your daughter away from you.

You say your daughter ran away from home in the first place—are you sure you didn't drive her away?

SHOULD ONE TELL ?

My uncle is dying of cancer—his wife has been told, but insists that we keep it from him, though I think he has guessed. Wouldn't it be best for them to share the tragic news and, in his last months, face it together?

E. K., Sutton Coldfield.

It's no good pretending that there's a simple answer to your question because in the end it can only be a matter of opinion. If your uncle is told, a lot of doctors would argue that he would become frightened and give up any kind of fight at all. They say that in spite of 'knowing' most human beings are able to deceive themselves and so avoid having to face the reality of their situation. Certainly it would seem that majority medical opinion is against telling people that they are dying.

OBSTINATE FATHER

My father, aged 70, has recently had a heart-attack and been told by the doctor to "take things easy". He seems quite unable to adjust to a different pattern of life; we have tried to get him to see reason, threatened him, hidden his shoes—all to no avail. What can we do?

J. A. W., London, E.13.

As your father has not heeded advice from the doctor or from you, it seems that the direct approach is doomed to failure. Remember that the people most prone to heart-attacks are likely to be among those least able suddenly to adjust to a life of taking things easy. This means that the very idea of a knife-edge existence can be impossible to face. Try not to make too much of an issue of your father's apparent contrariness. This will help to avoid conflict and stress, which could in themselves increase the danger of another attack. At the same time, if possible, slacken the pace of life generally around your father. In the end, you can only create the sort of atmosphere in which he can himself, if he wishes, adjust to what the doctor has said. And, of course, you can always ask his doctor for further advice.

PERSONAL POSERS



Have you got a problem? Readers are invited to write to "Personal Posers". Our special team of experts at 319, Gazette Buildings, Corporation Street, Birmingham, 4, will do their best to tackle your queries.

On the other hand, some people are a lot better-off if they know what they have to face. Lillian Board said she was glad that she had been told—and certainly the knowledge made it possible for her and her family to face the ordeal together without lies and deception.

Only you know your uncle well enough to say whether he would be helped by being told that he had cancer (and that is not exactly the same as telling him he's dying). Certainly I think that more people would prefer to face this situation openly than doctors are prepared to admit, and those who are convinced Christians would no doubt value the knowledge so that they could make a conscious preparation for death.

Of course it could be that your aunt wouldn't know how to cope with the situation that would be brought about by sharing the knowledge, and that's something that must not be left out of the reckoning.

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"Which Way?", a book edited by Michael Ivens and Clive Bradley, published by Michael Joseph, Copyright 1970, gives us our second set of extracts on

Making Parliament work

T. Dan Smith, son of a Tyneside miner who became Chairman of the Northern Economic Planning Council, goes further with our examination of democracy here and now, begun last month by Esmond Wright and calls for more and more decisions to be made away from London.

Next month—look at "Government and Industry" with Kaleidoscope: part one by Frank Broadway.

T. Dan Smith points to the gaps which are wedging their way into our country's life. Back-bench M.P.'s feel remote from Government. Government departments have to attempt more with less money. Ministers are slaves of their departments, not their masters. "The public become less aware of any grand design of government policies."

The haves still have; the have-nots still haven't. We have come to expect that this will in the end be solved by sheer efficiency.

All this must be changed. "Increasing efficiency is an essential instrument needed to achieve the objectives that society desires to achieve. But society is made up of millions of individuals and the individuals constantly change. There is 'consultation' between the regions and Whitehall, but what is needed is to re-organise central and local government in such a way that we have 'participation' that is sufficiently practical to inspire large numbers of people at every level in enthusiastic pursuit of socially and economically desirable objectives."

Government needs re-organising and this must be in the direction of balancing the planning resources against extending the freedom of the individual.

Everywhere—in trade unions, industry, universities, everywhere—modern life is afflicted by this feeling of being remote from the place where decisions affecting us are made.

In national and local government this could mean that democracy itself could become "the major casualty of the 20th century" because its whole organisation is out-of-date.

"Central Government must increasingly become involved in overall national and international policy though it is important to retain for the ordinary citizen access to his M.P."

"Regional and local government representatives... must ensure that regional policies make sense within the national framework."

This is the situation faced by the 1970's. Economic and social progress must be distributed in a scientific way. This reveals the key problem—the application of planning to regional needs: to help with this, "information must percolate in all directions. The right environment must be created to encourage industrial progress in every field."

Mr. Smith shows how the history of rail and air transport in this country, and also of the chemical industry and telecommunications, illustrate the new needs and opportunities for sensitive government.

We must continue working for the development of a governmental apparatus which will both help and spur on our industrial and commercial expertise as well as creating a healthy and invigorating society in which to live and work.

LOOKING IN ON THE POLITICAL SCENE



MR. SPEAKER, SIR

The retirement of Dr. Horace King and his replacement by Selwyn Lloyd in January has brought the post of Speaker of the House of Commons into unusual limelight. We discovered again that, as Dr. King put it memorably, "The Speakership is a career in itself."

He went on to explain, "It is a gruelling job and a rather frightening one. The Speaker shapes debates. It is he who decides who shall be called to speak. He has to study the M.P.'s all the time and to ensure that debates are well balanced."

Let's hope that these—and not smoke bombs—will be his successor's only hazards.

PROFILE



LORD BEAUMONT
OF WHITLEY

Timothy Wentworth Beaumont is now the professional Head of the party's Organisation. He is a Church of England clergyman, with four years' service in Hong Kong under his lordly belt, but has been up to his eyes in politics since 1962.

He's a wealthy one-time tycoon and yet is a leading Liberal.

Lord Beaumont (he was created a Life Peer in 1967) doesn't see the contradictions.

They add up to a Christian using what he's got through politics.

Forty-two and married with four children, he has since 1962 held leading offices in the Liberal Party and

is now the professional Head of the party's Organisation. His business drive and political know-how has been behind many of the Liberals' attempts to make a forceful impact on British politics in the sixties and early seventies.

Lord Beaumont has always had a lively interest in communication, in getting the message across in modern and realistic terms, whether it has been a Christian message, a political one, or both together. Among the papers and periodicals he has owned was this paper, during its National Christian News days.

THE PLAIN MAN'S GUIDE TO MONEY MEDICINES

We know the word "inflation". We know it spells sickness. But not many know how we catch it or how we cure it.

Inflation occurs whenever there is a general rise in prices. The bug strikes in one of three main ways:

- 1) An increase in the amount of money in circulation comes at a time when there is also a mounting demand for goods and services. People then spend more money for what they want. This pushes prices up.
- 2) Inflation may also arise from a sharp rise in government spending. Taxes and prices go up.
- 3) There may be a shortage of merchandise so that people are prepared to pay any price for what they want.

So we get the disease: prices are up; wages are forced up; money isn't worth the decimals its written in.

What can be done? There are four favourite cures for the disease.

- 1) All increases in wages and prices are frozen by law for a set period. The aim is to break off the spiral in the hope that it won't re-start after the interval.
- 2) The alternative could be the same sort of thing, only voluntary...a freeze

by
WATCHMAN

that Government, unions, management and others stick to without a law to back it up.

- 3) Another prescription for a cure would be to stimulate a fast growth in production. This is best done by a cut in purchase tax which would bring prices down overnight. Demand for goods and services would shoot up, companies could boost production and so spread their overhead costs and at the same time lower selling costs.
- 4) The last hope is deflation. That is, you make it difficult and expensive to borrow money. Higher taxes or controls on hire purchase cut the demand for goods. Companies unable to borrow, will only be able to afford wage increases if they sack some of their workers. Some companies may go bankrupt. Many workers may be unemployed.

These are medicines for the patient. They may be tried on their own, one at a time, or in a mixture. But some cure has to be found. The disease can be fatal.



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A ski-instructor's life is a hard one, reached the hard way. The Swiss rightly keep up a high standard in their ski-schools. Only the best will do. So, when the instructor seems to find ski-ing and demonstrations so simple and to be severe with your inexperienced efforts remember he too had to learn and in a very severe school.

Before he can be accepted for a course, the candidate has to be a first-rate skier. He has to take a week's course of preparation at the beginning of Winter followed by a stiff test, all controlled by the Inter-Ski-ing Association. The test is designed to see if the would-be instructor is suited to his task; actually only about half survive it.

Usually in the following Spring there is a short ten day course—short but exhaustingly intensive—which includes techniques, teaching methods and such side lines as learning about avalanches and ski-ing conditions. Between the two courses he works in a ski-school and eventually gains

his diploma.

Finally, the ski-instructor takes an examination consisting of a rigorous practical ski-ing test, four demonstration lessons, and a viva exam where questions cover every possible aspect of ski-ing. To pass, 132 marks out of a possible 192 are needed.

Add to all this a knowledge of languages, some skill at first-aid, and the temperament to cope with people of all sorts, bumptious, stupid, nervous or embryo Gold Medallists, and you have your Ski-instructor.

THE COST

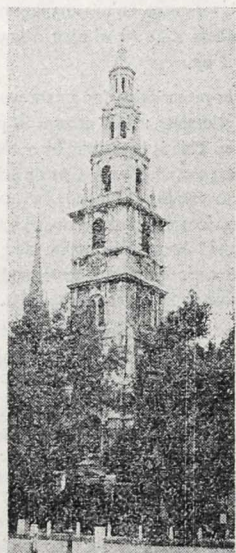
The approximate total cost of training a Swiss Ski-instructor is 800 to 1000 Swiss francs. Whether you think this sum is exorbitant depends on how you view your teacher.

If, one day, you too would like to become a ski-instructor you should get in touch with the Secretary of the Schweizerischer Interverband für Skilauf, Chemin Fontanette 33 1012 Lausanne. As a foreigner you can never hope to receive their Diploma, that is reserved for the Swiss, but you could, if you are good enough and can somehow raise the money, receive a certificate. However proficient you become, though, you will probably never be as good as men or women who have spent all their life on skis in their native country.

Oranges and Lemons

Since March, 1920, each year an orange and a lemon are given to children at a service held in St. Clement Dane's, London, at the end of the month. The nursery rhyme tune "Oranges and Lemons" is played on the bells. They say, centuries ago, children in the area helped to unload cargoes of citrus fruit from ships lying in the Thames near the church. Their payment came in the form of oranges and lemons. Others claim the custom refers to a toll imposed for carrying goods through the churchyard to market. In olden days tenants received an orange and a lemon each year in exchange for 2/6.

Whatever the cause, the custom is a charming one. Today's fruit comes from Cyprus, grown on plantations near the R.A.F. station at Akrotiri and often a mes-



sage from children there is found wrapped round the fruit.

Edyth Harper writes on...

people, places and things



dark blue light blue?

Student activities make headline news these days. Unfortunately violence often seems to be the background to their public appearances but there is one student activity which, though competitive, is peaceful, at least to the onlookers.

One hundred and forty years ago on June 10th at Henley, a few dedicated followers ran along the banks of the Thames cheering on two straining Varsity crews who battled over 2½ miles of riverway.

No one can say the first Boat Race was a dull affair. Oxford were resplendent in dark blue striped jerseys but the sartorial prize undoubtedly went to Cambridge who wore pure white with pink sashes. Oxford, however, won.

The idea of a Varsity Boat Race was slow to develop. It was not until 1837 that the next race was held, this time from Westminster to Putney. And this time Cambridge won. By 1839, the Cambridge oarsmen appeared in a light blue outfit.

The Public join in

By 1843 the Varsity Boat Race was firmly established. More and more of the public turned out to cheer although the majority had never been to any university. Naturally, some years proved more exciting than others. '43 saw Oxford achieve a remarkable victory with only seven men; one member of the crew had been taken ill. Bad weather caused the Cambridge boat to founder in '59. In 1912 both crews sank, while in '25 and '51 Oxford suffered the same fate again.

In '45 and '46 two changes took place in the course. One race was rowed from Putney to Mortlake, followed next year by a race from Mortlake to Putney. These alterations were due to tidal conditions. Henley was the venue again in 1847. 1849 was unique in that two races were held, one in March and another in December. Over the years the course has been stabilised and nowadays the race takes over 4 miles 400 yards from Putney to the Mortlake finish in an average time of 18–20 minutes.

Naturally during both wars, the Boat Race was not held but once peace came, enthusiasm ran as high as ever. Out came the favours, the souvenir-sellers and the cameras. Some chose to watch from Barnes Bridge. Others had a favourite vantage point on the river banks but one and all stoutly stuck to their favourite crew.

Cambridge may claim to have the most famous Old Blue cox but many notable names can be claimed by either side. Clergymen especially seem prominent in the ranks. A Dean, a Prebendary and a Bishop have all rowed for their University.

Oxford have tried out many innovations. 1966 saw the use of a new type of shorter boat. Shovel bladed oars appeared one year and the continental rig amidships proved a winner, with two oarsmen on the same side.

Who will win in 1971 is still in the balance but whichever exhausted crew falls forward on their oars this Spring, they can be sure of one thing. All the training and sacrifices were worth it and for the losers—there's always next year to try again.

A DAY FOR NOAH



March 17th is connected in most people's minds with St. Patrick's day whose saint-day it is. However Noah can claim to be remembered on this day for tradition says it is the anniversary of the day when Noah took his cargo of humans and animals into the Ark.

In the Middle Ages, mystery plays commemorating this were performed on March 17th. In these 'Mrs. Noah' is always shown as a bad-tempered wife who argued incessantly with her husband. She refused to believe his warnings of Day.

the Flood and was only persuaded to enter the Ark when water was flowing round it. Even then Ham, Shem and Japhet had to haul her aboard.

As a result of her delaying tactics, she was very wet and seized this as an excuse to belabour Noah with a rod. This slapstick comedy invariably delighted the audience and stole the scene from Noah. Today he is completely forgotten on 17 March, as people prefer to call it St. Patrick's Day.

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ONCE A RAILWAYMAN

It is always interesting to talk to anyone who has spent a lifetime working on the railways and Dennis Slade, who has just retired after nearly half a century, is no exception.

Better known to the people of St. Andrew's as verger, choirman and server, he has lived for 31 years in his present home in Morecambe Avenue; his wife who left her home in Switzerland as a young girl—the family still retain their links there—has also played a very big part in the life of the local church. Now they have retired, their two daughters are married, both fortunately not living far away, but retiring for them will not mean sitting back. Mr. Slade will continue to take a keen interest in railway affairs for, as he says, he has seen great changes, particularly in the signalling department where he worked as an inspector. And once a railwayman, always a railwayman.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, MARCH, 1971—ON



Walton Adams.

UNHOLY CHURCH

Christians have for long been searching for unity. But the Church as described in the Creed is also Holy Catholic and Apostolic as well as one. What is meant in calling the Church holy?

In day-to-day speech the word Holy is used to describe a good or pious person. But in the Bible it means that a person or thing has been set apart for God and is therefore different. The Bible speaks of the members of the Christian community as holy not because they are necessarily good, but because they are different from non-Christians. The New Testament makes it plain that Christianity is an exclusive religion; early Christians set themselves firmly against pagan and non-Christian beliefs and practices.

The Church has rightly gone into the world but far from remaining exclusive it has become increasingly swallowed up by the world. Instead of being like the leaven in the parable it has lost the power it once had to change the loaf. Often we have preached a watered down version of the Christian faith; most parts of the Church have been so concerned that everyone was a member that the sacrament of Baptism has been administered in a casual way, and we have offered cheap grace. But the Baptism that Paul was baptized with was one that made demands. Too often in endeavouring to be tolerant we have been afraid of saying anything that might cause offence. We have preached a love of neighbour with not too much in it about love of God and have fallen into the trap of becoming merely humanist. Our desire to be popular has meant we have been frightened of being different. We have in fact become indifferent—indifferent to Christ and to the truths of the Gospel. In exalting toleration as a virtue we have shrunk from criticising anyone, and as a result daily found reasons for supporting those who want to whittle down Christian standards of morality. We have thrown out the old disciplines but not replaced them with any new ones. We are rightly concerned with the hungry and homeless but take little interest in the attempt of the great missionary societies to spread the Gospel.

It is obvious that Christians must be prepared to mix freely with society but they must also on occasions to be prepared to stand firm and say No. The current financial crisis puts upon us a special responsibility about how we raise and spend money. We seem to expect the institutional Church to speak out on issues like this but are not prepared to follow the lead in our own lives. The steady erosion of Sunday as a day of worship means Christians must sometimes say "No" to what may seem laudable charitable causes on Sundays. The salt has lost its savour and when that happens our Lord warns us that it is fit only to be thrown away. Instead of being a holy we are an indifferent Church.

I plead then that we become again what we claim to be—a Holy Church, concerned less with popularity and more with living out the Gospel. No longer are we to be, as Matthew Arnold says, "Vague half believers of our casual creeds", indifferent, ineffective, ignorant and irrelevant. Instead we should take seriously the words of the first epistle of Saint Peter: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a HOLY nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his own marvellous light". We must either go out of business or declare the deeds of God. When we do declare them we shall become again an apostolic Church—but we must first of all become again a holy Church—and that will mean that we shall have to refuse to conform to many of the things that at present are part and parcel of our community life.

There is at Eton a public house called "The Crown and Cushion". That title is a parable in words of the unholy Church. When we have thrown away the cushion and replaced the thorns on the Crown we shall be on the way to a recovery of holiness.

John Grimwade

KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

Nor will he be giving up his church work. It is hoped he will continue with it for many years to come; as one of the congregation says, it will be a sorry day for St. Andrew's when Dennis Slade can't tend the boiler with the care he has always shown it. On that day, our informant gloomily predicts, St. Andrew's congregation will melt away. Mrs. Slade is unfortunately no longer able to help with this valuable task, but she continues to keep the home fires burning while Dennis devotes

his attention to the church boiler.

HANGING OUT THE WASHING

His spare time he intends to devote to improvements in the home and to repairing one of his three grandfather clocks. His only complaint about retirement is that he is now free to hang out the washing on a Monday morning, the only task he really dislikes.

Mr. Slade, who was actually born in what came to be known as the crisp factory on the corner of Gosbrook Road and Church Street—his father was a corn merchant—can be truly said to be a Caversham man. And to Caversham through his work with the church, he has given a great deal of devotion. As one of the congregation mused recently, one wonders if Dennis Slade really appreciates his own value to the community.

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SERVICE TO INDUSTRY

From its inception in 1903, under the late Mr. Henry Charles Goodman, the business has had links with local industry; Thornycrofts Ltd., Pulsometer Ltd. (now Sigmund Pulsometer Pumps Ltd.), Huntley and Palmers Ltd., and Sutton's Seeds; the first service offered being mainly in castings and pipework contracts. But work has expanded so rapidly and in so diverse a manner that the firm believes it now offers a unique service particularly in the area bounded by West London, the Bristol Channel, the South Coast and North Buckinghamshire. Residents of Caversham will hardly need to be reminded that the proud slogan of Goodmans is "Service to Industry." This is a large part of the secret of its success. By planning its operations to meet the needs of much larger industries it is able to do jobs that the industrial giants are not geared to. Small parts, for instance, are supplied to big companies like British Leyland, Pressed Steel and Prestcold.

THE GOODMAN BROTHERS

There is no doubt that much of the success of Goodmans lies in the fact that it is still a family-owned enterprise. The three grandsons of Henry Goodman, John, Anthony and Bruce, are the directors, each in charge of a division. Mr. Anthony Goodman, company secretary and responsible for the foundry and administration, is convinced that family businesses have an important part to play in the national economy, not least in the model they can provide in the field of labour relations and management. He believes that the closer the relation between management and worker, the better it will be for the whole of industry. The Goodman brothers certainly know and are known by their employees, which it is believed, encourages a man to identify with his firm. Being a relatively small firm it can also provide a more personal service to the customer.

SPECIALIST CONTRACTORS

The Contracting Division, under Mr. John Goodman, illustrates that "Service to Industry" means what it says. Specialising in large boiler house projects for industrial companies, hospital boards and local authorities, the division is responsible for design, installation and subsequent servicing. Work is extremely varied, and has included part of the modernising of Battle hospital, and more recently, complete air-conditioning for a chain of Tesco supermarkets.

RADIO TELEPHONE

After sales service is an important part of any contract. Goodmans has a network of service engineers covering boiler house plant over the greater part of the south

of England, and is probably the most important firm specialising in this sphere west of London. A network of radio-telephone communications links field engineers in West London, Bristol, Portsmouth and Aylesbury, providing a day and night service to meet any emergency. In effect this is a public utility service including the care of boiler house plant in factories, hospitals and blocks of flats.

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A scene in Goodman's yard.

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One Saturday afternoon in January a convoy of cars left Mapledurham for Reading to pick up nineteen guests to a party in Trench Green Hall. The guests were aged between five and fifteen, and had been recommended by the Reading Children's Department, some were old friends who come each year, others were coming for the first time. Their hosts were some of the ladies of the church, supported by some of their own children.

The great age range and the facts that some of the children for lack of confidence were not prepared to join in, and others found it difficult to concentrate on anything for any length of time, made organising the games difficult. Nevertheless all the children joined in for at least, part of the time, they had a feast of a tea, and a visit from Father Christmas, who brought some gifts of a very high quality. It was good to see them all enjoy themselves so much, especially when one knew Christmas would otherwise have been very flat for them.

The New Service

On January 24th, revised Mattins was used for the first time at St. Margaret's, and in future will be used on the fourth Sunday of each month. It was very well attended, and seemed to be much appreciated by those present.

While it is proposed to keep to the present arrangements for six months, neither the time of the main Sunday Service, nor some of the detailed arrangements of the present form of Mattins are fixed for all time, and comments and suggestions will be appreciated, especially once people have become used to the present arrangements and have given them a fair trial. So that the six months up, all will be able to see what improvements can be made.



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Looking Ahead

Ash Wednesday, February 24th. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 p.m. in Church House, 222 Upper Woodcote Road.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Trench Green Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 4th, 1971.

Children and Good Friday

Last year a number of children kept Good Friday at Church House from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., sharing a picnic lunch and a number of activities with profit and great pleasure. It is intended to repeat this again this year, more details will be given next month; meanwhile keep the time free.

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24th TIMES OF SERVICES OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 7-00 a.m. St. Peter's and St. Andrew's.
- 9-30 a.m. St. Peter's and St. Andrew's.
- 10-00 a.m. St. Barnabas'.
- 10-30 a.m. 1. Mallory Avenue, Caversham Park.
- 7-30 p.m. St. Andrew's and St. Barnabas'.
- 8-00 p.m. St. Peter's and St. John's.

Youth Changes at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Teen Action, begun in 1966 primarily to meet the needs of the newly confirmed of the district is going through a period of evolution, the common lot of most youth clubs as a generation grows up. After a temporary closure the Club is being re-formed on a new basis and a new constitution has been drawn up; the minimum age for membership will be fourteen. It is intended shortly after Easter to establish a separate group which it is hoped will meet on Friday evenings, and membership of this will be drawn from the newly confirmed who are too young to join the Sunday night club.

Summer Fair. St. Andrew's Fair this year will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, and the proceeds will be given to St. Benet's Church of England Children's Society Home in the parish.

WOMEN'S GROUP

In January a coach party was taken to the "Quality Knitters" at Hayes (Middx.), where the party were able to see Crimplene knitted and were also able to buy material afterwards. The many dressmakers among the party were well pleased with their morning visit.

Round The Anglican Parish

Varied business before the Church Council.

Plans for a second Mayday week were presented to the Church Council at their recent meeting when the report of a working party was received. The Council accepted the suggestions made in the report but it was felt that such a week should take place in 1973 and not in 1972. The report has now been sent to the Co-ordinating Committee of Caversham Churches with the proposal that if they are in agreement a meeting of representatives from Caversham schools and organisations should be called in the spring to consider setting up a committee to organise such a week.

Mr. Crowe reported on the growth of work at Caversham Park now that a weekly family service is being held in the primary school. The Council agreed to advance £120 towards the proposed community centre at Caversham Park.

Mr. Flack told the Council that if the parish church bells were not to be silenced in a year or two it would be necessary to find about £1,500 for essential work to be done on them; he said in the opinion of St. Peter's District Committee the bells were not just the responsibility of that district. It was agreed to appoint a working party under the chairmanship of Mr. T. D. Birtwistle and representatives of all districts and of the ringers to report more fully about the urgency of this work and how it could be financed.

The Council gave unanimous approval to a request that a faculty should be obtained seeking permission to erect a memorial brass in memory of Canon Nash, until 1962 rector of the parish.

Mothers' Union Festival. The annual Lady Service will be held this year at St. Barnabas on Thursday, March 25th, at 2-45 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Harold Best, vicar of Dorchester.

CAVERSHAM PARK VILLAGE

Parish Buys Building Bonds

If fund raising continues at its present rate—by the end of 1972 approximately £23,000 will have been raised for the Community Centre Fund. In order to achieve the target of £26,000 a scheme has started whereby people are invited to buy £10 Building Bonds.

If the Resident's Association's funds by the end of 1972 have not reached a minimum of £4,000—the bonds will be repaid, with the virtual abandonment of the Community centre project.

So, the target as far as Building Bonds are concerned is 300 £10 bonds. If people feel this is too much in one payment arrangements have been made to enable them to pay £1 a month for 10 months.

As an act of encouragement to the community in Caversham Park Village the Anglican Parochial Church Council has bought £120 worth of bonds. Let us hope this will help to get the ball rolling, and that the target of £23,000 will soon be reached so that by having a community centre the Village becomes more than just another housing estate.

Church Services during March

11-15 every Sunday morning—Ecumenical Family Half Hour Service at Caversham Park Primary School. Numbers are increasing and newcomers will be sure of a warm welcome.

St. John's News

Pause for Thought

Lent, has always been a time for spiritual stocktaking. It can be used as a period of serious effort directed towards trying to understand afresh the roots and application of the Christian faith. This year as an aid to this process at St. John's there will be a series of quiet hours in church on Tuesday evenings during Lent at 8 p.m. Anybody will be most welcome and will certainly benefit from time spent in prayer and reflection on the Christian life, away from the pressures of work and family. As far as possible try to keep these evenings free.

House Communion

- 8-30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3rd at 2 Backwater Close.
- 10-30 a.m. Wednesday, March 10th at 116 Lowfield Road.
- 10-30 a.m. Wednesday, March 24th at 1 Mallory Avenue.

Bible Study during Lent

If anyone who is not already in contact with any church in Caversham but who would be interested in joining an inter-denominational bible study group during Lent—please contact the Revd. J. Y. Crowe (Tel. 475215).

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CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, MARCH, 1971—THREE

ST. BARNABAS' NEWS

Despite the fact that the Television screen is such a prominent feature in daily life, and that everyone is used to seeing films and pictures of a very high quality, many people still enjoy a film show at home or with a group of people at a meeting. Films and slides have been used at various meetings recently and they have contributed a lot to the people's enjoyment. The ladies of the Coffee Pot were entertained by watching a prize-winning film of life in Ontario at their February meeting. The same sort of film may be seen, no doubt, on TV every week, but this film was different, because it was watched in the company of a group of friends. The gentlemen of the Men's Forum filled the Committee room to capacity for their January meeting when Mr. Bob Curtis gave a talk on Motorway construction, illustrated by slides and photos. This was a most successful evening.

FILM

On Sunday, April 4th, Evening song will be replaced by a showing of the film "Lord of

the Flies" in St. Barnabas Hall at 6-30 p.m. Some may have seen this film at a cinema but on April 4th it will not just be regarded as entertainment. It will be used in an attempt to think about the significance of Good Friday. It will be shown to a group of people who are linked together by their common desire to know God better and so it will be a special event.

AGM

The AGM of the St. Barnabas Mothers' Union was held in January with the Rector in the Chair. Mrs. Bradbury was thanked for her work as enrolling member during the last three years during which time members have spent many valuable afternoons together. The future seems less certain, and the election of a new committee was postponed for another four months to give time for consideration of the matter.

Looking forward to March.

The Church Overseas Group has planned another Musical Evening with stereophonic records on Friday, March 12th, in St. Barnabas Hall at 8 p.m. This will be presented by Mr. Ralph Cambridge and will be in aid of the Rev. Peter Bugg's work in Zambia.

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MAPLEDURHAM MEMORIAL HALL

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The play is set in a cottage in Cornwall where neighbours come from the world of music and literature. The action develops with the arrival in the cottage of a new owner who discovers, under somewhat macabre circumstances, evidence of crimes. An intriguing tale with a dramatic finish.

Taking part in the thriller are Susan Hogg, Ray Lacey, Heather Mumme, Patrick Ross, Gillian Lidbetter, Albert Wake and Roy Heather. Production by Kathleen Lacey. Tickets from Eileen Wake, 126 Kidmore Road, Tel. 472733.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL

(Albert Road)

The re-formed CAVERSHAM DRAMA will be staging "The Heiress", the adaptation of an exciting story by Henry James, on April 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The play, which won fame on television, is the first production by the new group directed by Joan Debenham.

The title role will be played by Jane Sutton and the cast includes Howard Cudy, Heather Mumme, Diane Baker, Margaret Brown and Jim Preston. Tickets will be available from Joan Debenham, 71 Priest Hill, Tel. 473433, and Peter Goodman, the group's secretary, 66 Albert Road, Tel. 474593.

Cinderella

The programme called it a sort of pantomime, but I wondered whether it was an attack on the fallibility of this computer-ridden age, or even a piece of subtle propaganda on behalf of the Decimal Currency Board. But Caversham Park Theatre's home-brewed concoction at the Kenton Theatre, Henley, from January 13th to 16th had all the elements of the traditional pantomime tuned to the present day. The only thing missing was the knock-about slapstick, but perhaps they don't make custard pies any more.

All credit to the writers and composer for giving us something out of the ordinary and yet at the same time sticking to the story beloved of children of all ages—and that includes us old'uns too. My only complaint was that much of the dialogue and lyrics was a bit too long and a bit too clever and unfortunately not put over clearly enough for some of us in the audience to understand.

The production was in the hands of Peter Cockman who also played one of the ugly sisters. The staging of several different scenes and the handling of a large cast on the relatively small stage of the Kenton Theatre inevitably presents problems and not all of these were overcome. There were some occasions when a little more thought could have prevented some of the untidiness and rather long waits between the scenes.

I felt also that more brightness and colour could have been given to the costumes designed and executed under the direction of Connie Edwards. Above all a pantomime needs bright colours and the rather drab colours of most of the costumes tended to spoil the effect. The same could be said of the lighting.

It is impossible to mention everyone in such a large cast and equally large backstage crew but space must be found to say a word

about Madame Spellini and the children. This modern version of the fairy godmother so totally different from fairy godmothers we have known from the past was splendidly played by Muriel Lord and her scene with those mischievous children and Julius Jacoby the court couturier, played by Richard Howard with a wonderful touch of the right sort of comedy, was the highlight of the show. In this and in the ballroom scene later the dancers from the Royal Baloneyan Ballet School—alias the Jenner Dancing Academy—added a touch worthy of any professional production.

Barbara Bentley, who only took over the part of Ella two weeks before the show and was herself struggling against an attack of laryngitis, gave a delightful performance and was ably supported by David Perkins as her Prince Charming. Peter Cockman and Fred Millward were a pair of lovable—hateful, nice—nasty, ugly sisters and their strip-tease act in the best of taste was one of the funniest things I have seen.

Ray Burton as the King, Pip Parry as the Professor whose computer just wouldn't behave, and David Garfoot as Buttons helped things along in just the right way. The prompter too was heard to good effect as were the boys in the band, directed by Barry Maskell who also composed much of the music.

They called it Cinderella Plus or Minus—a little more verve, brightness and colour and a little less uncertainty and untidiness, and this would have been a much better show. But that is how a grown up saw it—the children, I know, thoroughly enjoyed it and after all isn't that what pantomimes are for?

P.S. Was it really necessary to charge 1/6 (7½ new pence) for the programme? SEATH.

BEHIND A SHOP WINDOW

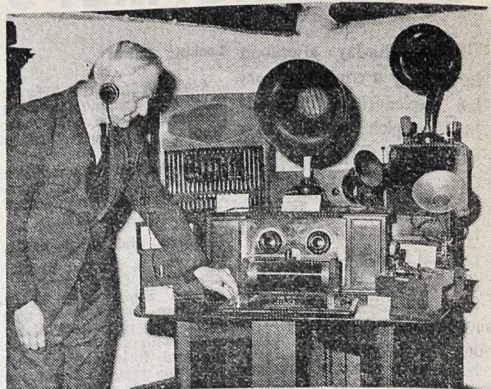


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Mr. Good with some of his early wireless sets.

Considering it is such a very small window, it drew quite a lot of attention in Caversham recently. I refer of course to Mr. Good's exhibition of fifty years of broadcasting in the window of his electricity shop in Church Street. Young people who have no personal memories of 2LO and catwhisker sets were particularly fascinated in the collection which included a replica of the set built by Mr. Good himself long before the British Broadcasting Corporation came into being.

THE BEST OF THE OLD

Mr. Good is no newcomer to these columns, his vintage cars having been reported on some time ago. But a visit to his home behind the shop shows that Bill Good is passionately keen on preserving the best of the old. Pistols, grandfather clocks, brasses and prints adorn the walls and he has some fascinating and beautiful items of furniture. The house itself is probably

about 350 years old and Mr. Good and his wife have stripped it of all the hideous modern facings and exposed oak beams and brickwork. When they were first married they lived in a modern house but it had no appeal for them and in 1940 they moved into their present home. Now their married daughter, who lives in Caversham, is starting her own collection of antiques; it is a hobby that is obviously catching. But this is no mere cashing-in on the current enthusiasm for acquiring antiques for their cash value. Here is a genuine love of old things, particularly those created and tended by craftsmen for hundreds of years.

A GAY SPOT IN CAVERSHAM

We don't always value things of beauty, but there can be few Caversham people who have not come to appreciate the home which Mr. and Mrs. Good have created, a cottage gay with plants and window boxes, lovingly tended by Mrs. Good. It is one of the bright spots of Caversham.

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Round The Clubs

Mapledurham WI

The President, Mrs. Lacey, was in the chair at the January meeting at Trench Green. Birthday posies were presented and after various items had been discussed Miss E. Alderson gave a very interesting talk on South Africa and Rhodesia. Coloured slides were also shown. Mrs. Oldland gave a vote of thanks.

Rose Hill WI

At the January meeting Mrs. Bluring was thanked for the sherry morning held at her home during December. A letter of thanks was received from the NSPPC regarding the gifts sent to them before Christmas. Mrs. Sansum was chosen as delegate to attend the Spring Council meeting. After the business Mrs. Green (President) handed over the meeting to the Members' Committee. Mrs. James, acting as President for the day introduced the speaker Mrs. Howart, who spoke on "When the Prince of Orange rode through Berkshire". The competition "A piece of Victoriana", was won by Mrs. Freeman, runners-up were Mrs. Ellingham and Mrs. Green.

Maplewood WI

At the January meeting Maplewood celebrated its 16th birthday with a party. The President, Mrs. Betty Lewis, welcomed members and visitors from other Institutes, and also the speaker who admirably conducted square dancing. During social time songs were sung by former opera singer Mrs. Barbara Justham who was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Grimwade. The

birthday tea, prepared by the Committee, included a cake made by Mrs. Woolbridge and iced by Mrs. Briggs. Keep Fit classes started once again on February 5th at 10 a.m. and coming events include a concert and a bazaar. Mrs. Criswick recently organized a sale of literature in aid of Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wild Life Trust.

Blagrove WI

At the January meeting the President welcomed Mrs. Hards who gave an amusing account of some of her adventures in cooking for large numbers during rationing at a school and at Pony Club Camps. The competition for six mince pies was won by Mrs. Waite with Mrs. Sholl second and Mrs. Pert third. Mrs. Edwards won the raffle.

THE JUBILEE CLUB, MAPLEDURHAM

During the last few months the Club has had some lively meetings including an open afternoon with a sale of work which raised over £27 for Club funds, a most successful Christmas party at which members were entertained with carols from children at the Mapledurham Church school, a visit to the pantomime at Oxford and a show which included puppets and conjuring.

CAVERSHAM AFTER-NOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the January meeting the speaker was Mr. Bernard Moss and his subject "Wild Life in the Australian Bush" illustrated with a selection of coloured slides. His commentary which was both interesting and amusing indicated a thorough knowledge of his subject. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. E. J. Royal.

MR. DE PASS SPEAKING IN CAVERSHAM

The Caversham Bridge last month featured the work of Mr. De Pass, the Community Relations Officer for the Borough. Readers will be able to hear something about his work direct from him when he speaks at the Toc H. Centre, Caversham Court on Thursday, March 11th at 8 p.m.

CAVERSHAM PEOPLE by Roving Reporter

Many of our readers will remember ANNETTE HILL, who before she went to university, was well known both to members of St. Peter's and Caversham Heights Methodist Church. At present teaching in Germany as part of her studies, Annette has recently become engaged to Edgar Rud-dock, son of the Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Ruddock of Wincanton, Somerset. Her fiance, an ordinand of the Church of England, hopes to go to theological college next year. We would like to send them both our very best wishes.

We are very sorry to report the death of Alfred Angliss of South Street. Despite his ill health, Mr. Angliss was an enthusiastic member of Caversham Residents' Association and regularly attended the local Baptist Church. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

We would also like to extend our sympathy to the family of Mr. Archer who only recently retired as Chief Engineer to the Thames Valley Water Board. A resident of Emmer Green, Mr. Archer was a keen rotarian and a member of the local golf club, and will be very much missed by these organisations and by his former colleagues.

During the recent postal strike, many regrets have been expressed about people losing touch with each other, and we would like to take the opportunity of repeating that there is no need for Caversham residents or ex-residents to lose touch. Through the columns of the 'Bridge' we can, and are anxious to, keep each other informed about the latest happenings in the lives of our friends. It is always a sad thing that so often we do not hear of these until too late.

A note put through the door of 63 Cromwell Road, addressed 'Caversham Bridge', giving the outlines of the story, will always find its way into our columns. Telephone calls unless it is urgent—copy usually has to be in at the beginning of the last week in the month—would be better avoided as our Roving Reporter is on shift work and messages sometimes become garbled. So do keep us informed, won't you?

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"Getting to know you" when members were invited to introduce themselves and speak briefly about how they came to be associated with the Guild provided a pleasant half hour before the meeting was brought to a close.

EMMER GREEN TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The Chairman opened the January meeting by wishing all members a Happy New Year.

Some excellent slides were shown by Mr. Taylor. The subjects for these slides ranged from small children to birds and animals, and some were taken in Africa. The various groups gave an outline of their suggested activities for the coming year.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, MARCH, 1971—FIVE

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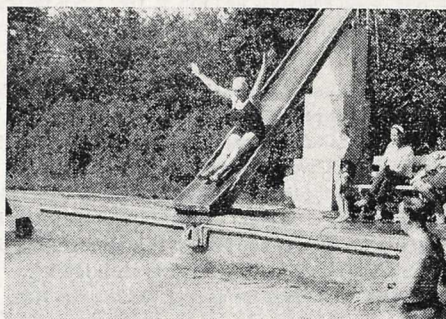
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March Sunday Services

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11-00 a.m. Matins (Holy Communion 3rd Sunday).
12-15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday).
6-30 p.m. Evensong (not 3rd Sunday).

St. John's

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9-15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.
6-30 p.m. Evensong (1st Sunday).

St. Andrew's

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9-15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.
11-15 a.m. Holy Communion.
6-30 p.m. Evensong (not 3rd Sunday).

St. Barnabas

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 (not 3rd Sunday).

St. Margaret's, Mapledurham

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

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10-45 a.m. Morning Service.
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CAVERSHAM METHODIST CHURCH

DECIMALISATION

A talk with slides, tape recordings, and goods from a shop was held at Gosbrook Road Methodist Church on Monday evening January 11th. About 50 people attended this function all learning about and using the new decimal coins. It was a very successful evening everyone going home with decimalisation much clearer in their minds. The lady speaker was Mrs. E. Giggot from the National Grocer's Federation.

FILM SERVICE

On Sunday, January 17th a film service was held and the film shown was 'The Challenge'. This film was set in Scotland and was the story of a Hydro Electric Station being built by a small isolated village and of the Benefits and problems and 'The Challenge' which it brought to the Christian community. Well worth seeing.

The Caversham Methodist Church Women's Fellowship are holding their Anniversary this year on Sunday, March 21st. At 11 a.m. there will be a Cradle Roll service conducted by Rev. T. R. Harris and in the evening the service will be taken by Mrs. Anne Pape with members of the Women's Fellowship taking part.

In connection with this a coffee and holiday slide evening will be held on March 23rd in the schoolroom at Ardler Road, everyone will be welcome.

MAPLEDURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 14th January, 1971. Mr. W. H. Wheeler was elected Chairman of the Council in the place of Mr. E. F. Dawe who has recently left the District. Mr. G. P. Barton was elected Vice-Chairman.

The Council were advised the Oxfordshire C.C. propose to make a regulation so that 'No Waiting at any time' notices would be erected from the lower end of the village road to the newly constructed turning circle. Already cars have been parking around the turning circle, thus causing an obstruction to the other vehicles wishing to turn.

The Council therefore welcomed the County Council's proposal, but have suggested to the County Council that the parking limit should be extended from the turning area up to the Post Office, so that all the householders up to the Post Office shall have freedom of access.

The Parish Council have previously expressed their views on sponsored walks, mainly because many walks are routed through Mapledurham and the Village area. Following one which took place at night recently, the Council sought the views of the Oxfordshire Assn. of Parish Councils. The Council have been informed that in an endeavour to overcome nuisances caused by walks, the Oxfordshire C.C. intends to seek an extension of the country code to cover behaviour of those who might be using public footpaths whilst engaged on sponsored walks.

The Council some months ago asked the County Council to widen the Mapledurham-Goring Heath Road and thus make it a safer road for traffic. However, the Parish Council were informed by the County Surveyor that as funds are not available at the present time to widen the road, direction signs shall be altered to discourage traffic from using part of the road. Traffic will be diverted along the road which runs from the crossroads near New House Farm to connect with the B.479 south of College Wood.

The Parish Council are to precept for the coming financial year for a sum of £1,500.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, MARCH 1971—SEVEN

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE SOCIAL SERVICE SCHEME

On a wet evening in January, Caversham Methodist Hall was packed to capacity for the Annual General Meeting of the Bridge Social Service Scheme.

There was a short financial report—the scheme is apparently financially down on last year but, as the finance secretary said, this merely indicated that more people had been helped. Mrs. Besley, the central organising secretary, then gave her report, in which she reminded us that our aim was to promote good neighbourliness and encourage each of us to help each other in times of sickness, emergency or just to offer friendship.

More help, please

She said that Mrs. Evans was taking over the Lower Caversham area and detailed the kind of requests received by an area manager. She stressed the need for more help, particularly car-drivers—any who were free during the day would be particularly welcome—and for people to visit the sick; a new project now in the pipe-line was to help young mothers just out of hospital after very short in-patient confinements. In calling for more volunteers she pointed out that people who had put their names down and had not been contacted had not been forgotten; the probability was that the area manager knew they would not be available at that particular time.

A success story

If Mrs. Besley and her helpers needed any thanks at all, they must have been amply rewarded to hear Dr. Gatherer, Reading's MOH, in his speech following, refer immediately to the Bridge Scheme as a success story and one in which he was glad to be associated.

There was much happening in the social field at the moment, mainly due to a number of Government and local Government acts. He pointed out that needs were greater than ever at this time, largely because we were more conscious of the needs and anxious to help. People no longer had to put up with certain disabilities, they were living longer, new mothers were being returned quicker to home atmospheres, old people were being encouraged to retain their independence as long as possible. All this created new needs; again there was the problem of seeking out those in need. Dr. Gatherer referred to the work of the Nuffield Research Institute in this area in detecting such cases. But, he said, basically we were dependent on the community itself to hear about such needs. He went on to detail some of them and the ways in which they were being met.

A caring community

But, he said, "We need a community which cares", and that, he felt, we were beginning to achieve in Caversham. "In the totality of care", he reminded us, "we have got to admit that the most important person is not necessarily the professional person but perhaps a relative or friend".

What better reason for strengthening the work already begun by the Bridge Scheme. Are you a volunteer?

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

The "Women's Work" Section of the Methodist Missionary Society are holding their annual meeting at the church on Thursday, 25th March at 2.45 p.m. The speaker is to be Miss Florence Jesse, who was stationed at Calabar in Nigeria, and the chair will be taken by Mrs. Ronald Ashman, wife of the Superintendent Minister of the Reading Circuit. There will be a "Bring and Buy" stall and teas will be served. THE CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS ladies extend a very warm welcome to anyone who would care to join them for this meeting.

Further evidence of missionary enthusiasm was demonstrated at the church on the morning of Sunday, 24th January, when a large number of the Sunday School children who are members of the Juvenile Missionary Association were presented with medals and certificates by their minister, the Rev. T. R. Harris. The children had collected a total of £154 during 1970, and this will be used for missionary work at home and overseas.

BAPTIST TREASURER 'RETIRES'

Recently the Baptist Church bade farewell to its Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Miles, and Mrs. Miles of 80, Balmore Drive who have moved to Lancing. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miles have been members of the Church for very many years and in his younger days Mr. Miles was Group Scoutmaster of the Church Troop. He was ever willing to 'have a go' and his rendering of 'Burlington Bertie', suitably attired in 'topper and tails' in a pre-war Gang Show will long be remembered. To his youthful adherents it was hilarious even if in more mature eyes it lacked professional finesse. He took part in many Scout camps and the volume of his camping gear had to be seen to be believed—if Mr. Miles was going to live in a field he was going to do so in comfort. In those far off days his health left much to be desired but he was undaunted and his great spirit undoubtedly stemmed from his deep Christian conviction.

Mr. Miles did not confine his interests to Scouting, he was active in all aspects of Church life. For many years he was a Sunday School Teacher and was frequently to be found enjoying himself in working parties with other men of the Church. He was a devout adherent to the Weekly Prayer Meeting—an indefatigable delegate to the Baptist Assembly at which he made extensive notes and recordings of the proceedings. He faithfully served the Church as a Deacon for very many years and was latterly its Treasurer, an office which he filled with meticulous care and attention to detail. The list of Mr. Miles' achievements is infinite and he is going to be missed not only for his practical help but for his wise counsel and great Christian example. The 'Caversham Bridge' wishes both Mr. and Mrs. Miles many happy years in their beloved Sussex.

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Since joining Caversham Baptist Church five years ago, the Reverend Lewis has become a very popular figure in these parts. In his time here the various Church organisations, particularly scouts, cubs, and so on, have taken on a new life, and a men's fellowship has been started. And he and his wife have played a major role in seeing these organisations through a difficult patch.

PASTORAL WORK

More important, he has shown tremendous enthusiasm for the ecumenical movement here, an interest which he brought with him from his last church on the outskirts of Birmingham. Among other things he is noted for his care in sick visiting, and not only to members of his own church. Indeed some of his congregation assure us that it is probably for the pastoral side of his work that he will be remembered most.

Mr. Lewis has been a Baptist minister for many years. Starting life on the railway, he felt the call to the ministry early in life and after four years at university he started his ministry in the Midlands, where he worked for many years, years which included a chaplaincy to the RAF and six months exchange with a pulpit in Vermont, USA. It would be impossible to detail all the many things he has achieved and jobs he has tackled; and he has been helped so much by his wife, whom he met in Birmingham and who will be equally missed particularly for her work with the women's organisations. Mrs. Lewis is actually a member of the well-known local Collier family, her grandfather having been at one time Mayor of Reading. Her own family were connected with King's Road Baptist Church, and another member of the family was at one time deacon and treasurer of Caversham Baptist Free Church.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

They will miss Caversham but are looking forward to Shanklin; they tell me that the Island has much to offer in evening classes and they are planning courses in woodwork, art, millinery and so on. In their five years here they have contributed a great deal to the life of the community and when they leave they will take with them the good wishes not only of their own congregation but of the very many other Caversham people who have come to know and appreciate them. W.D.

RANDOM JOTTINGS

From An R. C. Layman

THE BISHOP'S STATEMENT

Early in the New Year the Catholic Bishops issued a statement on certain moral questions of today. Some months previously they had invited the Catholic community to make known to them their opinion as to whether a statement would be useful and on what subjects. Many societies and individuals answered this request, sometimes in considerable detail. The bishops were not asking for a plebiscite to decide on what is right and what is wrong.

The statement which emerged eventually does not profess to cover the whole field of morality, but only some outstanding problems which are evidently uppermost in people's minds. The statement simply reaffirms Catholic teaching on a number of points, to reassure those who might think that in the present time of confusion the Church was wavering in its stand for the law of God.

It is obviously impossible for me to comment on this statement in detail, but readers may find the following extracts of interest.

Race Relations

.... "We should make sure that in our country there are no second-class citizens."

"All have a right to equal treatment before the law, for example in housing, irrespective of colour or race"

"In the modern world the acceptance of the principle of the plural society is a bulwark of liberty"

Social Justice in Industry

.... "It is wrong that reorganisation, automation, mergers and take-overs should be undertaken with a disregard for the persons employed."

.... "It is the duty of the State to safeguard, if necessary by legislation, the position of those whose livelihood is jeopardised, sometimes after long years given to a firm or industry."

.... "Where understanding and patience are lacking on the part of management or labour, there can follow a disastrous succession of strikes which take the heart out of a man by destroying his pride and interest in the work he has to do"

Social Justice Home and Abroad

.... "There is still real poverty in spite of all the social benefits that are provided."

"Nothing should take precedence over this work in any parish—neither social clubs nor religious sodalities. Lazarus lies at the door; we must not ignore him"

Violence: Civil

.... "It is not difficult to condemn the actions of hijackers who put innocent passengers at risk."

"It is similarly clear that abduction and holding hostages to ransom can never be justified."

"It is not possible, however, to issue a blanket condemnation of all who under any circumstances resort to violence."

"Where protests against injustice have been stilled by promises of redress which remain unfulfilled, it is governments who bear the heaviest responsibility for violence which may then break out"

A Happy Death

.... "It is not the part of a Christian to terminate the life of another"

.... "The long agony of pain is very rarely today a true picture with the sedatives available."

"It is legitimate to use these even if it is foreseen that death will thereby be hastened"

.... "Every reasonable measure must be taken to sustain life. But there comes a point at which it may be more merciful to let nature take its course"

Truth and Escapism

"The Christian life must be a constant search for truth, with a readiness to embrace truth, to see things as they really are"

.... "Escapism", the attempt to avoid frustrations inherent in a created, developing world, is no part of the Christian way."

"To use drugs or alcohol simply as means of escape is unworthy of a Christian."

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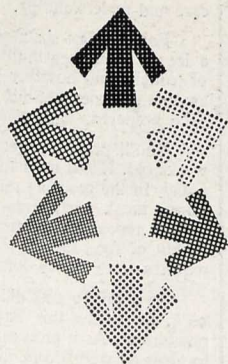
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THE WORLD WITHIN US

A PSYCHIATRIST WRITES ON

The Secret of Communication



Some years ago there was a very clever horse. Apparently it could add, subtract, multiply and divide. If a problem was given to it, it would tap with its hoof until it reached the correct number. Now this occurred at a time when there were many performing animals around, but this was unusual in that its owner was not seeking to make profit out of his animal, and moreover was willing to have the animal investigated by experts.

Giving the cue

The first thing they found was that the horse could only answer questions correctly if it could see the questioner or other people around. If it could see no-one, it could not answer the question. The experimenters therefore turned their attention to the questioner and away from the horse. They then found that as the correct answer approached the person leant forward slightly, and at the correct answer leant back again. Thus, without knowing it, the questioner, absorbed in the apparent cleverness of the animal, was giving cues which the animal picked up, and without which it was no cleverer than any other horse.

The point of recounting this true and interesting tale is to suggest that there are other means of communication than speech. Those who have pet dogs will know how these animals respond to the tone of voice and movement rather than the actual words. The same applies to inter-human communication. We all know the casual "How are you?" greeting, which most often does not wish to know the answer, and is intended simply as a grudging admission of the other's existence. And in return the expected reply is given, "Fine thanks", even if he or she feels like death. Any reply other than this is countered "Sorry to hear it" as the original questioner rushes on. In this sort of brief exchange both individuals are insensitive to the mood or expectation of the other. They have not really communicated. They have not given or looked for the extra cues that make for real exchange, and the same could be said for many, more extensive, 'flat' conversations.

Love one another

By looking for cues it is possible to understand a person much more fully. Jesus Christ must have done this, for people were constantly amazed at his understanding. "Lord, you know all things", said the disciple. This, of course, is only what we would expect, for it is common knowledge that when people love one another they have an understanding between them which is beyond words. But if the Christian is to try to follow the instructions 'Love one another as I have loved you', he in turn will be on the lookout for extra cues in his dealings with people. If he does he will come to know them in a more Christ-like way, and the world will become a less lonely place.

So often people come to the psychiatrist, not because they have no-one to talk to, but because there is no-one to listen. And by listen we should mean not just to the speech, but to the whole person talking.

People I've known

by R. C. R. Adkins

A CONVICT

"I've brought you a box of chocolates, sir."

It took a few seconds for the words to penetrate to me, I had been fast asleep in a deck chair on the lawn but, looking up, I saw Henry bending down over me with a smile on his face and a gaily wrapped box of chocolates in his hand.

I have a very sweet tooth and so am usually delighted to be given chocolates but I didn't feel completely happy when I saw this particular box. You see Henry had spent a great deal of his life in prison, his score at that time was sixteen. He had served sixteen prison sentences, all for stealing. He just could not seem to keep his hands off other people's property.

Henry saw my hesitation. "It's all right, sir, I didn't pinch them."

Temptation

I smiled—and took the chocolates. I was rather touched by this gift. I had been to prison... more than once, myself—to see Henry and, each time, he had promised to go straight, but temptation had been too much for him.

"No more prison," I said.

"No, sir, I've finished with that."

He spoke a little too soon; a few weeks later, I was in court again saying what I could for Henry.

This time he got twelve months. The prison authorities were kind to Henry, he caused them no trouble and always got the maximum remission for good conduct. I think too that they were worried about his deteriorating health. After serving part of his sentence at Exeter Prison he went on to Ford, Sussex, and was there able to get out in the open air.

When he came back and stood once more on my doorstep, I was pleasantly surprised by the colour in his face. But it did not stay there very long, he seemed to get whiter—and thinner—every day.



It took me a long time to get him to see the doctor.

After examining him, the doctor came out to me and shook his head. "He won't last long," he told me, "he has cancer, can you take him to the hospital?"

In hospital I went to see him. He was very weak but he held my hand and whispered, "I've been thinking, sir." He stayed silent for some moments and then murmured, "Up there, I won't be just a number." "No," I said, "God knows us all by name, Henry." He smiled and I said, "Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise."

He died that night.

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Sister Dzintra Ans of Yalata Aboriginal Reserve, with aboriginal mother and child.

Photo by courtesy of the Adelaide Advertiser.



are staffed by dedicated young nursing sisters who owe a great deal to the Service. Sister Dzintra Ans of Yalata (pictured here) is one of them.

But while the Royal Flying Doctor Service is now well-known outside Australia, how many people, I wonder, realise that it came as the direct result of one man's Christian concern? The Rev. John Flynn, a Presbyterian minister working in the Outback, saw the need for emergency medical relief for his isolated flock.

In his mind there grew the concept of aeroplane, radio and doctor—all three linked—to provide a flying doctor service in the Outback. Flynn kept working on the idea, and eventually won support from other interested people. In 1926 he saw his dream come true when the first Flying Doctor base was set up in Queensland.

Unexpected

Well I hardly expected to hear about opals and the Royal Flying Doctor Service when I took my seat in the school hall. Who says that Australia isn't a land of the unexpected?

But I still haven't told you where my friend got her opal since she didn't get it where she expected—at the opal mines. No, precisely enough, it was bought in an Adelaide gift shop, in compensation for having had to take the wrong kind of trip. A trip which, if it didn't teach her much about opals, gave her a big lesson in practical Christian concern.

Letter FROM AUSTRALIA

BY DOROTHY O'NEIL

Opals are always news in life", she concluded. South Australia for this is opal country, but I didn't expect to be shown a prize opal at the school mothers' club. My neighbour, a Young Mum, produced it from her handbag—a beautiful, fire opal made into a butterfly brooch. While we waited for the meeting to start, she told me the story behind her opal brooch.

A few months before, with her husband and family, she set out on a trip up country to the opal fields. They arranged to stay en route at a large cattle station in the bush. Here she was taken riding, but, unfortunately, her horse threw her and she was injured. So there she was, many miles from a doctor or hospital when she urgently needed both.

Radio Contact

What to do? There is only one answer in such a situation—call the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The station manager immediately made radio contact with the Flying Doctor base. They heard that the plane was sixty miles away, on another cattle station, where it was picking up a small boy with a head injury. The message was radioed to the plane, and soon it was on its way to my friend. It was with relief that her family saw the twin-engine plane touch down in a paddock on the station.

Within an hour the patient was in hospital receiving attention. As she told me the story of her misadventure, she was full of praise for the Service and for the team of pilot, doctor and nurse on the plane.

"That sister was marvelous—she certainly saved my

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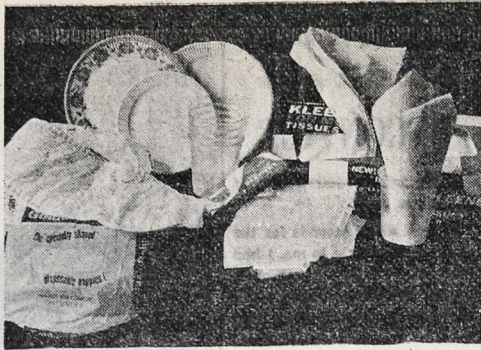
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The Chuck-away Age

Spring fashions will soon be with us again and long before our winter clothes are worn out we'll be discarding them for the Spring fashions of this year. Not that Spring causes the change itself—it's rather that we are now used to change for its own sake. This is the chuck-away age—the age in which we expect to throw perfectly good things away. That is the position for those of us who keep up with "the times".

Which ever fashion of music you follow, new recordings, new artists, new labels even are expected—even the experts cannot foresee what or who will be 'big' in the Summer.

Club owners, commercial enterprises face regular changes of decor and atmosphere as well as constantly changing programmes.

Young mums (and other mums too) even face their very young children wanting fashion wear and fashion involvement.

Magazines are revamped, re-presented, changed beyond all recognition, their popularity coming and going as they are cast aside.

WHERE DO WE GO? If I were one of the prophets of doom in this, I'd want to ask: "Is nothing permanent? Where is this wastefulness and decadence pointing us?"

But I'm not gloomy. I suppose what worries me most is that too many adults are interested in permanence at a time when this is not the basic consideration for young people (or perhaps the majority who live for today).

Too many of our structures and plans for the care of young people are

developed in permanent long term concepts. We build not for this year but for 100 years. Perhaps we are frightened that our dreams, plans and ideas will be disposable. But they ought to be. It would be a tribute to our "youth service" if all that we gave in 1971 were used up and exhausted. It would at least be relevant!

DISCARD VALUE

The tin can, the container, the packet, the wrapper, the disposable nappy, the tissue, or whatever we discard after use, is not valued less because it has been discarded. It has value then it is discarded.

We cannot dismiss the younger generation as facile because it discards many of its wrappers. Its entertainment, dress and leisure time pursuits change but certain values have a high degree of permanence and they often shock adults in their intensity.

Truth for instance! Adult society is often shocked by the directness of young people (they often call it ignorance or inexperience!). They say 'what they thinks'—about war, peace, participation, government and education.

These are matters of permanence: perhaps we could sometimes listen to the arguments. Perhaps the fact that young people have the longest time to serve the world should make us prepared to listen.

If we listened we might discover that it's adults who create and profit by the disposable age. Young people mostly reflect what's on offer. Sometimes they destroy it because they know it's not what they want. Very rarely are they consulted.

time off

Puppies are babies, and as such they need a great deal of time and attention.

This might seem to be so obvious as not to be worth saying, but the fact is that in a country where one in five families are dog owners, puppies are very often treated more like playthings than small living creatures needing care and understanding.

For the first six months of its life a puppy will give a lot of amusement and affection—it will also give a lot of trouble, and however humble its background, a certain amount of expense. So if you're a prospective puppy-buyer—be prepared.

You'll probably get your puppy at round about 8 weeks old. It will need to be fed small amounts four times a day. In the morning milk and cereal, mid-day, meat and puppy meal, early evening the same as mid-day and at night a repeat of the morning milk and cereal. The total weight of food for the day that a puppy up to 12 weeks requires is an ounce for each pound of body weight.

As a puppy gets older it begins to lose its desire for milk, and when this happens the morning feed can be phased out. As it grows the quantities it receives will need to grow as well. From nine months onwards it should be the aim to feed the dog only once a day in the evening. Far too many people overfeed their pets, and what is thought of as a kindness is really cruelty.

Bringing up your puppy



At about four months old all puppies—mongrel or potential Crufts champion—should be inoculated against hard pad and distemper. This will cost about 2 guineas if the inoculation is given at one injection and about 4 guineas if the inoculation is in two stages with a fortnight in between. Most vets recommend the two-jab alternative as being more effective. No puppy should mix with other dogs or walk on the ground in public places until ten days after the final inoculation.

You can celebrate the inoculation by buying a lead—before that a lead is superfluous, not only because you can't take the puppy for a walk because it might pick up an infection, but because a young puppy doesn't need a walk since it gets all the exercise it needs playing.

Don't Scold it!

The biggest problem with a puppy is not what you put into it, but what comes out! The potential owner will need a permanent mopping-up cloth, a sharp eye, and a great deal of patience, before his pet becomes house trained. Always put the puppy outside after meals and after it wakes up. If you don't catch it in time don't scold it—it won't help, and it's never any use bringing a puppy back to the scene of the crime after the event—it won't make any connection between your wrath and the crime.

A puppy—like a baby—cannot control itself and does not know that the things you don't like are wrong. Patience and persistence are much better than a clout with a rolled-up newspaper and a roar of anger. It's not always easy, but it's well-worth it to have a grown-up pet that is well-trained, confident and full of character.



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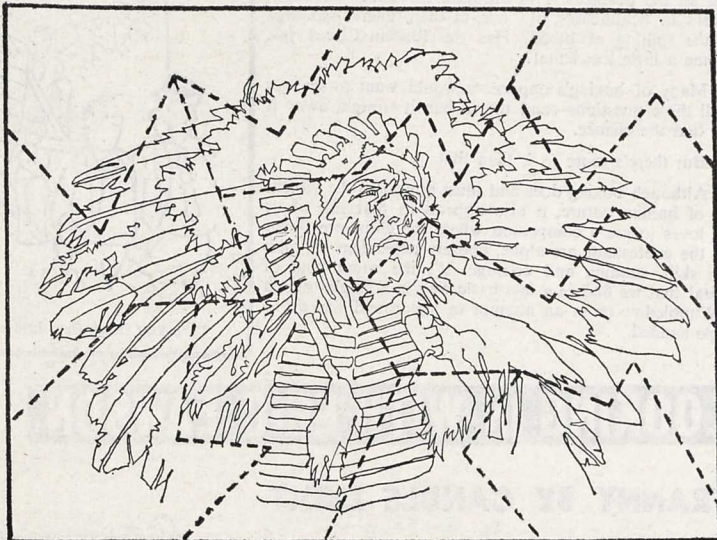
Nobody could call March the politest of months. In fact it can be a very rough and rude month, with its blustery and boisterous winds. It got its name from MARS, the Roman god of war. So obviously the old Romans thought it was a month that liked a bit of the rough stuff. The Anglo Saxons were up to its antics as well. They named it HYLÐ MONATH, meaning storm month.

Watch how it lives up to its reputation this year. Remember the old saying that if March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb, and if it comes in like a lamb it goes out like a lion.

JUNIOR JIGSAW

JUNIOR COMPASS is sometimes accused of leaving younger readers out in the cold. Here's a jigsaw puzzle for them this month. Older readers could make the jigsaw for members of the family who are too young to tackle it for themselves.

Stick this picture on a card and then colour the picture. Cut along the dotted lines, mix up the pieces, and then see how quickly you can put the picture together again.



WAS THIS A MARCH WIND?

A merry wind danced over the hill,
A madcap wind,
He shook the daffodil's golden crown,
And ruffled the clover's creamy gown;
Then off he sped, with a laughing shout,
To blow the hurrying clouds about,
And bustling back to earth again
He blew my head scarf all down the lane;
Then he hid behind a tree,
And pounced on me.
(Elizabeth Gold, alt.)

FOR A STORMY WEEKEND

Those March storms may well blow along one weekend, and you'll be stuck in the house, fed up that you can't get out and about. Why not spend the time making some skittle men? Start now by collecting half a dozen corks and half a dozen one inch nails. Push a nail half way down each of the corks, and over the nail make a round head of plasticine. On the head stick a plasticine nose and a cap, and mark out the eyes and mouth. Glue white paper round each cork as a kind of shirt. Leave the shirt front white, and paint the rest of the white paper with a gay colour. On the white shirt front paint a bow tie and a number—a different number on each skittle, of course. When the skittle men are dry, you can arrange them on the floor and use marbles as skittle balls. Five marbles for each player is a good number. Leave enough space between the skittles for a marble to pass between them. Get your family to join in the game, and remember to aim at the men with the highest numbers!



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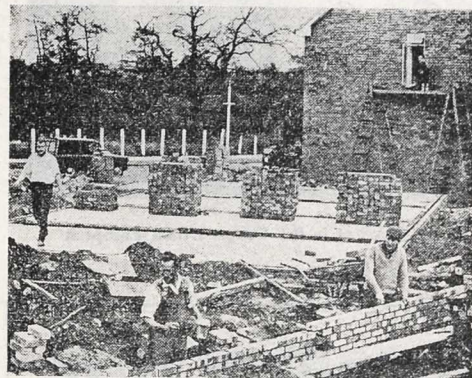
Can you make sense of this sentence?
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(Answers below)

WHEN THE STORM BROKE

Some old stories can do with a new dress occasionally. Here's a new dress that JUNIOR COMPASS has put on an old story.

Bill Bloggs and Joe Scrump each bought a plot of ground on the edge of a new housing estate near a river. Bill and Joe were both do-it-yourself men, and decided to build their own houses. It took Bill Bloggs a long time to build his house. For weeks he sweated away digging a deep foundation. In fact he dug right down to the rock beneath the soil, and then carefully laid his joists and concrete. Joe Scrump's house was nearly up by the time Bill's foundations were laid. 'Speed is my middle name', Joe boasted as he threw his bricks and mortar together on the top soil.

By winter Bill and Joe were living in their homes. Then came the wind, and the storm, and the rain. The river overflowed, and flood water lashed the two houses. Bill Bloggs' house took it all and was none the worse. But poor old Joe Scrump's house! The floors got washed away, the walls caved in, and finally the roof collapsed. The whole place was a wretched shambles.



Do you recognise the story? You can read the original in St. Luke's Gospel, chapter 6, verses 46-49. If possible, read it from the New English Bible.

Answers to puzzles:

way, Poland, Sweden, Turkey.
(2) The countries are: Africa, Brazil, France, Greece, Norway.
but if the grate be full stop putting coal on.
(1) The sentence reads: If the grate be empty put coal on.

The Savages

The sun blazed down fiercely. A band of screaming savages, in grass skirts and war-paint, hauled the weird, bed-like apparatus across the grass and down into the water. On top lay a pretty white girl.

The scene was the River Nidd in Yorkshire and the June 1970 Knaresborough Bed Race was in progress.

The Savages, one of thirty teams entered, were the lads from the Little Elephant pub in town. They heaved their bed up the far bank and headed towards the finishing line. Wildly cheering them home into second place was an excited group of young men and women in wheelchairs. They were patients from the Young Chronic Sick Unit at the nearby hospital. The Savages were their team.

Still panting from their exertions the lads moved across to the line of wheelchairs where they were greeted joyfully by their disabled supporters. One of the Savages was the charge-nurse of the Unit and it was he who had suggested that the team race under the hospital banner.

The lads from the Little Elephant had entered the race for a lark, although the first prize of 10 gallons of beer had undoubtedly provided some incentive. However, they had been deeply affected by their visits to the patients which began after they decided to represent them in this annual event.

The week following the race found the lads sitting in the Little Elephant bored and listless.

"It was good to see the patients looking so happy", mused one of them.

"It's a shame there isn't a bed race for them every week", added another.

"We could start a football team", came the suggestion.

"And take the patients down to the matches", the lads chimed in.

The idea quickly caught on and the Little Elephant Sports and Social Club was formed.

Much has been accomplished in the few months since the bed race. The football team is playing in the local league and has recently chalked up its first vic-

by
Colin
Freeman



tory. One of the patients from the hospital is secretary of the club committee which meets every Tuesday night in the Little Elephant to discuss future plans and ambitions. A modest fund has been accumulated with the help of a weekly raffle. Prizes in the raffle are often articles made by the patients in occupational therapy.

One of the most satisfying items on the agenda of these committee meetings is the distribution of the fund to various local charities and worthy causes. Christmas gifts for the occupants of a nearby children's home is a typical suggestion.

"Who's coming out today?" is the now familiar cry at the hospital each Saturday as the lads from the Little Elephant and their wives arrive to take some of the patients out to a football match, or perhaps into town for afternoon tea. The patients happily reach for their coats and prepare for yet another outing with their new friends.

The lads from the pub didn't win the bed race but they have certainly won the hearts of these young people in wheelchairs.



A moment in the Cooper-Urtain European
Championship fight.

BRUTALITY IN BRAZIL

Dear Chris Brodan,

I would like to congratulate you on the publicity that you have given to the Accusation from Prison smuggled out from the clergy in Brazil.

However, although I realise that its length made some shortening necessary I am worried by some of your omissions, I refer to the two paragraphs which argue that oppression in Brazil is the result of International Capitalist Systems. As the clergy wrote "foreign capital plays an increasing role, building its factories, seizing land, eliminating native competition, enlarging its power to exploit the natural riches of the country." The countries concerned are, of course, the U.S.A. and the wealthy countries of the western world.

It is then precisely at this point that "we" come into the picture. I appreciate that you might be worried about upsetting some of your readers (is that why you cut out the bit about the U.S.A. agents being present at torture sessions?) but I am convinced that, as British Christians, we should understand our own involvement in much of the oppression and misery in countries like Brazil.

In 1968 the Roman Catholic bishops of Latin America met in conference and condemned their own upper classes together with the "large scale capitalists" who prevent necessary change. They said: "It is not enough just to describe the situation, it is our duty to denounce it."

Perhaps a good start would be made if you investigated whether there are British or Anglo-American firms doing nicely out of the misery in Brazil and publishing the results of your investigation.

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THE FASCINATION OF THE FIGHT GAME

Considering no one except Thailand would claim boxing as a national sport—and there the use of feet as well as fists would leave the Marquess of Queensbury in some doubt as to whether or not it was a mainstream development of the noble art—the fight game has an incredibly large following.

This month the near hysteria over the Clay-Frazier world championship can leave no one in doubt that boxing has fans in the four corners of the world. Tickets were sold out before the middle of January. Charter flights will cross the Atlantic to take those who can afford the luxury from this country to the ringside, and for the unlucky millions who are left, television will do its usual job of bridging the gap.

What's the secret of the fight game's fascination?

Is it just that human beings have a primitive urge to see one man belting the living daylight out of another? That all the devotees from dustmen to duchesses, book-makers to beauticians, are one in their uncivilised urge for the spilling of blood? Has the Roman Circus just become a little less lethal?

Many of boxing's opponents would want to say yes to all these questions—and they'd ban it straight away if they had the chance.

But there's more to it than that.

Although boxing does and must appeal to the violent side of human nature, it also appeals to that side of us that loves to see a competition where the chips are down and the contestants are alone, entirely dependent on their own skill, stamina and courage. It's the same kind of appeal that we find in a less basic way in a singles match at Wimbledon or in an attempt to sail round the world single-handed.

If this were not so, every boxer would simply be a violent moron with cauliflower ears.

But boxers are not all morons and many of them are popular men of humour and character. Our own Henry Cooper is as good an example of this as any.

A fighter has to be tough, he has to be aggressive, he has to be prepared to hurt and be hurt—but his love for the sport, and the pleasure of all those that follow it, is perhaps at a deeper and more civilised level than most of its enemies would give credit.

GOOD FOR A LAUGH



"Do you think they know something we don't?"

LOOKING IN WITH ERIC LAWSON

A LIVELY LOOK AT
THE TV SCENE

TRANNY BY CANDLE LIGHT

The pre-Christmas power cuts, now of unhappy memory, and the frequent disruption of TV, brought one sharply to the realisation

that if we will insist upon keeping tabs on wordy events then the Box has become an essential amenity to modern living. One could hardly, in the dim, dark, December days see to read a newspaper and, until the batteries ran down, a tranny by candlelight provided a second-best, though possibly romantic alternative to actually "seeing" the news of the day.

As a public service, like gas, light and water, TV does a commendable job with its news and chat shows. In style and presentation they are virtually analogous to the newspapers.

Bouncy, brash, sometimes superficial, *Nationwide* on BBC-1 and its quick flip through the regions with Michael Barrett turning the pages is comparable to a popular broadsheet, while BBC-2 *Newsdesk* with Peter Woods is most definitely 'quality-press'.

But the viewing figures show that ITV's *News at Ten* is top of a lot of people's telly news pops. The 'straight' presentation of news contrasts sharply with *24 Hours* on the other channel at around the same time of day. Not that the two programmes are directly comparable since the latter—to use media jargon—handles the news 'in depth'.

The BBC's trio of personalities, Dibley, Kennedy and Allsop each doing a week-long stint have so far managed to survive the frequent, and not entirely unjustified, accusations of

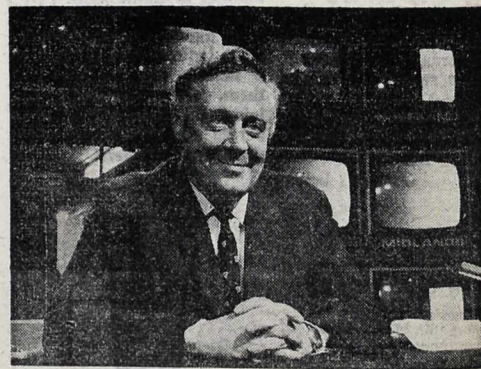
left-wing bias. But, as Alan Whicker says, 'facts are boring, opinions are interesting—even if one doesn't always agree with them.'

We each have our favourite on *24 Hours*. Young Dibley has much of his father's charm and may yet mature into the commentator for the State Occasion, embalming the ceremonial cake in marmorial sugar-icing, as someone put it.

Ludovic Kennedy, more intense and formal in his approach, seems to take the medium a lot more seriously. To be interviewed by him would at times seem to be a little un-nerving—at least that's how it comes

over on the screen.

The polished professional is undoubtedly Kenneth Allsop, unkindly dubbed an 'elderly swinger'. Unkindly, and unjustifiably, since Allsop, like all good journalists, only does his job of showing us what IS, not what we think SHOULD BE. If he is able to move among and report upon the activities of the so-called 'swinging set', then this is an asset our TV sets allow us to share. And as the elected Rector of Edinburgh University, Ken Allsop at fifty has obviously bridged the much decried generation gap. Aren't we told that this is what we should all be trying to do?



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