

Housing Nears Completion

One hundred and thirty houses are under construction on Ermine West, and all of them in an area close to the Riseholme Road. It is expected that they will be completed and occupied by August, and this will complete the present programme unless authority is granted for the building of further flats and maisonettes.

A certain amount of private building has taken place within the parish, and nine houses, four bungalows, one shop, and a Service Station, have all been erected on the Riseholme Road. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton have opened the shop as a General Store, carrying on the tradition that they built up for themselves during thirteen years in business at Oakfield Street, Monks Road.

Mr. R. Fereday has been planning the Ermine Service Filling Station for over six years, and he has all the latest equipment for speedy and efficient maintenance. This Station should prove very handy, for it is open every day from 7 a.m.—10 p.m.

There has been a steady flow of flat dwellers and occupants of two bedroom houses from Ermine across to the houses on Ermine West. Amongst them are Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Corby. Mr. Corby was usually to be seen behind the counter of the London Central Meat Co's shop, but he has now set up on his own in the Fish and Chip shop on Ermine West.

Keen Voting for Ermine Parish Council

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish was held on Wednesday, February 12th. Mr. M. Lound and Mr. K. Priestley were elected Churchwardens, and Mr. H. H. Altoft and Mr. Moore, deputy wardens.

Mr. Cottrell was elected as Diocesan Conference Representative, and Mrs. A. Dixon, Mr. B. Parsons and Mr. D. Pikett as members of the Ruridecanal Conference.

The meeting was very well attended and there was very keen competition for the remaining twelve places on the Parochial Church Council. After very heavy voting there was only a very narrow margin between the nominees. The following were elected: Mr. L. Bailey, Mr. B. E. Coleman, Mr. Dent, Mr. H. Harrison, Mr. W. W. Skipworth, Mr. L. A. Smith, Mr. R. Williamson, Mr. L. J. Wilson, Mrs. H. H. Altoft, Mrs. D. Barsley, Mrs. M. Spring, Mrs. J. Wilson.

In his report on the year the Rev. J. Hodgkinson said:

"Just how young a Church we are is shown by the fact that this is the first A.G.M. at which it has been possible to give a report covering the whole of the previous twelve months.

The past year has been one of great activity during which there has been a great deepening in the realisation of what it means to be the Family of God.

C.L.B. ENROLS

St. John's Church Lads' Brigade will hold their Enrolment Service on Sunday, March 9th, at 3 p.m., and this will be followed by an Open Night on Monday, March 10th.



Representatives of several Lincs. C.L.B. companies will come to St. John's for the Enrolment Service, and the parade will be led by the silver band of the St. Hugh's (Old Brumby) Coy. The General Secretary of the Brigade, the Rev. J. J. Burton, will be coming from London for the

occasion, and he will preach at the Service and also take the march past afterwards.

The Open Night will be from 7 p.m.—9 p.m. on Monday, March 10th, and there will be a demonstration of the various activities of the Brigade.

The total number of communicants for the year was 4,339, and it has often proved difficult to find a seat at the Family Communion.

101 infants were baptised, and 3 adults; 27 adults were confirmed, and 40 adults, boys and girls are at present under preparation for a Confirmation Service to be held at St. John's on March 23rd.

We were licensed for Marriages last February, and three marriages have since been solemnised.

The most important event of the year was the October Mission, which brought about a great deepening in the spiritual life of the parish. It has resulted in a large increase in mid-week communicants and the establishment of the study group "Meeting Point."

Next in importance was the establishment of the Conventional District of St. John the Baptist, which means that we can now start to plan the building of St. John's Parish Church. One of the tasks for this year is to raise money for this vital project.

St. John's Community Centre, Ermine West, has been planned during the past year, and since August nearly £800 has been raised. Many thanks to a hard-working committee and to the faithful Street Collectors.

The whole system of Area and Street representatives has been of the utmost importance, not only in the distribution of the Ermine News, but in the forward movement of the Church, making contact with every section of the parish."

FISH & CHIPS GALORE

On Thursday, February 6th, Mr. S. M. Galloway, of Lambeth House, gave a fish and chip tea to 53 members of St. John's Evergreen Club. As soon as the meal was cooked it was packed in steel containers and driven up to St. John's Hall where knives and forks were at the ready. To everyone's delight the meal arrived piping hot, and 53 of the older members of our community proposed a very sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Galloway for his generosity.

St. John's Community Centre Building Fund

Mar. 15th. RUMMAGE SALE 3 p.m.

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Ermine Junior School

School Notes



The new hut with its four temporary classrooms has now been decorated, and it blends in as well as possible with its surroundings. Three of the classrooms are in use, and another class from the Infants' School will be going there next term.

Two choirs from the Junior School are entered in the Choral Speaking Group at the Music Festival this month.

On March 11th the Parent-Teacher Association

have arranged a meeting in the Infants' School at 7-30 p.m. The programme is an Educational Forum, with heads from the four different types of school. Miss Widdowson (Grammar); Miss Powell (Secondary Modern); Mr. Logan (Junior); Miss Hard (Infants).

The present term ends on April 2nd, and next term commences April 16th. The half-term holiday will be the whole of Whit. week.

The Girl Next Door

Three years ago Mr. John M. Seal left his native Wales in order to work at Ruston-Bucyrus as Instructor of Apprentices. Fortunately, his sister and brother-in-law were already settled in at 1 Stapleford Avenue, Ermine, so he came to stay with them.

Miss Patricia Anne O'Conner happened to be living next door, and in the course of time John and Anne became engaged to be married. They came round to St. John's House to put up the banns, and they decided that this was a good time to be prepared for Confirmation and to enter into the full life of the Church.

House hunting proved a bit of a problem, so John and Patricia bought a caravan and found a site for it south of the city. Two days before the wedding John was taken ill whilst working on the caravan and there was no question of his being fit in time for the wedding. Another date was fixed and this time there were no mistakes, and John and Anne were married at St. John's Church, on Saturday, December 21st.

It's common knowledge that the woman usually has the last word, and Anne has just been in hospital to have her tonsils out. All's well again now and the happy couple are comfortably settled down in their house on wheels.

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COMMENT!

The press has drawn attention to the City Council's discussion on the damage done to the Public Conveniences on Ermine, and there is no doubt that considerable malicious damage has been done. All the same this doesn't in any way reflect the general spirit of the community which is very high. Similar damage has been done at various times to the lavatories at St. John's, and certainly, in this case the people responsible were in the main teenage visitors from other parts of the City. It is up to us, the residents of Ermine to keep an eye open for any signs of vandalism, and if necessary, to take immediate action.

Our Councillors stressed the great need for a Public Convenience to be erected on Ermine West, and it is hoped that this will be carried out as soon as possible.

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Maybe they'll find a site nearer this way before long. It would be nice to have them back again.

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THE CHURCH AT WORK FOR CHILDREN

On Sunday, 13th April, Mr. Harry Oakes, better known as Dan Archer, will be broadcasting an appeal in the series "The Week's Good Cause" on behalf of the Church of England Children's Society. It is to be hoped that he will get a great response, as this Society, which was formerly known as the "Waifs and Strays," is doing in the name of the Church a great piece of Christian work for children in distress, and is entirely dependent on voluntary support.

Since it was founded in 1881 the Society has cared for about 75,000 children, and, surprising as it may seem in our modern Welfare State, its work continues to expand. Every day three or more children are admitted into its care. They may be illegitimate babies, children of broken homes, victims of cruelty or neglect, or of bad circumstances. If possible the Society tries to find them new homes, through adoption or boarding-out; but if this cannot be done they are brought up in a happy family atmosphere in one of the Society's 108 Homes where every attempt is made to make up for the love, guidance and security of which they have been deprived. Lincoln people have cause to be specially interested in the work, in that there is one of these Homes in the City—St. Hugh's, Newport, where Mr. and Mrs. Stowell act as mother and father to a family of twenty boys. There is also a Family Home (*i.e.*, a home for boys and girls together, many of whom are brothers and sisters) at Louth.

The Society's work has led it to open many important sidelines, amongst which are the care of crippled and diabetic children in specially equipped homes, the training of Nursery Nurses, after-care hostels for boys and girls who have left school, and special schools for backward and maladjusted children. It also gives help to many parents in poor circumstances.



In these expensive days the cost of the work is well over £750,000 a year, and still going up. The Society receives no grants from the State or any other public source, so it all has to be raised voluntarily. It is a work of the Church and therefore all of us who are members of the Church are involved in it. New supporters are badly needed and will always be welcomed. In this parish the Honorary Local Secretary is Mrs. G. Dixon, 17 Welbourn Gardens, who would be glad to hear of anyone else who would like to take a share, however small, in this great work.

GARDEN NOTES

(MARCH)

It is a good idea to prepare trenches now for peas and beans and leave these open to weather. A spare corner of the garden should be prepared for a seed bed. This need not be large as a lot of seedlings can be produced in a small space.

Potatoes should be set up in trays in a frost-proof shed, chitting, so that they get a good start when planted later.

Shallots and garlic can be planted towards the end of the month, but do not make the mistake of planting prepared onion sets yet.

Cauliflowers, early cabbage, onions, can all be planted out.

March is a good month for checking fruit trees and make sure the winds have not loosened the stakes, whilst a dressing of potash will certainly do them good.

So much for vegetables: now for the colour of the garden, the flowers.

If you are thinking of making or altering your border of perennials, now is the time to do it, but make sure the ground is not wet and sticky.

Any late plantings of rose trees should be done without delay and a dressing of bone meal on established roses will show results. Towards the end of the month roses may be pruned, but pick a time when there is no likelihood of frost, otherwise you may suffer losses.



The end of the month may see the weather kind enough for some seeds to be planted direct in the ground where they will be required to flower.

In all these preparations let us not forget that plants require feeding the same as human beings; so let us make sure that our garden is sufficiently manured to give goodness to the soil and so help our plants.

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Mr. D. Pikett, 94 Ruskin Avenue.

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Mr. L. Smith, 10 Barkston Gardens.

What's on this month

March

- 1 Sat. Girl Guides' Jumble Sale, 3 p.m.
- 2 Sun. Lent 2.
- 4 Tue. Young Wives' Group. "When to call the Doctor." Dr. C. A. Lillicrap.
- 5 Wed. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.
- 9 Sun. Lent 3.
Church Lads' Brigade Enrolment Service, 3 p.m.
- 10 Mon. C.L.B. Open Night, 7 p.m.—9 p.m.
- 12 Wed. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.
- 14 Fri. Youth Fellowship Dance, 7-30 p.m.
- 15 Sat. Jumble Sale (in aid of St. John's Community Centre), 3 p.m.
- 16 Sun. Lent 4. Mothering Sunday.
9-15 a.m. The Family Communion.
2-30 p.m. Children's Service.
6-30 p.m. Evensong. Address, The Rev. D. Woodroffe.
- 18 Tue. 7-45 p.m., Young Wives' Group. "News-papers." Rev. J. Hodgkinson.
- 19 Wed. 7-30 p.m., Whist Drive.
- 23 Sun. Passion Sunday.
Family Communion and Confirmation by the Rt. Rev. the Dean of Lincoln, 9-15 a.m. Evensong, 6-30 p.m.
- 25 Tue. Annunciation of B.V.M. Holy Communion, 6-30 a.m.
- 26 Wed. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.
- 30 Sun. Palm Sunday.
Family Communion and Blessing and Distribution of Palms, 9-15 a.m.

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St. John's Register

Baptisms

- Feb. 2 Jane Alison, daughter of William and Thelma Dransfield.
- Gillian Ann, daughter of Douglas and Gladys Holmes.
- Kathleen Jill, daughter of Keith and Kathleen Wright.

Burial.

- Jan. 30 Ruth Wright.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The Family Communion, 9-15 a.m.

(Young children may be left at St. John's House)

Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

Holy Baptism.

1st Sunday in the month, 3-45 p.m. (Please give a fortnight's notice).

Mid-Week Services

| Holy Communion | Monday | 6-30 a.m. |
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| " " | Wednesday | 9-15 a.m. |
| " " | Thursday | 6-30 a.m. |
| " " | Friday | 7-0 a.m. |
| " " | Saturday | 8-0 a.m. |

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