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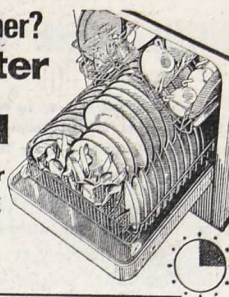
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Chris Brodan
calling

shirt brings affection. It's just that we associate them with the kind of life we'd like to live. It's really the ad. man's world we go for and not the product. We buy cornflakes because we link them up with the happy family life of the T.V. commercial—which is the thing we really value. It's the qualities of life for which we're desperate.

Christian open secret

Qualities that Christianity has had to offer for ever and a day. True security; deep joy; warm-hearted, forgiving love—all this and Heaven too. That's the Christian open secret about us and Jesus.

They are gifts money can't buy. But that doesn't mean they don't cost something. There's nothing cheap here. No cut prices. No reduced rates.

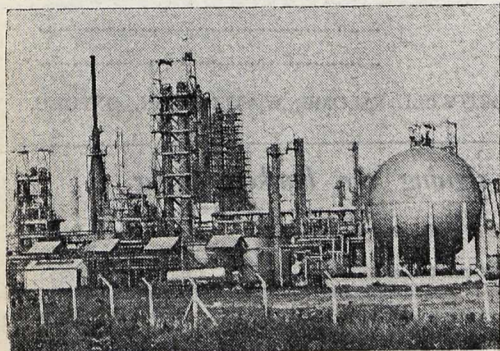
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CHURCH IN ACTION!



The everyday world of Industry

The Tees-side Industrial Mission, concerning itself with the heavy steel, chemical and engineering industry on both sides of the Tees and also in Hartlepool and Darlington was founded in 1959 with the appointment of the first full-time Chaplain. The area of work covered part of both Yorkshire, County Durham and the Anglican Diocese of York and Durham. So for once the Church was ahead of the planning of local authorities! It was not until 1968 that the new borough of Tees-side was formed.

Since 1959 the team has grown in scope and strength. There are now 8 Chaplains

(6 Anglican and 2 Methodist) and there are hopes that a Roman Catholic priest may be appointed soon.

The backing of industry, through a small group of

Tees-side Industrial Mission

managers and trades unionists, is considered at least as important as church backing. No works visiting, the bed rock of the work, takes place without the agreement of both management and unions.

A great deal of the Chaplain's time is given to mounting discussion groups and training sessions for various

sections of industry. Chaplains are regularly involved with apprentices at works training schools and there is one Chaplain who works particularly in technical colleges. At another level the

Mission brings together managers, foremen, shop stewards and men for study groups, so acting as a bridge between different sections of industry.

Change

Industry produces a society, with its own particular problems for the environ-

ment and people who live there. The Industrial Mission sees as an important part of their work the sponsoring of events which help to understand industrial society. A year's course on 'Change' has been accepted in a local technical college and hundreds of people from industry, politics, education and Churches have been taken on tours of the major industrial and community developments of the area.

On Tees-side the Church is trying to work within the everyday world of its industry. Are there lessons here for the whole Church?

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SHOULD ONE TELL?

Following the answer to our Poser in our March edition asking whether or not people should be told that they are dying we publish this letter from a doctor.

Sir,

I am in agreement with the substance of the reply to "Should One Tell?" and for this very reason disagree with the generalisations made about medical opinion on the matter.

When I was a medical student 20 years ago it was true that the "majority of medical opinion was against telling people they are dying". Even then there were those of us who queried the rightness of this attitude.

Nowadays while there are still doctors who maintain this attitude, there are increasing numbers who believe that the patient should be told.

As the reply says there is no simple answer to the question and each individual must be carefully considered (the G.P. is the Doctor usually in the best position to do this). Also the close relatives (e.g. husband) opinion must be respected. In general, I recommend that they tell the patient the situation, or give me permission to do so. Apart from practical considerations (business, financial, etc.) it means that the couple instead of hiding their feelings from each other, can share them and thus be a strength to each other.

Also it is perhaps more use for those who are NOT convinced Christians to have

PERSONAL POSERS



the opportunity of considering their relationship with God. I'm thinking not so much of those who HAVE considered the matter and are convinced atheists, but those who've kept putting it off. By encouraging them to believe that they are getting better, they may continue to put off. Have we the right to allow this? If, as is often the case, the patient suspects he is dying, is it not more fair to be frank with him and thus give him the opportunity to discuss matters with his minister if he so desires?

G.P., Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

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P.O. Box No. 1, London, S.W.1. Giro Number 5563151.

We publish the article "Third World First" in connection with Christian Aid Week. "Personal Posers" will be resumed fully next month. Please write to:—

319, Gazette Buildings,
Corporation Street, Birmingham 4.

THIRD WORLD FIRST

by Tony Whittaker

Despite perennial newspaper reports of student unrest, immorality, and drug-taking, one of the most positive of the new student movements has until recently gone un-noticed. An organisation called Third World First, or 3W1 for short, started in Oxford just over a year ago when five students gave a percentage of their grants to overseas aid, and then went round asking others to do the same. Within three weeks, a thousand people has discussed the problem and signed bankers orders for 1 per cent or more of their grants, in an effort to help. Since then, 3W1 has developed into a national organisation, backed by, and working with overseas aid charities.

It works to promote the cause of the Third World—the poor countries—by spreading information on the causes of poverty and injustice, and to create a climate of understanding and goodwill which will then foster much greater help for the poor, by private giving, direct government aid and also improved trading agreements with these countries.

A Million Pounds?

16,000 people joined 3W1 last year, by signing bankers orders to give £100,000 to overseas aid each year. If this trend continues, then over the next five years, one million pounds will have been raised. 3W1 does not actually handle the money which goes straight from your bank to the charity of your choice. All members receive free an independently financed dossier of background information on the Third World, and the

highly praised magazine "The Internationalist" which is also available from 3W1 at 25p a copy or 85p per year, with special rates to, for example, church bookstalls.

Now Christian Aid Week is here again are you just going to put some silver in the collecting envelope and forget it until next year? Why not sit down and decide how much you could really afford to give spread out over the whole year? Then sign the bankers order on this page made out to Christian Aid? You could also join a local action group for fighting poverty. Though it has not got local groups outside colleges, 3W1 works closely with Action for World Development, which has local groups all over the country, and we can put you in touch with these, as well as groups such as the United Nations Association, Oxfam, Toc H and others. Political lobbying is also needed, to bring poverty, overseas aid and trade to the government's attention. Those who remember the letter-writing campaign during Christian Aid Week in 1969 will recall that though fewer than one thousand letters were sent asking for more overseas aid, this display of public opinion was in fact sufficient to prevent the government from making previously agreed aid cuts.

Against poverty

For Christians, the fight against poverty must surely run alongside the fight for the Gospel. Contact Third World First, Britwell Salome, Watlington, Oxford OX9 5BR for further details.

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LOOKING IN ON THE POLITICAL SCENE



Last month Frank Broadway called for less Government interference in industry. In this extract this summary of an article by Eric Moonman from "Which Way" (Edited by Michael Ivens and Clive Bradley and published by Michael Joseph Ltd) puts the opposing viewpoint.

Government and Industry

Eric Moonman has had experience in the British Institute of Management and in trades unions. He is 42 and until 1966 he was a senior research fellow at the University of Manchester. Since then he has been Labour M.P. for Billericay and Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party's Committee on science and technology.

Eric Moonman bases his call for more Government action in industry on the new modern situation. "Leave alone" was the true-blue line of Victorian times. Now industry is so complicated and powerful that it cannot be left to the men who control or own it.

Government has been changing too. Centuries ago it was a gentle job of collecting taxes and administering finances. When the Industrial Revolution broke, Government couldn't cope—one reason for the hardship imposed on many workers at the time.

Waking up

Since then Government has gradually woken up to the changing situation.

It has had a choice of two approaches to industry:

1. Direct legislation. This was attempted, often weakly, in bringing better factory conditions and restricting the employment of women and children.
2. Indirect legislation. This was shown in measures affecting the way industries were allowed to run.

Moonman explains, "Thus there emerged not only an awareness that government was obliged to protect workers within industry but also should concern itself with the position and behaviour of industry within society."

Other trends

He traces two other trends.

1. The development of the relationship between Government and the Trade Unions. In this Government and employers have been generally linked "because of the identity of interest".
2. "The tendency to professionalism in government itself". "Professional government is involved with

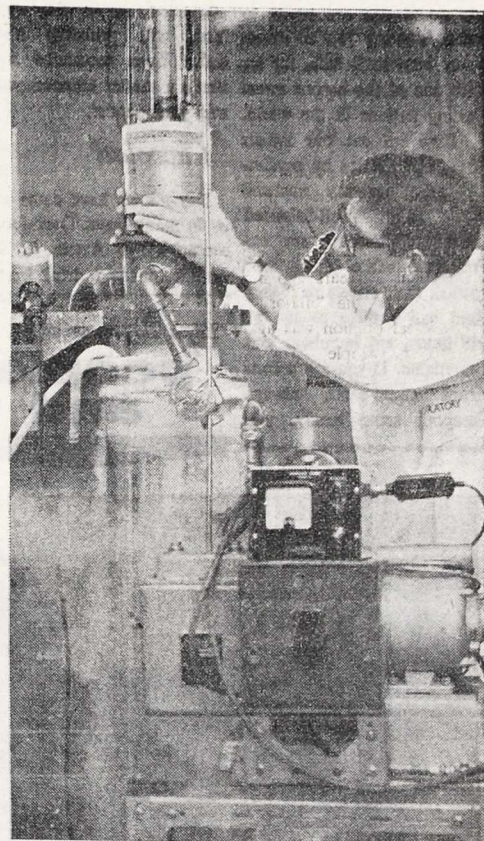
the complex economy at every stage, and yet that economy is largely conditioned by an industrial and commercial system independent of government".

These changes and trends have led to a bigger impact by industry on government decisions. Also the interest of Government in industry, although often confused, has been growing.

Three problems

That interest is faced with three main problems:

1. The whole administrative machinery of the country must be re-organised to fit it to an industrial society.
2. Responsibility for all industrial issues must be kept under one single ministry.
3. Far better communication is needed to bring efficient participation and consultation. This "would entail a system in which those concerned were consulted and then were informed of what representatives were doing on their behalf . . . It is not an area where British Industry could sensibly take a lead?"



The Technology of Modern Industry



THE PLAIN MAN'S GUIDE TO THE WHYS AND WHEREFORES OF STRIKE ACTION

by Tom Chapman

There are various principles behind all strike action: Strike action can take place under four different general circumstances.

1. When a man's livelihood depends upon selling the work of body, skill and brains, his only bargaining power lies in his ability to withdraw that work, and at a time of maximum inconvenience to those who depend on it.
2. Strike is war. When men feel, rightly or wrongly, that negotiations which are continuous are not just, their sole weapon is the withdrawal of their only bargaining power and a state of war exists. The wise man will ensure that the door is not completely closed and that a chink exists for negotiations to be reopened without loss of face.
3. The power of the two bargainers in industry is not equal. Although appearances are to the contrary at the present time the power and initiative lie with the leaders of the enterprise who may give or withhold the means of livelihood.
1. The spontaneous action of a shop-steward in response to conscious or unconscious provocation from the management. Such strikes are nearly always unofficial and usually end within the week or, if common sense prevails, within the first two hours.
2. A strike may be called with 21 days' notice by the executive of the unions concerned. Such a stoppage is rare.
3. Small or large groups of men finding themselves in a strategic position further their own sectional interests by causing a strike. This is by causing a strike. This is blackmail.
4. The contrived political strike, never clearly defined, never traceable to the official cause of the dispute, evil in intent, designed to disrupt. Under this heading can also be included the actions of unscrupulous employers who create a situation for their own purposes.

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£20,000 A YEAR—BUT WOULD YOU BE IN THEIR SHOES?

Heads roll easily in the big state industries. From the time Lord Hall lost his position as head of the Post Office Corporation last year, several men must have been feeling anxiously around their collars and gratefully deciding to make the most of the £16–20,000 a year they had already managed to pocket.



Lord Robens—Ex boss of the Coal Board

Most of the leaders of Britain's publicly owned industries will come to the end of their present terms of office by the end of 1971.

Lord Melchet, chairman of the British Steel Corporation, can look ahead to 1975—as long as he fits in with new plans the Government is lining up for the Steel Industry. If he doesn't, he can start watching the "Situations Vacant" columns.

The Government's aim is to reduce the involvement of the State in the nationalised industries. Parts of them will be hived off to the private sector. This means the highly paid heads of these industries, appointed under a Socialist Government, will be uneasy.

Lord Robens must have been keeping an eye on the £130m. side activities of the Coal Board bringing in over £20m. a year, long before the end of his reign.

Others who may be glad to hang on till their contracts expire at their proper time this year are Sir Norman Elliott of the Electricity Council and Sir Stanley Brown at the Gas Council.

Less urgently threatened now that they have weathered the creation of a parallel private air-line, are the chiefs of BEA (Sir Anthony Milward, £15,000) and BOAC (Sir Charles Hardie, part-time at £8,500).

the slimmers' enemy no.1

One of the hardest things to do if you are trying to slim, is to say 'NO' to sweets—at least in Britain, for we are one of the biggest sweet eating nations in the world.

How we eat our sweets has been studied by psychologists. They say 'suckers' are calm, well-balanced people. 'Chewers' are extroverts, while those who attack their sweets as if they had had nothing to eat for 48 hours, are impulsive and unreliable. If you are a constant sweet-eater, always keeping some handy, you

are suffering from emotional starvation, or so they say. You will probably also suffer from toothache but that's a matter between you and your dentist.

Chocolatl

Our sweets have come to us in many ways. Over four centuries ago Aztecs in S. America made a drink from

the beans of a certain tree, the Theobroma cacao which grew locally and called the result 'chocolatl'.

Columbus was the man who first brought cocoa beans to Europe in 1494. Nearly 200 years later, chocolate houses similar to coffee houses, sprang up all over London. (Today, of the 'Big Four' in the chocolate

industry, Cadbury's, Fry's, Terry's and Rowntree's, only the latter is not a Quaker family).

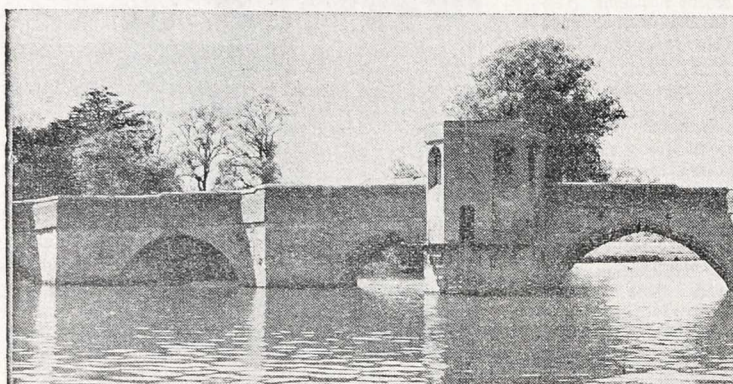
It took the French to make a solid substance from 'chocolatl'. Their efforts, started 300 years ago have given us our bars and boxes of chocolate one of the most popular of all sweets for sweet lovers. We eat 6,000,000 tons of chocolate every year.



Chocolate packing at Cadbury's Bournville factory.

Edyth Harper writes on...

people, places and things



The Chapel on the St. Ives (Hunts) Bridge.

Humbug

The French too, gave us peppermint humbugs. This curious name comes from a French chemist who first made peppermints in that form. He was Monsieur Homberg who lived at the beginning of the 18th century.

It took the English to invent what is a very British form of confectionery—rock. Did you know that the trade name for rock manufacturers is "Dynamite Dicks"?

The story goes that soon after peppermint rock was first made, in 1895 at Morecambe, a gold mining prospector said it looked like sticks of dynamite—and the nickname was born.

Peppermints were used medically, the hottest being known as 'curiously' strong. In those days curiously described anything that was made with great care.

There is a fashion in sweets of course. Candy

floss has replaced bags of sherbert. 'Bull's eyes' are no longer as popular as they were 50 years ago. What child today asks for acid drops?

For every taste

But it is not only the children who like and buy confectionery. At every age and stage of life, a sweet is appreciated—provided it is the sort you like. Fortunately, or unfortunately if you are trying to give up sweets, they come in such infinite variety that there is some kind to suit every taste.

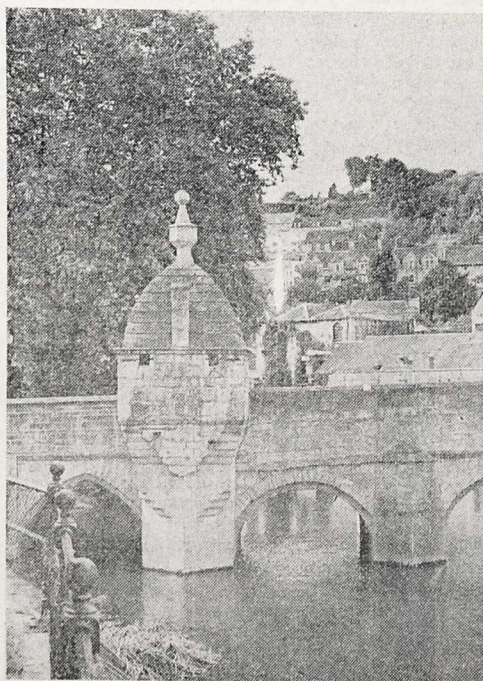
The prices may rise, the dentists and doctors condemn but sweets ride triumphantly over all obstacles, firm favourites of either sex. Only the really strong-willed can say 'NO' to a sweet.

CHAPELS ON A BRIDGE

There are now only four Bridge Chapels left in Britain, at St. Ives (Hants), Bradford-on-Avon (Wilts), and two in Yorkshire at Wakefield and Rotherham.

The six-arched St. Ives bridge was built in 1415, no doubt to solve the traffic problem of those days when pilgrims flocked to the nearby Ramsay Abbey cell of St. Ives, a Persian Bishop whose remains were found, strangely in ground nearby. The two storeyed tiny chapel probably served as a rest-house—and an excellent spot for anglers.

The Bradford-on-Avon chapel, standing on a bridge in ground nearby. The two-storeyed tiny chapel probably a lock-up and a toll-house. A copper weather-vane shaped like a gudgeon fish swings above the quaint domed roof and is the source of the local saying that a man can be "under a fish and over the water".



The Bridge at Bradford-on-Avon.

Sayings in May

May seems to have more sayings attached to it than any other month. The adage "Ne'er cast a clout till May is out" causes controversy. Die-hards say May means the month, others maintain it refers to the Mayflower or Hawthorn. Many of the sayings have a gloomy aspect. "A hot May makes a fat churchyard" might well tie up with premature clout-casting and resultant chills but health can be assured for "he who would live for aye must eat sage in May". "Marry in May and repent away" dates back to Roman times when the month of May was kept as a time for remembering the dead and happy events were banned. Certainly it is a month offering variety. You can join the Furry Dance at Helston, visit the Bath and West Show, go to the opening of the Royal Academy, or the Cup Final.

May has its special days too. Can you remember May 8th, VE day 1945? Empire Day (24th) has lost its importance but Oakapple Day (29th) is still celebrated especially in Derbyshire.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chapman on their rounds.

ALERTING DISTRIBUTORS

The board of management of the Caversham Bridge has invited Mrs. Maisie Smith, wife of the Chairman of Compass Newspapers, to visit Caversham in May. And the board of management are inviting all the 220 distributors who go out all the year round to more than 3,000 homes every month, to meet her so that they can discuss together all aspects of the Caversham Bridge—its contents and distribution and all problems that distributors find themselves up against. And any of our readers who care to attend will be very welcome.

MEETINGS

Mrs. Smith will speak to distributors at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5th, and at 2-30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6th, and distributors will be asked to attend whichever of these meetings they find more convenient. They will both be held in the West Memorial Hall. Before returning to Birmingham Mrs. Smith will meet the members of the Caversham Bridge Board on the evening of May 6th.

Distributors are asked to make a note of these meetings now. The Board hopes for 100 per cent attendance from its large and willing band of men and women who do the important job of distribution every month.

This is Their Life

Many people may not know Mr. and Mrs. Chapman by name, but they have no doubt seen them in one or other of the roads in Caversham Heights busy with their greengrocery van.

Began on a bicycle

During the 1930s Mr. Chapman worked up a large greengrocery round on the Heights in connection with Mr. Pettit, who had a vegetable and fruit shop in Prospect Street. Four people, including Mr. Pettit and Mr. Chapman, cycled on the rounds.

In those early days there were hardly any houses in Matlock Road or Ilkley Road. Mr. Chapman can remember practically all Buxton Avenue being built, and the farm buildings still standing between the telephone kiosk and the junction of Buxton Avenue and Highmoor Road.

Then came romance, and Mr. Chapman married Miss Pettit early one Christmas morning in St. Peter's Church. The day was chosen simply because the shop couldn't be closed on another day even for such an important event.

Van Purchased

In 1936 the shop in Prospect Street was sold, and the Chapmans went to live in Tilehurst, and bought a van for use on the Caversham Heights rounds which they still kept on.

At the beginning of the war Mrs. Chapman died, and in 1942 Mr. Chapman was called up, and served in the R.A.F. He married again in 1945, and was demobbed at the end of that year.

Early in 1946 he and Mrs. Chapman started up the mobile greengrocery business again covering the same area. They have kept it going—fair weather or foul. In

the last 25 years Mr. Chapman has had three days away with lumbago, and a few days off this last January when he slipped on the ice and hurt his shoulder.

Both he and his wife did have to take two weeks' rest after the terrible winter of 1962-63. Climbing over banks of frozen snow at the sides of cleared roads left them exhausted after they had kept it up for over two months.

Apart from those few breaks, a week's holiday a year is all they allow themselves. No wonder so many people admire them!

Long Hours

Altogether they serve over 200 homes and four days a week start out at 8 a.m. Two other days they are replenishing the van and doing the bookwork.

They run two rounds. One—on Tuesdays and Fridays, which takes in the St. Anne's Road—Kidmore Road area. The second round is on Wednesdays and Saturdays and deals with St. Peter's Hill, Woodcote Road and the Albert Road area. Sometimes during the week they don't finish until 9-30 p.m., and on a Saturday it could be 10 p.m. before they are crossing Caversham Bridge on the way home.

"Life is very much the same from day to day", Mrs. Chapman told me. "The only incident that really upset me was the spring flood in 1947 when the water came up to the level of the running boards, and I thought we should not get along Caversham Road."

Mrs. Chapman's final comment was: "We like our work—though sometimes we are pretty tired, but they really are the kindest and nicest people up on the Heights."

M.K.

THIN ON THE GROUND

THE FUTURE OF THE ORDAINED MINISTRY IS A PROBLEM THAT FACES ALL BRANCHES OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

If I write this month about the Anglican situation I do so fully aware that this problem is equally acute for Roman Catholics and Free Churchmen, and I hope that the many non-Anglican readers of the Caversham Bridge may be stimulated to find out the position in their own church and that this may in turn help us to think together about the role of the ordained ministry to-day.

The diocese of Oxford covers the counties of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. On July 1st, 1970, there were 560 parochial clergy in the diocese and their age grouping was as follows.

Under 30 years	26	55—60	103
30—40	94	60—65	99
40—50	99	65—68	40
50—55	56	Over 68	43

A few weeks ago the pensionable age was reduced from 68 to 65. Many clergy carry on after they have reached pensionable age and it is not yet known how many will choose to retire at this younger age; some presumably will. But even if retirement is postponed to 68 as many as 183 will be due to retire in the next ten years.

Two other factors have to be taken into consideration. The number of men being ordained has fallen sharply from around 600 a year until 1965 to about 430 now. This means that we can expect probably only eleven instead of fifteen deacons annually in this diocese. And we have also to realise that the population of the three counties which comprise the diocese of Oxford will increase by 1981 from 1,600,000 to 1,950,000. At present we have one parish priest for every 2,800 people. If we allowed one for every extra 4,000 people we should need 87 more clergy but in fact because of the loss through deaths and retirements we can expect to have at least 50 less by 1981.

Obviously then we shall have to consider what is the right way to deploy the clergy who are available. At present no less than 170 incumbents have pastoral responsibility for less than 1,000 people each. While there will always be a need to retain some small parishes to be served by priests in certain special categories it is difficult to contend that it would be right to employ so many in such a way—170 looking after at the most 170,000 people when by 1981 this would only leave 340 to minister to the remaining 1,800,000.

Perhaps we are being called to consider afresh what is the function of the ordained man, and what is the function of the laity. We could learn a lot from the Greek Orthodox Church where the country ministry is almost entirely carried on by priests in secular employment who baptize, marry and bury, and on Sundays celebrate the Eucharist but who do not normally preach. Certainly the matter of the ordained ministry is one that must be constantly in our prayers for unless there is a sudden large increase in ordination candidates (and there is no evidence at present to suggest that this is the case) the parochial system that has existed for centuries will within the next few years cease to exist in many parts of England. Of the many problems that face this diocese this is the most urgent.

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TALKING POINT

— SCRAPS

by Lyn S. Lewis

Everyone over the age of forty will recall that during the war there was a great Salvage Campaign. Railings from public buildings, old motor car engines were taken to the smelting plants together with old garden forks and spades and other domestic junk. In this connection I remember so well a cartoonist depicting a very patriotic lady surrendering all sorts of useless kitchen utensils among them a well used frying pan. Two nights later amid the joys of dreamland she saw wave after wave of our planes setting out for enemy territory; suddenly, to her great delight, she saw her beloved frying pan complete with the large hole set firmly in the superstructure of one of the planes . . . Scraps.

If you care to visit the West Memorial Hall on Friday afternoon you will find a dozen ladies busily knitting multi-coloured vests, and squares for blankets to be sent to the Mission field. There are odd ounces of every description. For three years we have sent something like a thousand ounces of garments to the Congo. All from scraps. And by the way if you have wool of any description for which you have no use we would be delighted to hear from you. (Mrs. K. V. Shield, 27 Albert Road, is our missionary secretary).

Scraps for the war effort, odd ounces of wool for the cause of The Kingdom. Looking back over a fairly long ministry one regards these illustrations as parables of much of the service one is privileged to render. Year after year one's life is made up of a little service there. The conduct of Worship, a Bible study, a visit to hospital, a wedding, per-

sonal counsel. Each day and each week follows the same pattern and so on into a life time.

But there is for all of us a transcending purpose in all this. There is Someone or Something, some magnetism drawing these pieces together making sense of them, giving shape and meaning to them. This is indeed a simple reading of life a simple philosophy, but it holds within itself, a powerful truth, maintaining, even in most complex circumstances, the same truth.

For instance, one looks out upon the world scene to behold a vast mosaic of the nations, each bearing its own individual name. Russia, France, America, England. . . Each one is placed as it were separate and apart on the enormous table which we call the universe part of an almost incomprehensible jigsaw apparently unrelated and independent of all that is go-

ing on on the rest of 'the table', the result of which is often misunderstanding, even war. Unlike the wool for the Congo, the scrap for munitions, and the transcending purpose for a life-time, nothing seems able to unite the nations. And the heart of the world beats in mistrust and fear. The all-important question, therefore, is—Who can change such a situation? Who is able to draw these scattered pieces into a pattern and give them meaning? Certainly not science, not even education on its own. I believe most sincerely that here the Christian faith makes one of its supreme contributions by saying that nothing or nobody can change the hearts of men and so draw them into unity—except the Holy Spirit. How it happens is beyond my understanding.

I don't know. Nobody knows. The theologian or psychologist who claims to be able to explain this is a quack. The whole process is wrapped in mystery, but it does happen. It is like the wind, a profound divine and lovely mystery. And millions through the ages testify to its recreating, uniting power. This can happen to our generation if we will respond. God is Head over all. God alone through His Spirit can lead us into unity, and understanding.

Obituary

JOHN MAIR

It is with deep regret that we record the death, at the age of fifty-five, of Mr. John Mair, of Hill House, Surley Row. Although his work at the B.B.C. took him to London daily John Mair took a keen interest in local affairs and when the Caversham Residents' Association was formed he became its first chairman, an office he still held at the time of his death. He was also a distributor of this paper and his wife is a member of the Editorial Board. John Mair had held many posts in the B.B.C. and latterly was Chief Assistant to the Director of Television Programmes. He sang in the choir of St. Barnabas Church and his funeral service was held there on March 22nd, followed by burial at sea.

To his widow and three sons all readers of the Caversham Bridge will wish to extend their sympathy. May he rest in peace.



Fred Walker.

Boys' Club Activities at Toc 'H' Centre

The West Caversham Boys' Club enjoyed another successful winter season of activities. On Friday evenings at the Toc 'H' Centre it has been the usual hive of joyful recreation. The annual Games Tournament began in the New Year and ended on March 19th, the successful competitors being presented with their prizes on the finals' night. Soccer is still the favourite outdoor sport, and the season's results have been most gratifying. Club week-ends at the Boys' Village, St. Athan, have continued, the boys finding the amenities there most congenial. A number

of members participated in the old folks' Christmas pudding distribution, and several have undertaken the job of tidying up gardens for the less able.

Peter Shock and Ken Hyslop are Leader and Deputy-leader respectively of both the outer parts of the Caversham district, a new offshoot of the club has been formed and is now operating successfully on alternate Tuesday evenings under the name of Lowfield Boys' Club. A photograph appears of the new group taken just after the formation in January.

Membership in each organisation is at full strength, but it may be possible to accept new applicants when the autumn session starts in September.

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CARING FOR CHILDREN

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, MAY, 1971—THREE

Who in Caversham has not seen young groups of happy youngsters being taken around by young students from the Chiltern Nursery Training College? Don't be misled by what means sometimes a certain informality in their dress, for whatever they wear—and when the job demands it these students are extremely smartly uniformed—these girls are being trained to be efficient and knowledgeable in the care of children.

But, what is much more important, most of these students have a great deal of love for the children they care for and are utterly devoted to their job, a job which can be very demanding. Miss Gardner, the Principal of the College, pays great tribute to the work done by her students, most of whom arrive here at the age of 18 and take a two-year course culminating in the examination set by the National Nursery Examination Board. After this they can either go on to take further qualifications or take up jobs in children's hospitals, nurseries, residential homes or with private families. Miss Gardner says it is surprising how very many of them choose to care for handicapped children.

Those they care for

Many of those who are being cared for by the students are youngsters who, for some reason or another, cannot be cared for by their own families. But once again one is struck by the fact that to refer to them as deprived children would be most misleading. For here they receive care, love and opportunities which, with the best will in the world, many parents cannot provide. Those who are under school age attend the college nursery school which also caters for many local children. And local mothers whose children attend this school will have no need to be told of the very excellent opportunities

their children have. In particular there has been a great deal of effort made to introduce the children to the delights of arts, handicrafts, music, etc., and nursing students are encouraged to train in such arts in order to help the children. Those of you who visited the recent local exhibition of children's art will have seen some of the results of these efforts.

So many aspects

So much happens in this group of buildings, known to most of us simply as 'The Chiltern', that it is impossible to do justice to every aspect of the work in one article and from time to time we hope to give further details about the different departments and of the people who run them. In the meantime, any youngster who feels she has a real interest in the care of children would do well to make enquiries about the nursery training course and about the

grants which local authorities often offer. At the same time, mothers with children from 3-5 years could do a great deal worse than make enquiries about vacancies at the nursery school; in some cases the local council are willing to assist with the fees. The rules are flexible and times of attendance can be arranged as necessary; for instance in some cases morning attendance only is advisable and in other cases parents may be encouraged to attend initially with their children.

For the most important thing about 'The Chiltern' is the welfare and happiness of the children; the buildings are attractive, the gardens are lovely, but absolutely nothing comes before the happiness of the children.

W.D.

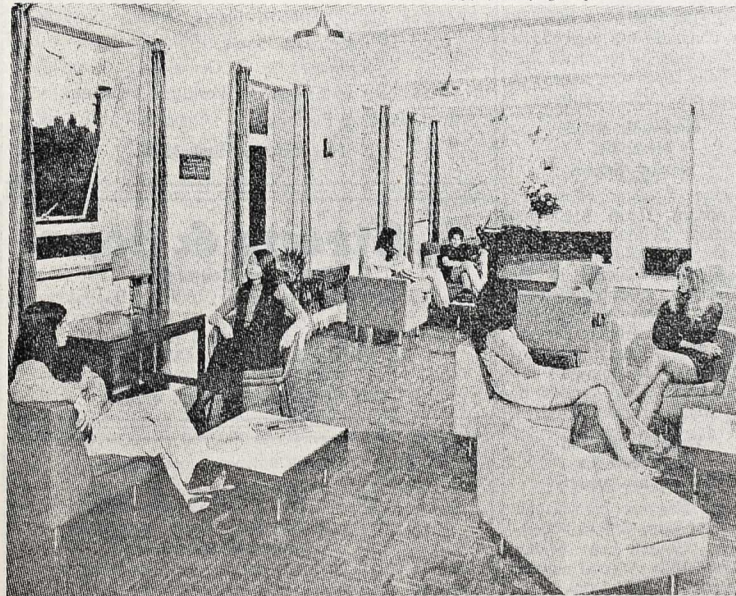


A student nurse baths a baby.



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METHODIST NEWS

Community in Notting Hill

The guest speaker at the annual Home Mission meeting at Caversham Heights Methodist Church on February 23rd was the Rev. Norwyn Denny, of Notting Hill, London. Mr. Denny gave a refreshingly objective picture of the work he and his colleagues are doing in this area of London. He described how, following the infamous riots of 1958, he took over responsibility for a church in Lancaster Road, which was heavily in debt and which had a dwindling membership. The approach from the beginning was to discover what were the needs of the people in the area, and to attempt to meet those needs.

He spoke first of the wider community in Notting Hill and of its needs, and described how the problems of housing, of racial integration,

and of children and young people were being met. Neighbourhood centres were set up, where professional workers and neighbours offered help and advice, and encouraged self-help. Under the guidance of the Rev. David Mason housing trusts were established to buy and renovate property for letting to people who would otherwise be homeless. These flourished and played a part in the formation of Shelter. Amenities for play were arranged for children and clubs started for young people.

TEAM MINISTRY

Mr. Denny went on to describe community in terms of the team ministry. Ministers can no longer be most effective as jacks-of-all-trades. The team ministry at Notting Hill embraced 'all deno-

minations and allowed each minister to become a specialist in a particular aspect of the work. This did not, however, imply a narrowing of outlook, as all the members of the team helped with such things as worship, and visiting, organisations. The wives of team members were an integral part of the team, and the time was looked forward to when the womenfolk could take their rightful places as ministers within the team.

The team ministry was obviously a part of the church, the community of Christian people. In worship, meaningful and relevant ways had been sought to express the gratitude, hopes, and fears, of a large multi-racial congregation. A community list of some 1000 families has been compiled and the church keeps in touch with these through community leaders and through House Churches in members' homes.

IDEAS

The picture Mr. Denny left was one of the church sharing in the life of the neighbourhood; of the church seeking out people's needs and meeting them in every possible way; of the church confronting people with a realistic, relevant, and compelling gospel. The pattern of the work at Notting Hill has been closely watched by Christians concerned with their own church's witness in the community. Ideas evolved at Notting Hill are already being used elsewhere and will be used increasingly as the church seeks to play its full part in the community.

The value of these ideas was well appreciated by those who were present at the meeting and Mr. Denny was asked a number of questions about aspects such as worship, Sunday School work, community leadership and the integration of the races living in the area.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. A. J. Townsend, of Tilehurst.

E.C.P.

Overseas Missions at Caversham Heights Methodist Church

The Overseas Missions Anniversary services will be held at Caversham Heights Methodist Church on Sunday, May 23rd., when the preacher in the morning at 11-00 a.m. will be the Rev. C. J. S. Lewis, M.A., B.D., of Southampton. At the evening service, at 6-30 p.m. the Rev. J. H. Wallace will preach. Mr. Wallace is a Methodist minister who is serving with Oxfam. Both ministers have recently returned from the mission field in Africa.

Boys' Brigade Junior Sections

On Wednesday March 10th all the Boys Brigade Junior Sections of the Reading Battalion were represented in a five-a-side football competition. Amidst tumultuous shouting and cheering from their supporters ten teams fought for a place in the final, which is to be played at the Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade Annual Display on March 31st at Reading Town Hall. The two finalists were the 1st Reading A team from Whitley Hall Methodist Church and the 1st Caversham team from Gosbrook Road Methodist Church.

The Boy's Brigade, 1st Caversham Company came 3rd in the Reading Battalion Drill Competition, which was held at Southlands School, on Monday, March 8th. The turn out was very smart, and considering the very young age of the boys they did very well, and the officers who had trained them were very pleased with their result.

Gosbrook Road Women's Fellowship Anniversary Weekend

On Sunday, March 21st, the annual Cradle Roll Service was held, the church was full to capacity and each of the mothers with young babies received posies of flowers. The preacher for the morning was the Reverend T. R. Harris, who gave an interesting talk to the children and baptized Russell Mark Hookway of 11, Talbot Close, Caversham.

At the evening service the preacher was Mrs. Ann Pape and members of the Women's Fellowship read the lessons and sung an anthem entitled 'Faint Not, Fear Not.' A good number attended the service.

On the following Tuesday to conclude the weekend a coffee evening was held and holiday slides were shown. A most enjoyable evening.

Gosbrook Road Methodist Sunday School

Jane Archer represented Gosbrook Road Methodist Sunday School at the National Children's Home Festival of Queens in the Town Hall on February 24th. Her attendants were Donna Wright and Elaine Dickenson. Phillip Farrell presented the purse containing £4 collected for 'Sunny Smiles' by the Sunday School children.

Women's Section of Methodist Missionary Society

A coffee morning was held at the Gosbrook Road Methodist Church on Friday, March 19th. A good number attended this from both Methodist churches and £5 was raised.

Mapledurham Parish Council

The monthly meeting of Mapledurham Council was held on Thursday, 11th March, 1971. Mr. W. H. Wheeler, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

The Council were glad to note that as the result of publicity following the last Council meeting concerning matters raised relating to vandalism and burglaries in the Parish it appears the Parish should receive an improved police coverage from the local police.

The Council have made further enquiries of the Oxfordshire C.C. regarding the possibility of street lighting installed in Upper Woodcote Road—the B479, and the Parish Council have been informed the road still does not meet the present Ministry of Transport criteria required by the Ministry for lighting roads comparable with the Upper Woodcote Road. The County Council stated the latest review was carried out last November; it is understood these reviews are carried out at approximately 6 monthly intervals.

The Council were informed that conditional planning consent has been given by the Henley Area Planning sub-committee for a development at 'Trundles' Nunej, Green.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Residents' Association suffered a severe loss in the death of its chairman, Mr. John Mair. Although in his daily occupation Mr. Mair was involved in work at a national level, it was in local affairs that we knew him. He was keenly aware of the importance to people of the place in which they live and felt that democracy to a great extent rested on an informed community making its views known to a local authority whom it respected and who respected it. He placed far more emphasis on co-operation based on mutual regard for each other's position than on mere protest. The series of meetings with members of the local authority that we have had, were largely due to his inspiration. We shall all miss his humanity and wisdom.

Our next public meeting will be on Education in Caversham. Look out for details. Those who attended our last meeting on planning will be interested to know that many of the points raised were passed on by our speaker to the Borough Surveyor, who sent a detailed reply as to their practicability.

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CHRISTIAN AID BRAZILIAN PROJECT

Having supported two projects in Nigeria and Tanzania for the last 7 years—this year the Reading Area is switching its attention to Latin America. The Reading Area has promised to raise £5,000 during Christian Aid Week (May 17th-22nd) for the Gurupi Settlement Scheme in North East Brazil. Last year the Caversham-Emmer Green-Mapledurham area raised £724 in Christian Aid Week—a total we hope to surpass in 1971.

An area of great poverty.

N.E. Brazil is the poorest part of that immense country. There are 30 million people, the majority of whom are illiterate. Their average expectation of life is 28 years. The soil is poor, and their agricultural methods

A small colony was started. One purpose was to give technical assistance to 50 settler families. The second purpose was to provide agricultural, medical and educational extension services to the surrounding region. None of the settlers had previously used domestic animals or a plough, or knew anything about fertilisers, pesticides or certified seeds. Their custom had been rice cultivation at a primitive level—clearing, burning, planting for a year or two and moving on.

The scheme has prospered and the settlers have farmed their holdings successfully. They have also received careful technical, literacy and social training to help them become self-supporting and self-confident.

From the outset Christian Aid, recognising the importance of Gurupi, has supported the scheme. Over 1971-73 £80,000 will be needed for fur-

Local initiative?

There are no big events planned to take place in Caversham before or during Christian Aid Week this year.

This leaves the way clear for people to feel free to take the initiative—knowing that events like coffee mornings, wine and cheese evenings and bring and buy sales are always good ways of raising money and interest.

For three years now Mrs. Yvonne Milne has had a very successful open-air stall in front of her house at 267 Gosbrook Road selling home-made produce and vegetables. The stall will be open on the morning of Saturday, May 15th.

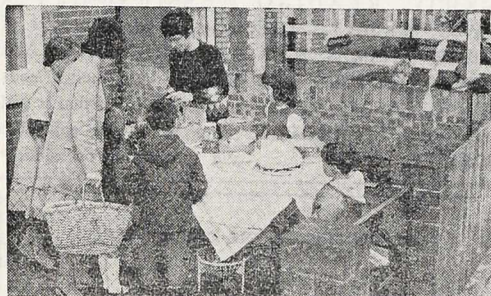
If anyone organising similar events would like to have some hand-out literature publicising the work of Christian Aid—please contact the Rev. J. Y. Crowe, 2 Blackwater Close, Caversham Park Village, Reading RG7 5JZ.

Whit-Monday Sponsored Walk.

Over the past 3 years Reading's Christian Aid Sponsored Walks have produced £13,507.

The fourth walk will take place on Whit-Monday, May 31st, which is also the Spring Bank Holiday. People of all ages and especially families are encouraged to take part.

Starting from St. Laurence's Hall the route will go via Caversham, Mapledurham, Pangbourne—to Upper Basildon and back to Reading through Tidmarsh to finish at



Mrs. Yvonne Milne's open air stall for Christian Aid outside 267 Gosbrook Road.

primitive. To escape the poverty of the region thousands of people set out each year on a long trek of hundreds of miles to the cities in the South, only to end, in all probability, workless in the appalling slums on the outskirts of the big cities.

50 families helped to settle.

Gurupi is on the southern fringe of the Amazon region. Eight years ago the State made available to the Churches of Brazil 7,400 acres of land there for a pilot project. The aim was to offer to migrants from the north-east an alternative solution to the often fruitless journey south.

ther development and consolidation. Christian Aid aims at making a contribution of £25,000 towards this final stage.

For whom the bell tolls.

To emphasise the churches' concern for the world's poor—on the afternoon of Sunday, May 16th—cathedral and church bells will toll to remind us that every second of every

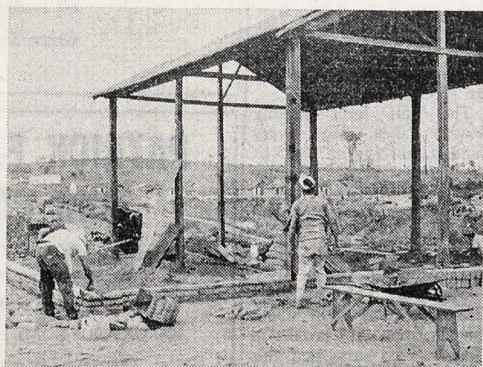
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The communal store being built at Gurupi

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day someone is dying from acute poverty.

Christian Aid helps to keep people alive not just to cheat death but to cheat poverty and to make life worth living.

Let us think of that when we are asked to knock on doors and put up with the occasional bit of rudeness, or in some other way play our part in Christian Aid Week.

the Hall of the Church of the English Martyrs at the junction of Liebenrood Road and Tilehurst Road.

Entry forms for walkers and helpers can be obtained in the Caversham churches or from the Reading North honorary district secretary—Mr. E. G. Crutchley, 41 Matlock Road, Caversham (Reading RG7 2NS).

J.Y.C.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, MAY, 1971—FIVE

MR. & MRS. KEAREY



Walton Adams.

On 26th March, Mr. and Mrs. Kearey, of Westfield Road celebrated their wedding anniversary appropriately enough with a short service at St. Peter's where they were married fifty years ago.

Actually Austen Kearey and Maggie Mattingley met as very small children at St. John's School; the meeting was somewhat unwilling on the part of 12-year-old Austen who had only recently moved from Aldershot and, coming from an all-boys' school thought it was decidedly infra dig to have to sit next to a girl in school. Nevertheless he appears to have overcome his initial prejudices and when they met again at the age of 19 things were very different. Two years later they were married and when young Peter arrived several years later their happiness was complete.

Life has not always been easy for these two; trained originally as a sign-writer, Mr. Kearey found that changes in methods of work and shortages of jobs between the wars made life often a struggle for both of them. But they are quite adamant that if they had their chance all over again they would choose the same partners for, as Mrs. Kearey says, they have a great deal to be thankful for.

Mr. and Mrs. Kearey have been connected with St. Peter's Church for many years and their many friends there were all very pleased to know that Mr. Kearey, or Matey as his wife affectionately calls him, made such a good recovery from his recent illness.

Their family celebration, with their son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, was a very quiet one but was also a very happy occasion, and the Caversham Bridge would like to offer them very sincere congratulations.

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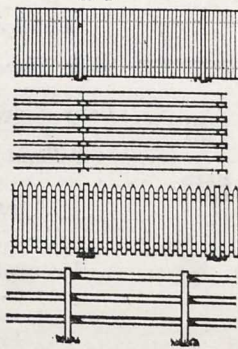
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WITH THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE WORLD FAMOUS ROYAL ARTILLERY MOTOR CYCLE DISPLAY TEAM AN EXCITING TIME IS PROMISED AT THE CAVERSHAM PARK SHOW ON MAY 22. THE SIXTEEN MAN TEAM WILL PUT ON A DISPLAY WITH WHICH THEY HAVE THRILLED THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DISPLAY IS REACHED WITH A SERIES OF BREATHTAKING HIGH SPEED "CROSS OVERS" FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE ARENA FOLLOWED BY CLOWNING AND MANY OTHER SPECTACULAR INDIVIDUAL ACTS.

The CAVERSHAM PARK SHOW goes from strength to strength. Following last year's very successful presentation, which was greatly enjoyed by all, this year's Show promises an even wider range of attractions and amusements.

In addition to the ROYAL ARTILLERY DISPLAY TEAM the Show provides a full size Fun Fair with dodgems and all the fun of the fair, the famous Kent Punnet Company presenting Punch and Judy shows, childrens fancy dress contest,

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COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT

Although the Show provides a great deal of pleasure it also has a practical motive which is to raise funds for the projected Caversham Park Village Community Centre. The Village

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OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

Those who were at last year's show will no doubt be aware of the outstanding success which it proved to be and I am assured by the Show Committee Chairman, Mr. J. Robinson that this year's Show will be even more spectacular and exciting providing an excellent day's entertainment for all the family at a modest cost.



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The Brownies now come on the third Sunday of the month to the 11-15 a.m. Family Service as their church parade. Appropriately enough the first time they came was on Mothering Sunday when nearly 50 children of all ages were each given a small bunch of flowers which had been prepared by Mrs. Myra Parsons, who also conducted the service.

The half hour Family Service takes place every Sunday morning at 11-15 at Caversham Park Primary School. During May those leading our worship will be:—

May 2nd: Mr. David Parsons (Methodist).

May 9th: The Rev. John Crowe—a film strip about the Christian Aid project in Brazil to be supported this year by the Reading area.

May 16th: The Rev. Terence Harris (Methodist).

May 23rd: Mrs. Myra Parsons (Methodist).

May 30th: Whit Sunday: The Rev. John Crowe (Anglican).

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ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

The annual meeting of the four districts of the parish took place in the week of Monday, March 8th, and some 200 people attended the different meetings. The annual parochial meeting followed on Thursday, March 18th in Balmore Hall.

PARISH AND DISTRICT WARDENS.

The Churchwardens and district wardens were all re-elected. The Rector announced however that Dr. E. V. Beale had expressed his intention not to seek re-election in 1972. Last year only one district warden had been appointed for St. John's Church but this year Mr. K. Nicholls was also elected in addition to Mr. C. G. House.

MR. C. V. BURNSIDE, parochial treasurer presented the accounts and pointed out that not only had the value of the £ dropped but that through many removals from the parish, income had also seriously declined, and he stressed the importance of the forthcoming Planned Giving Campaign. Mr. Hitchman presented the Missionary Union accounts; there had been an apparent decline but when the Mayday week receipts were taken into consideration the total given was really a record.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE P.C.C. Elections to the Church Council resulted in a number of changes. Mr. E. G. A. Kynaston and Mrs. P. Pick (St. Peter's) and Mr. K. Nicholls (St. John's) return to the Council after an interval of years and six entirely new members were elected—Mr. E. Smith and Miss C. Williams (St. Peter's), Mrs. I. Bickford (St. John's) Mr. I. Mayo and Mrs. S. Shepherd (St. Andrew's) and Mrs. J. Misell (St. Barnabas). The number of names on the electoral roll had declined in the year by thirty five to 1,111 as although many new names had been added there had been so many people moving from the parish in the course of the year.

WORK AT CAVERSHAM PARK. The Rev. John Crowe spoke of the growth of work at Caversham Park and referred to the successful start that had been made to the family service held on Sunday mornings in the primary school hall. Mr. Crowe said that this service was planned ecumenically and the Methodists were co-operating closely in this work. He was thanked by Mr. C. V. Burnside for all that he was doing.

GARAGES. At St. John's District meeting Mr. C. Badger produced a plan for building garages on the land adjacent to the church. Mr. Badger pointed out that permission had not been obtained from either the ecclesiastical or civil authorities but he hoped that the scheme would mean that St. John's could benefit financially. He appealed to members present to make interest free loans towards the cost of carrying out the work.

PARISH CONFIRMATION. The confirmation this year will be in St. John's Church on Monday, May 17th, at 8 p.m. and will be taken by the Bishop of Reading.

ST. BARNABAS' NEWS

Mr. Ralph Cambridge recently gave a successful record recital which raised £15 towards the work of the Rev. Peter Bugg in Zambia.

On Sunday, May 9th, after Evensong at 6.30 p.m. the University Singers will give a recital and a collection will be taken on behalf of Christian Aid.

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ST. JOHN'S NEWS

OFF TO BOTSWANA

The "Pendennis Castle" sailed from this country on 2nd April taking with her, on the first stage of their journey to Botswana, Mrs. Joyce Bailey, a member of St. John's, and her husband Douglas. For the next two years they will be living in Mahalapye, on the main road from Mafeking to Rhodesia, where Mr. Bailey, a vehicle mechanic, will be responsible for the management of a garage and petrol station. His wife will look after the shop attached to the garage. In addition to the normal run of car maintenance, Mr. Bailey will service vehicles used on safari, and make occasional trips into the Kalahari desert to service water pumps for local farmers. St. John's wish them well.

KNOCK! KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?

Listeners to "Woman's Hour, on 22nd April, will have heard a familiar local voice; that of Mr. Geoff House, a higher executive officer of Post Office Telephones, and District Warden for many years now at St. John's. The purpose of the broadcast was to explain the national census which has just been completed. As assistant census officer for Caversham and Emmer Green, Mr. House, after a country-wide search, was specially selected to be interviewed in the programme. With experience of three previous censuses behind him, and a naturally tactful manner, always necessary when dealing with the public, Mr. House was well qualified for the job.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. House will also be pleased to hear that their son Richard, remembered affectionately by many people in Caversham, is now the proud father of a little boy, born on 8th February called Iain Richard.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

A departure from the practice of previous years in the observance of Mothering Sunday worked out very well this year. Instead of having an afternoon service children and their parents joined

with the Scouts and Guides and the rest of the church in the 9.15 a.m. Family Eucharist. The Sunday School children played an important part. Not only did they make the cards which were given to the children to take home to their mothers, they also helped the congregation in its worship by opening the service with a dramatic presentation of the Gospel for the day, the Feeding of the 5,000.

EASTER IS EGG-SHAPED

How the egg came to be associated with Easter makes a fascinating study, as the Mothers' Union discovered recently in a talk given by Mrs. Anne Atkinson. She traced the history of several customs connected with Easter and illustrated various traditional and modern ways of painting eggs with examples she had prepared herself. This everyday object is still a mystery.

Topping up Campaign

The parish of Caversham has not held a Planned Giving Campaign for five years. As a result of the campaign of 1966 the parish finances were put on a sound basis but since then many people who joined the scheme have either died or moved from the parish. The decline in the value of the pound, coupled with the fact that the reduction in income tax means that the amount recovered from the Inland Revenue on co-ordinated subscriptions is considerably reduced, has also affected the finances of the parish. In order to have an income comparable in value to what the parish had in 1966 it is necessary to increase the parish income by at least £4,000. With this situation in mind plans are in hand for a campaign to be held in October this year. A training week-end for those taking part has been arranged for Sept. 25-26 and will take place at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. On Sunday, Oct 3rd, the parish will meet in Reading Town Hall at 6.30 p.m. for a specially devised act of worship at which the Bishop of Reading will be present and commission the visitors. It is expected that some thousand homes in the parish will be visited during the month of October and the campaign will end with a Thanksgiving service in the parish church, on All Saints Day, Monday, November 1st.

St. Andrew's Women's Group

Mr. Goodworth, Headmaster of The Avenue School was the speaker at the February Meeting. After giving a brief outline of the work of the school he followed with an hour of slides. We found the talk so absorbing that time passed all too quickly and we could have carried on listening to him for much longer.

On March 2nd a Cheese and Wine Party was held which included husbands and friends.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, MAY, 1971—SEVEN

St. Margaret's

MOTHERING SUNDAY AT MAPLEDURHAM

This year the monthly Family Service fell not on Mothering Sunday, but on the Sunday before, but this had certain advantages.

At the end of that service, the children were taken into the choir vestry and plans for making a Mothering gift were explained to them before they were sent away with strict instructions not to tell their mothers, but to gain their fathers' co-operation.

Next Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, eight boys and girls between eight and fourteen arrived at Mapledurham Church House to make their Melting Moments or Butter Tarts (the oldest boy announced he was going to make toffee—and very good it was, too!). Working in pairs, by 11.30 a.m. the biscuits and tarts were cooking in trays, waiting for the final decorations, the washing up was done, and the Mothering Sunday cards made. By 12 o'clock everyone had gone home, with their gifts packed, to be hidden until next day.

The nine younger children came in the afternoon, and made chocolate cakes to go with their cards. In between the processes, they had a hilarious time in the garden, to

the bewilderment of the white rabbit!

We discovered afterwards that a poncho is a very useful garment for smuggling things into the house unseen; that a doll's pram makes an excellent hiding place and that one Mum at least was woken up bright and early with "Happy Mothering Day, Taste". It was not yet 6 a.m.!

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

It is regretted that there were a number of errors in the last edition in reporting the elections to and retirements from the P.C.C., this was due to attempting to make additions at the proof stage. The membership of the P.C.C. for 1971/1972 is as follows: Churchwardens, Messrs. B. A. Martyn-John, and G. W. O. Price; members, Lord Thurlow, Messrs. M. Binks and R. Coates; Messdames C. Allwright and P. Foster; and Miss E. Hawthorne.

ASCENSION DAY.

This is one of the great Christian Festivals, and as is customary with week-day Festivals, St. Margaret's choir and congregation will join one of the neighbouring Caversham churches to celebrate it. This time is the turn of St. Peter's, where the joint Parish Communion will be celebrated at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 20th. Please note this will also be the first Communion of those recently Confirmed, and it is hoped that the congregation will be with them on this important occasion.

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CAVERSHAM WINEMAKERS CIRCLE

At the well attended A.G.M. on February 3rd, 1971, Doug Ross and Reg Stevenson were unanimously returned for a third year of office as Chairman and Hon. Secretary respectively. John Hardy was elected Hon. Treasurer of the Circle whose membership is now about one hundred. The second annual competition attracted 140 entries in seven classes of wine. Harold Taylor won the Joyce Tanner Cup, awarded for the highest number of points in five classes, and the Caversham Cup for sweet red wine was won by Betty Gayler. These, with diplomas for other prizewinners were presented by Prof. G. Fowles during the social evening which followed.

Members of six other Circles swelled our number to 170 for the second anniversary

social held in St. Laurence's Hall on March 13. Dancing was to Bill Brookes Band and an 'International' carbaret was put on by circle members.

After the first leg of the Mid-Wessex intercircle competition held at the Town Hall on March 20, Caversham are third with 11 points.

A full social programme, beside the usual monthly talks on all aspects of wine and beer making, has been planned for the coming year and we look forward to the river trip in June and the Barbecue in July.

ROSEHILL WI

The annual meeting was held on Monday, March 1st, Mrs. Green (the President) presided. The financial statement was presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. Phillips, and Mrs. Ellingham the Secretary gave the annual report. Mrs. Green thanked the Committee

for their support during her two years in office. She was then presented with a bouquet. Mrs. Sizer before presenting the new committee, gave a talk on "Is the business really necessary?"—the answer being "yes". The new officers are: President Mrs. Russell, Secretary Mrs. Ellingham, Treasurer Mrs. Phillips. The result of a recent coffee morning in aid of ACWW was £4.50. The competition "Your favourite Kitchen Gadget" was won by Mrs. Booker, runners up Mrs. Ellingham and Mrs. Freeman.

CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At their March meeting, members of the Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild must have felt it was more like Hallowe'en than the beginning of Spring, when Mr. Neilson Gattley spoke to them on "Seers and Sorcerers".

While so many mysteries have been explored, and members may soon be having holidays on the moon, the mystery of time still remains unexplored. Some people say they can see backwards in time, like the husband and wife in a lonely lane, who heard horses' hooves and then saw a masked man in 18th century clothing on the back of a horse whose legs appeared to be partly below the level of the ground. They learned later that the road had been raised by about twelve inches since the 18th century! It is thought that impressions can be recorded on the surface of a place, and that some people have the ability to pick up these impressions. The future is also one of the mysteries of time, and many people have professed to see into the future by varied means such as dreams, palmistry and the crystal. One of the most unusual ways was that used by Kenneth MacIntosh, a Scottish seer, who used a stone with a hole through the middle evidently thinking it a waste of money to buy a crystal. In the discussion following, it was surprising to find how many members had, themselves, had a view into the future.

CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The Social Studies Group met to hear Mrs. E. Smith's report on the NUTG Education Conference on "Into Europe?" An interesting discussion followed on this vital subject.

About 50 members and friends enjoyed another coach tour of London by night. Backwaters of lovely Regency and Georgian architecture, not generally known, were introduced to us by Mr. Bryant Peers, M.A., F.R.S.A., F.R.G.S.

At the March meeting, Mr. R. J. Elliot gave an interesting talk entitled: "Windsor Estate and Great Park". Colour slides were shown of the lovely gardens at Virginia Water and the green expanse of Windsor Great Park. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. H. Clark.

The Guild Singers entertained during the members half hour with a programme including comedy, burlesque and ballad. They were congratulated upon their recent success when they won the shield at the Shinfield Festival.

MAPLEWOOD WI

Mrs. Betty Lewis, President of Maplewood, welcomed the speaker, Mr. D. Clarke, who illustrated his very interesting talk on his visit to Kenya with

MAPLEDURHAM DRAMA

A few years ago, there was a cottage in Cornwall called "Brook Hollow". It had a sad history. A rich old lady was brutally attacked there and robbed. Before she died, she whispered a name which sounded like Paddy. But Paddy was never found. The cottage was then sold to Jane Palmer (Gillian Lidbetter), an artist and TV personality, who found in her neighbour Simon Antrobus (Ray Lacey) a long lost friend. Her other neighbour Peter Collier (Patrick Ross), a pianist, whose wife Kitty (Heather Mumme) preferred the bright lights to Peter's efforts to become another Paderewski. But Jane found also something else. The body of a dead American, by the name of Ted (Michael Candon), slumped behind a wardrobe. The audience was quite electrified.

Steve Taylor (Roy Heather), another American, identified Ted as his best friend. He was also certain he knew the identity of the murderer. A woman, Ted wrote him some letters referring to a femme fatale, an artist and TV personality. Was it Jane? He stayed around, thinking out his next move. Kitty, however, was not slow in noticing the good-looking Steve and one evening, after a party at the cottage, the would-be Paderewski fell over the cliff on

the way home. He survived, but Kitty went to jail. Then Steve sprang a surprise.

Dressed in Ted's clothes, he almost scared the life out of Jane. It didn't take them long to realise who Ted's woman was—Kitty. She did appear on television and she was an artist—in more senses than one. But then Jane, with the help of the good memory of her maid (Susan Hogg), started remembering—and set the trap. "Paddy" was to strike again, but Simon, Steve and the local sergeant (Albert

Wake) were quicker. Peter, alias "Paddy", alias "Paderewski", was safely behind bars, at last.

An average performance with some good acting by Gillian Lidbetter, Heather Mumme, Roy Heather and Patrick Ross. Ray Lacey and Albert Wake were their usual selves, while Susan Hogg improved after dropping her country bumpkin image. On the whole it seems that things are looking brighter for the Mapledurham players.

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IS NON-VIOLENCE THE ONLY CHRISTIAN PATH TO RACIAL JUSTICE

When the World Council of Churches gave £83,000 to support anti-racial groups in South Africa who were prepared to see violence in the pursuit of racial freedom, storms of protest were aroused in some quarters and cheers in others. These two articles—reproduced in shortened form from Thornhill News, a Compass Newspaper—sum up the positions of the two sides.

Martin Luther King—the man of peace and a martyr in the cause of non-violent opposition to racial injustice seen with some of his supporters on a march in Selma, Alabama.



YOU CAN'T BACK VIOLENCE

says Gwen Bennett

What shall we tell our children in the future—or ourselves for that matter? That “love your enemies” and “do good to those who hate you” is not for some of the church leaders but only for their flock?

I cannot help wondering whether, apart from Christian ethics, the World Council of Churches has given any thought at all to the terrible acts of sheer terrorism perpetrated by those organisations which they choose to call “African Freedom Fighters”.

Have they forgotten so soon the appalling acts of mutilation and death inflicted upon white people by the Mau Mau, ostensibly in the name of freedom and independence?

And if only one gun has been purchased with money given by the World Council of Churches causing the death of only one human being (irrespective of race or colour), a crime against the Christian conscience has been committed.

Those organisations, members of the World Council of Churches say, are waging war on the racialists of Africa and, therefore deserve the support of the Christian Churches.

How can they blind themselves to the fact that the guerrillas themselves are among the greatest racialists in the world and have sworn to drive out or exterminate all races other than their own in Africa.

Another example of racialism being practised today is in Kenya where black Africans are trying to force brown skinned Asians out of the country. In many, many cases these Asians have lived for very long periods in Kenya.

Racialism is evil whether it is practised by the white, black, brown or yellow-skinned.

Equally wrong, obvious, is religious or political intolerance as is practised by communists, fascists and, sadly enough both sides in Northern Ireland today.

DIVISION

The immense membership of the Christian Churches throughout the world is, in any case, politically divided.

Where do our Church leaders stand if great numbers of their congregations publicly say “All right, you’ve given grants to African terrorist groups—what about similar groups in Czechoslovakia, Russia, Northern Ireland and the Asians in Kenya?”

From the public utterances of some of the leading Churchmen during recent months it would appear they have constituted themselves into a left-wing pressure group.

They appear mainly to be concerned with organisation, the internal affairs of African nations and problems of external defence, upon which I feel sure they are unlikely to be as well informed as members of the Government.

It’s all so bewildering and frustrating—we hear our ministers offering prayers for peace time and time again while some of their leaders are urging support for violence.

What do we do, and where do we go from here? Many Christians are being forced to turn away from their Churches in search of the principles and ideals in which they believe.

NO, Christians cannot compromise — did OUR LORD?

FREEDOM MUST BE FOUGHT FOR

says Mike Smith

No one would dispute the genuine concern that Mrs. Bennett feels on a subject which has split Christian thinking from end to end.

No one of genuine Christian, or for that matter human, convictions can do anything other than be sickened by war. However, tyranny and racism anywhere are equally abhorrent.

The oppression of Czechoslovakia was, and is, wrong and it is a terrible thing that because of power politics the world had to stand by helplessly whilst a country was crushed.

Equally racial intolerance by a Black African on a brown Asian is wrong. Surely, however, neither case justifies similar actions by whites in Southern Africa.

A multitude of wrongs does not add up to any sort of right.

But one of the problems of racism in Southern Africa seems to be the underlying feeling that the blacks are not being really badly treated when we consider their standards of education and civilisation. After all they soon revert to the savage. Remember Mau Mau!

It seems that we must study objectively the merits and demerits of any case. Is there racial oppression in Southern Africa? I believe the answer is Yes.

Is there any hope in the foreseeable future that there will be any real improvement? I believe the answer is, No. In fact the situation would appear to deteriorate each year.

In Southern Africa we exerted considerable influence for several centuries and at least part of the present situation is a legacy of our years of power.

Can we then sit back and tell the Black African of this generation that he must wait for common human rights until some never, never day in the future?

RESISTANCE

The report on Violence in Southern Africa expresses the situation as follows: “We from Britain may admire a black African who refuses to use violence and chooses passive resistance and the martyrdom of long imprisonment with possible torture and death. But unless we are whole hearted pacifists we cannot preach martyrdom to the people of Africa: we cannot preach patient endurance of suffering we do not have to bear. We must decide where the claims of justice lie”.

The major question seems to be, how much does one take before one fights back? Would Hitler have finally succeeded in wiping out the Jews if we had not fought? Or was this an unjustified war?

If there is never to be a time when wrong, even wicked, ideologies are fought then we condemn ourselves to extinction by anyone convinced that might is right.

There seems to be a further implication in Mrs. Bennett’s article, a suggestion that Church leaders, clergy or laity, should stick to their own business, whatever that may be; they must not interfere in things political.

But man is a political animal because politics is life. If the Church is to be part of life it must speak about life and must honestly express its feelings on matters of importance.

No clergyman speaks with divine authority and he may therefore be wrong sometimes, but is it also just possible that the same applies to others who speak as experts?

On problems of race and intolerance can any of us afford to sit on the fence? If we bury our head in the sand will the problem be hidden? Do we in any case have time for such a luxury?

Indecision and compromise are good weapons for those to whom freedom is only for one racial group or colour. There must surely come a time when in the interests of humanity, freedom must be fought for.

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THE WORLD WITHIN US

A PSYCHIATRIST WRITES ON PATIENTS WHO HELP TO CURE THEMSELVES

IT WAS a middle aged lady, and she was brought to the clinic by her husband in a car. She had gone to her doctor, or rather, been pushed there by her family, because since moving to their new council house three months before she had not left the house. She had been unable to do any shopping and was very depressed. Her relations could not understand the problem, for the new house was so much nicer than the old. For years they had lived in a narrow street of houses, now condemned, near the centre of the city.

No-one could say how it all started. For years she had kept the difficulty to herself. At times she had even persuaded herself that there was nothing wrong. Now she was relieved to learn that she was not alone with the problem. She learnt that it was called agoraphobia—literally, fear of the market place—and said that this described it well, for it was crowded shops that made her panic even more than the streets.

A full and free life

When encouraged to talk, it became clear that her problems had been present not just for a few months but for many years. The move had shown them up. In the old house she had known all the neighbours. She had been able to stand on her doorstep, and when

She wanted to get better, and worked hard. At first she stepped outside, the next day she walked to the gate and back. Soon she was able to walk to the end of the street, and was delighted after she survived her first bus journey for over ten years. It wasn’t easy. She persisted, and in the end she was liberated. She was able to live a more full and free life.

I tell this lady’s story because I’m always impressed by this sort of patient. With a bit of help they cure themselves. It’s almost re-birth. One is able to see them enjoying what the rest of us take so much for granted, and that is the freedom to move about. They also show, in the form of a modern parable, what I believe is the Gospel message, and that is that all of humanity is freed from the prisons it has made for itself, and is now more able to go out and live full and fulfilled lives. As Jesus said to the tenth Leper, Your faith has made you whole”.



they were going shopping she had been able to ask them to get a few things for her. They had always been pleased to do this for she was a likeable person. She could also get one of the children to pop to the corner shop. When the time to move came, which she had secretly dreaded, all this help and support was left behind, and she was left stranded.

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Planning a Holiday...

**look
around
the
youth
scene**

Hundreds of people will no doubt have planned youth group holidays for this year and the well organised ones will be looking to 1972.

I don't want to put anyone off this experience because it can be the most rewarding exercise, but it can cause untold stress and strain if the leader doesn't appear to give or get value for money—especially when parents may have saved hard to give their offspring the opportunity—or when the group members only have a fortnight's leave and your 'do' goes wrong.

**with
DAVID
COLLYER**

Here then are my thoughts on fixing the dream holiday. I won't say they are tips or hints, because they are very personalised but they guide me and may help beginners at the game.

First of all be sure not to involve the party in

choosing the venue or if you do, don't let it be known that you accepted their advice. This is one sphere in which democracy doesn't work.

Secondly don't let anyone other than yourself dictate what happens when you're there because there's nothing worse than being dragged round someone else's beauty spots and tours.

Thirdly avoid extremes. Extremes of temperature and climate; extremes also



of means within the group. It's disastrous if some people have a great deal more spending money than others. It's equally disastrous to allow some people to take a vast wardrobe of clothes while others are limited by circumstances to a meagre supply. Limit everyone to a reasonable but small range of clothing.

Fourthly cut out the tour operator because he needs his 'cut' to make the

arrangements and you therefore can cut this by direct action. Air charter and block bookings are available but perhaps more important than that—there appears to me to be no value in arranging a group to go on 'someone else's' holiday. This is controversial but my experience prompts me to say the best holidays are tailor made by the organiser.

Finally don't promise too much and make sure that you have no more than 12 members to every single leader in the party. Then all I can say is happy holidays!

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TO SUIT ALL TASTES

by Elsie Roden

Two minutes to go, and the queue at the door of the large schoolroom moved forward a few paces in readiness.

It was enrolment night at a large evening school, and this was my first time on duty.

I gave a last minute check to the various forms, and straightened the pile of syllabuses on my table. My eye was soon caught by the flash of knitting needles, wielded by a lady in the front of the queue, who had been hard at it for the past half hour.

Suddenly, at a signal from the principal, the queue surged forward, and the room was at once a babble of noise, as people flitted from table to table and scanned the list of classes.

Two teenage girls approached me. "Can I help you?" I enquired politely.

"We want the dancing class", one replied, and they began to shuffle and jive in unison, while they hummed the latest pop tune. I hurriedly stopped the demonstration, by handing them the appropriate forms to fill, and turned to my next customer.

This was a depressed looking middle aged lady. "I

want to join an evening class", she murmured timidly.

"What subjects were you thinking about—cookery, dressmaking, soft furnishing?" I reeled off half a dozen at random, until she said surprisingly, "Well, I'm not particular really. You see, it's our Sam. He's gone on t'night shift at mill, and I don't like being in 'house wi' no one to talk to".

I suggested a discussion group, where conversation might flow unlimited, and she departed happily to join the pay queue.

For the next few minutes I was kept busy with a group of young men all wanting car maintenance. Unfortunately one individual in overalls who had just come straight from work, left oily smears on everything he touched, and I had to stop to do a mop up.

In the grip of a half-nelson

Next in line were two hefty young sixteen year olds.

"Have you got a judo class, Miss?" queried the tallest one with red hair. I assured them, judo was top of the list this year. Reaching for a syllabus I turned to come face to face with a redhead, whose chin was resting on a pile of forms, and who was in the grip of a half-nelson.

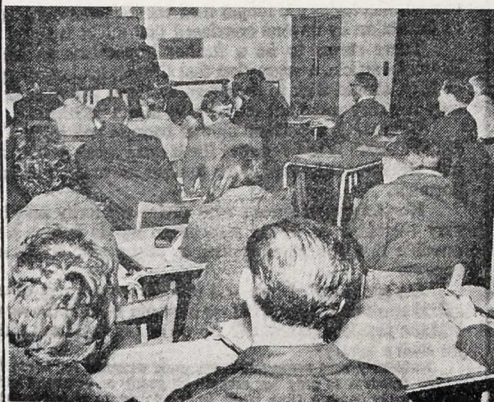
Catching sight of the principal heading my way with a queer look in his eyes, I implored them to break it up, and depart to the pay desk.

By this time the large hall had begun to resemble a market place. People were milling around calling out to each other, from one queue to another, and I was very thankful for the cup of tea placed at my elbow.

Before I had time to drink it, I was besieged by a group of youths, all wanting guitar lessons. These were followed by an elderly lady whose stamina would have put Samson to shame, as she booked in merrily for a different class each evening.

Suddenly a familiar clicking sound reached my ears and I looked up to find myself confronted with the compulsive knitter who had headed the queue.

"Have you a vacancy for stocks and shares?" she enquired in a sharp voice. Somehow, stocks and shares didn't seem to go with knitting, but with barely a pause between purl and plain she filled up the required form and moved off, the sound of her needles fading in the distance, as the clock struck nine.

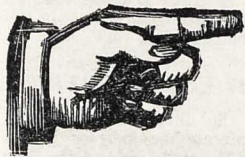




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ARE YOU A DETECTIVE?

Can you discover the names of these two men?

Scene: The quay at a busy little sea port. A youngish man is busy doing his own thing. A bearded young man

approaches him. "Hi, there, come and follow me", he says. Youngish man gets up and does so. **Clues to help you:** I smell fish. Who likes paying rates and taxes? The Romans are around.

COME MAYING

Seen any Ephemoptera lately? Merely the Latin name for Mayflies! How come they got such a name? Because these strange insects live for only a day, and **ephemeral** means 'short-lived'. As larvae they exist for two or three years in or near water. But come a warm summer night, they rise up in pyramids of fully-grown may-flies. They eat no food, they have their babies, and then die—all in twenty-four hours.

All this set **Junior Compass** poking around for more information about the month of May. We discovered that **Mayfair**, which is a fashionable part of London, got its name because many years ago a fair was held there in May. And what about the old verb 'to go maying'? It comes from the time when May 1st, known as May Day, was a holiday in England. A May Queen was crowned in every village, and all the young men and women danced round a maypole set up on the village green. When you took part in all these festivities you 'went maying'. You also went maying when you picked branches of flowers from the May tree.

Remember the rhyming slang that **Junior Compass** wrote about last year? 'First of May' is rhyming slang for 'say'. 'I'm going to have my First of May whatever happens.' Well, let's round it off. **Junior Compass** has had it's First of May about this month!

Make a

telephone

You will need two empty round tins, a long piece of string, and a hammer and a nail. In the centre of the bottom of each tin make a small hole with the hammer and nail. Thread one end of the string through the bottom of the first tin, and tie a knot at the end of the string inside the tin. Fasten the other end of the string inside the second tin in the same way. To make the telephone work, the string between the tins must be pulled tight. So get a friend to take one tin, while you take the other. Then take turns in speaking and listening. You will be able to speak to each other as far apart as the string will reach.

FORGOTTEN FRIENDS

There are all kinds of men
Who have done me good turns,
That I still never think about,
Not for a minute;
Yet if I were making up
That sort of grace,*
They would all of them have
to be in it.
Some men made up stories,
And others wrote verses
I found, and I liked
And I read till I knew them.
Some others saw
All the things they had
written,
They, as they were artists
They drew them.
And others took wood
And a saw and some glue,
And put each of them just
In the place that would
need it—
So that is the chair
Where I sit with my book
And am so much at ease
As I read it.

* Grace here means a short thank-you prayer.

ANSWER FOR DETECTIVES

The names are Matthew and Jesus. If you put Levi instead of Matthew, you can still give yourself full marks, because Jesus changed his new friend's name from Levi to Matthew.

DID YOU SNEEZE?



How come that people say 'Bless you!' when you sneeze? One explanation is that a terrible plague raged in Athens in 430 B.C. One sure sign that a patient was recovering was when he had an attack of sneezing. 'May the gods bless you!' was the delighted cry of the people standing near by.

When Children are ill

Trying to keep an ill child occupied in bed is every mother's problem. This can be a time to learn new activities and create fascinating hobbies.

by Elseph M. Baxter

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Being confined to bed in hospital is accepted more readily by children when they see others in a similar plight. Time at home passes quicker surrounded by familiar objects and friends. In hospital it is necessary for the patient's relatives and friends to stimulate them into creative hobbies.

Twenty minutes

Whether at home or in hospital frequent changes of occupation are needed. A few small toys are better than one impressive article. Statistics show the average length of time spent with any one toy is twenty minutes. Mercifully new ideas are always appearing on the market.

A large tray on the bed is useful to act as a firm surface. An additional bedside table is helpful. It is important to provide plenty of things for a child to look at when he is lying down resting. A mobile which moves around in the air currents, coloured balloons, pictures and posters on the wall near enough to see all the details, a wireless, tele-

vision (with limited viewing time), a budgerigar or an aquarium may be gainful assets.

All children like a routine life. Regular play times with mother, father and family, rest periods and reading sessions all help the child to play contentedly by himself if he knows company is coming "after the dishes have been washed". So helping the normal household duties to continue.

Firm favourites with younger children are the fitting, matching and sorting toys, which include—the posting box, hammer pegs, screwing nuts, the first threading toy made of colourful cubes. A telephone with a dial and a bell which rings gives endless enjoyment. Speaking toys and colourful musical boxes with hand winding giving out cheerful tunes are truly appreciated.

The pre-jigsaw with objects cut round which lift out by means of knobs, are quickly recognised by name and are a source of conversation. These teach shape and recognition in a lively way, showing objects familiar to young children.

They never pall

Soft toys, dolls and glove puppets are acceptable, to all ages. Dressing and undressing dolls and action men, making new clothes are like the Jack in the Box, they never pall.



Happy occupation speeds recovery

Handicrafts such as learning to sew with sewing cards, to knit, making raffia mats, basket work, hooking rugs are all satisfying pastimes.

Constructional toys include Matador oversize bricks for the young, minibricks, lego and meccano (8-12 years). All give good value for money. Jigsaws for all ages. A strong jig-saw tray is available in shops to prevent the edges slipping into the bedclothes. For girls mosaic tiles of 40 assorted coloured wooden tiles or tilecraft of over 220 plastic tiles can make thousands of patterns and colourful designs on a strong pegboard giving great pleasure and wiling away many hours.

Imaginative play toys include farm and zoo animals, miniature cars, bridges, garages and shops. These give plenty of scope for the young imagination. A magnet, hand-magnifier and compass also give boys great pleasure. Fuzzy felt pictures are fun

but the magnetic pictures are great! This is a toy with a magnetic board to which coloured pieces of wood (incorporating little magnets) adhere. These magnetic plastic coloured shapes make many pictures.

Pattern making from assorted coloured gummed paper or mosaics is exciting, similarly crayons, colouring books, magic paint books, cutting out games, making scrap books, instant pictures or picture painting with rubber stamps are all useful standbys. The rubber stamps can be obtained complete with differently coloured ink pads and a paper block. Spirograph and Spirotot (for the younger child) are most fascinating.

Educational, too

General stencils, including assorted nature play, domestic and wild animals, alphabetical and numerical stencils are all educational. School lessons may have to

continue under supervision. Collecting scraps, stamps and postcards and putting them in albums are possibilities.

Games, for one, such as picture dominoes, picture lotto, memory or snakes and ladders, dominoes, chess, cards (snap, top and tails and many others)—are useful if a companion is available.

If mother's nerves are strong—musical toys include musical boxes, drums, xylophone, recorder and zither. If the child is not infectious library books are useful to vary the reading material.

Time well occupied keeps the child cheerful and contented, so hastening recovery. Education is vital in life. No time must be lost through illness. Being in bed allows scope for numerous new fields of activity. Skills perhaps so far undiscovered in our children, can be encouraged thus creating lifelong hobbies.



KILLING CRICKET with winter sports

There was a time when you knew where you were with the seasons. In the winter it was soccer and rugby and in the summer cricket. Now, like a great deal of modern life, everything is confused.

Since the World Cup and crowded fixture lists made summer soccer not only necessary but acceptable to both public and players alike—King Willow has had his preserves encroached upon more and more. No longer is football thought about as a game to be played when the thermometer is registering its lower temperatures—and increasingly other games in their turn have begun to take a chunk out of the summer. There's no doubt that cricket is beginning to find the scene more than a little bit crowded.

FREE-FOR-ALL

Now reasonable people would say that this is a case of live and let live. That a sporting free for all in the summer sunshine would give the spectator a greater choice and that there's a lot to be said for providing other

SPORTS-SPOT



alternatives to cricket. All reasonable people, that is, except those who are worried stiff about the future of the summer game they love—because there is little doubt that cricket in its professional form is facing the greatest crisis of its history this season, and competition will not be welcome.

LOSING GROUND

If, even as things are at the moment, cricket as a spectator sport is losing ground and the County Clubs are failing to make ends meet, how much worse for the game will it be, if and when there is further competition? If other crowd-pulling attractions in the sporting world become common in the summer months, then professional cricket could well go out of business—unless it learns to compete on equal terms.

GOOD FOR A LAUGH



'Trim and polish, please'!

LOOKING IN WITH ERIC LAWSON

THEY KNOW WHAT YOU WANT

London Weekend Television, one of the commercial companies, found itself in a spot of bother a few months ago. Apparently the company's avowed intention of screening a number of 'quality' programmes proved in terms of ratings, a flop. And since advertisers, upon whom commercial TV depends for existence — you might almost be tempted to say they are the *reason* for its existence — naturally yearn for the mass audience, the company's revenue has been a disappointment to the people who put up the money.

After a number of dismissals, resignations and programme changes instigated by newspaper tycoon Rupert Murdoch, who injected money into the ailing enterprise, the Independent Television Authority stepped in. They feared that control of the network might pass into the hands of someone whose only interest was in making money—which is what some of us had thought Commercial Television was all about anyway. But, whoever controls the company, London Weekend will have to adjust its programme schedules to try to give the viewer what he wants and



A LIVELY LOOK AT THE TV SCENE

stop him from switching over to BBC.

GIVING THEM WHAT THEY WANT

How can any TV network be sure of giving the viewers just what they want? Should they really try? Both BBC and ITV spend a good deal of money and effort in finding out and the results make interesting reading.

Top programme of 1970 was the **F.A. Cup Replay** seen by 32½ million of us; a million and a half more than watched **Apollo 13** splash-down. The **England v Brazil** match attracted 28½ million, and a million less saw the **World Cup Final**. All these offerings, and the **Queen's Christmas Broadcast**—heard by 24½ million—were put out on both BBC and ITV.

The **Miss World** competition—on BBC only—had 26½ million of us drooling over the box; a couple million more than for the **Eurovision Song Contest** and three million more than watched the **Royal Variety Show**.

Viewing figures for these programmes and for a com-

edy series like **Steptoe and Son**—four episodes topped the 20 million mark—contrast sharply with even the most popular cultural offerings, such as the **Omnibus** programme about **Edith Piaf** whose 8 million audience was among the highest for this type of programme.

Although **Miss World**, the **Eurovision Song Contest** and the **Cup Final** happen only once a year they do provide pointers for those who must seek the mass audience in order to remain solvent. For example, if **Miss World** went out on ITV instead of on BBC-TV, only the riches of a **Croesus** could buy time on an advertising break in the middle of it!

THE ALTERNATIVE?

So although we may deprecate the increase in the TV licence fee to keep dear old auntie BBC out of the red, who among us could stomach the possible alternative? An almost continuous diet of leg-shows, song-contests, give-away quizzes and football matches interspersed with exhortations to buy more soap-suds, doggy-diets and baked beans?



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