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BISHOP TO OPEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

*The Dedication of Ermine West Community Centre
will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13th at 3 p.m.*

At a meeting between St. John's P.C.C. and The Ermine West Community Centre Appeal Committee it was decided to ask Messrs. Eccleshare Ltd. to complete the building of the Community Centre, instead of taking the cheaper but much slower alternative of completing it by voluntary labour.

The fact that the Community Centre will be completed within 18 months of starting the appeal, bears witness to the hard work and generosity of many people. Special thanks are due to Mr. Frank Eccleshare whose interest, practical help and generosity have made the project possible, and to the local committee which must surely be one of the keenest and hard working committees that Lincoln has ever known. i.e. Mr. Jagger

(vice-chairman), Mrs. Downs (Hon. Sec.), Mrs. Williamson (Hon. Treas.), Mrs. Scarborough, Mr. and Mrs. Spring, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Preece, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Hewitt, Mrs. Woodcock and Rev. Hodgkinson (Chairman).

The Bishop of Lincoln has kindly consented to dedicate the Community Centre and Sanctuary on Saturday, December 13th at 3 p.m.

When the building is completed there will still be £1,000 needed to complete the payment and to provide furnishings. Two years have been allowed in which to raise this sum, and your donations will be very kindly received by Mrs. Williamson, 23 Queen Elizabeth Road, or the Rev. J. Hodgkinson, St. John's House.

Young Wives Invitation

The Young Wives Group got off to a "clean" start on Tuesday, 16th September, when a very interesting and exciting demonstration of the latest types of Washing Machines, Vacuum Cleaners and other cleaning products was given by Messrs. Hoover Ltd.

A very varied programme has been arranged for the forthcoming season and a cordial invitation is extended to all "Young Wives" on the Estate to come along on the 3rd Tuesday in every month and enjoy themselves.

On the 15th October a "Young Wives Group" Rally will be held in the Co-op Hall, Freeschool Lane, commencing at 7-0 p.m., admission 1/6d., which includes refreshments. The Rally should prove very interesting and it is hoped a large number of our members will be attending.

On 9th September a successful afternoon tea was arranged for all Mothers living on the Estate whose babies were Baptised during the last year.

Silver Chalice

During the last few months gifts of old silver have been arriving from all over the diocese. From across the road, from cottage and country house, have come trophies, thimbles, candlesticks, broaches, spoons, forks, medals. Some tarnished and some brightly polished, but all given that they may be re-fashioned in the service of God, as the Chalice of St. John's Parish Church.

The chalice is now being made, and on the occasion of its dedication all those who have helped with their gifts will be invited to join with the Family of St. John's and partake of this cup of blessing.

Ermine Theatre

The stage at St. John's is rapidly becoming known as one of the best in Lincoln, and further improvements are being made for the three act play to be produced there by the St. John's Players on November 14th and 15th.

"The Paper Chain" is an exciting murder mystery by Falkland L. Carey, and Ivan Butler. The cast will be as follows: Sydney Appleby (an atomic scientist), Marjorie Bailey (a cantankerous novelist), Jackie Cornfield (a secretary to Mrs. Bailey), Diane Bailey (a pert cockney maid), Jim Parker (a police superintendent), Geoffrey Horsefall (a police inspector), Jean Wilson (a hotel proprietress), Miriam Simpson (a carpet-cleaning sales lady). Jackie Martin who takes the part of a beautiful spy, is also producing the play.



(By courtesy—Lincolnshire Chronicle)

Ermine Flower Show

The Ermine Second Annual Flower Show was held at St. John's Hall on Saturday, August 30th. The judges who kindly gave their services were: Mr. P. Robinson (Flowers and Vegetables); Mr. J. Harrod (Handicrafts and Children's Paintings); Mrs. J. H. C. Lawrence (Needlework and Embroidery); Mr. J. O. Pikett (Cakes and Preserves); and Mr. G. Goodwin (Photography).

The Floral Arrangement section produced a very good number of entries and the cup was won for the second time by Mrs. Baines of 1 Thoresway Drive. The cup for the plain cake (Madeira) was

won by Mrs. Roberts of 48 Laughton Way.

The time of year didn't favour the Flower section, and it may be advisable to hold the Show during September next year in order that the Chrysanthemums can be shown in greater numbers. Even so some very fine blooms were on show.

The Handicrafts and Needlework sections had a large increase in entries, and included a very fine display of wood turning by Mr. D. Pikett.

The evening auction of produce and other gifts was well attended, and there was some keen bidding.

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School Notes



Ermine Junior School (By kind permission, Lincoln Education Committee)

There have been several changes in the staff for the current school year. At the Junior School, Miss J. Pikett, Miss Dalby and Miss Kemp have left and there are four new teachers: Mr. R. H. Ponting from St. Giles Secondary Modern, Miss J. S. Johnson from Derby Training College, Miss W. M. Cook from Leicester Training College and Miss J. K. Marwood from Stoke Rochford Training College. The school now has the

record number of 543 children on the roll.

There are two changes at the Infant's School. Miss Chamberlain has retired through ill-health, and has been replaced by Miss J. E. Miller from Boultham Infants.

The half-term holiday is Friday, October 31st and the following Monday and Tuesday. The Christmas Holidays start on December 20th.

In brief . . .

A Ladies Keep-fit Class will be held at the Ermine Infants' School on Monday evenings (7-30 p.m.—9-0 p.m.). The fee is 15/- for the two terms (September to Christmas and New Year to April).

Bumper Whist Drives are now held every Wednesday at St. John's Hall at 7-30 p.m. Admission 2/- including refreshments.

Mr. R. Haresign has been appointed as Pianist at St. John's Church. Choir Practice is held every Thursday. Boys at 6-30 p.m. and men at 7-0 p.m.

Sunday, November 2nd is All Souls' Day and the Church will be decorated with white flowers in remembrance of all those who have departed this life. One white flower for each person to be remembered should be brought to the church on the previous Saturday afternoon. The names of those who are to be remembered in this way should be entered on the list in church, and they will be remembered by name at the altar at the Family Communion.

The sale of Shares and the Gift Day for the Parish Church Building Fund have so far realised £111. Shares at 5/- and half shares at 2/6 may be purchased after any of the Sunday Services or from St. John's House.

HATCH, MATCH, DISPATCH,

or rather, Baptism, Marriage and Death, are three occasions when we all use the Church. The provision of regular worship, Sunday Schools, Youth Clubs, a Parish Priest to minister to the needs of the whole family; these are some of the other ways in which the Church serves us. Perhaps most important of all is that, whether we come to church or not, the Church prays for each one of us every day.

For our part, we need to contribute to the work of God, both at home and overseas.

At St. John's the normal way of giving is the "Free Will Offering Scheme." This is absolutely secret so that not even the Parish Priest knows how much you give.

You are given a book of envelopes, containing one envelope for each week of the year, and whether you come to church or not you place your weekly offering in the appropriate envelope.

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On 26th August, 27 members of the Company visited the Sea Cadet's Headquarters where they received a hearty welcome from the Commanding Officer and Crew of T.S. "Wrangler." The lads showed a keen interest and expressed the desire to make a return visit.

"Brigade Week, 1958" will be held from 12th October to 19th October and in addition to the usual Members Collecting Cards, permission has been granted by the local authorities to hold a Flag Day.

Girl Guides

Guide Meetings were resumed on September 4th after a five week break, the first being well started by a bumper attendance.

On September 11th, the Chief Guide came to Lincoln and one of our Leaders, Lieutenant, was fortunate enough to attend the Reception.

The Brownies are very happy little people, but there will soon be so many of them that recruits will have to go on a waiting list.

King's Messengers

This organisation is open to both boys and girls between the ages of 8 years and 11 years and new members will be welcomed.

The Syllabus for this year is about the growth of the Province of Central Africa from the pioneer missionaries to the work of the present day.

At the moment the K.M's. are busy preparing a cut out model of a village in Central Africa.

Evergreen Club

41 members spent an enjoyable day at Stamford on September 10th. A visit was made to Burghley House, the home of the 6th Marquess of Exeter. This great Tudor House is steeped in history and it stands in a beautiful setting of parkland and ancient trees.

The first week in October concludes our monthly summer outings with a tour of the East coast illuminations.

October 11th, the Evergreen Committee are holding a "Kitchen Shower," from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. with light refreshments, to build our Bumper Stall at the Xmas Fair. We are already busy sewing, knitting etc., and with Whist Drives and speakers on alternate weeks, preparations for the winter months are well in hand.

A cordial invitation is extended to the whole parish from the "Evergreen Club" Saturday, October 11th to the "Kitchen Shower."

Youth Fellowship

Now that the evenings are gradually growing darker the activities of the club are concentrated on indoor sports. Every Friday night Mr. Garner, our games leader, introduces a new ball game and most of the youth club enjoy playing. One of the most popular games, volley ball, seems to be enjoyed more by the boys but the girls are better at scoring the goals in net ball and basket ball. Badminton, table-tennis and billiards are always popular.

Dancing still plays a major part of the evenings' activities and in this way we always finish our meetings. Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Hudson are a great help with their dancing instruction classes.

The preparation for our Christmas pantomime "Whiskers and Co." are going well. We still have not settled the cast but we are meeting each week to run through the parts which are taken, and to discuss costumes and stage management, etc. We are adding to the story and building it up more ourselves. In this way we hope to introduce more of the club as well as Miss Ashton's dancers. Our Youth Club Band has agreed to take over the musical side of the show and we hope it will be a success.

We apologise for having omitted Mr. Appleby from our adult club committee list in last month's "Ermine News." Mr. Appleby has been a great help to the club in the past. He has often helped us at our club dances by acting as M.C. and we are very grateful for his assistance.

Mothers' Union

At a meeting on September 2nd, Mrs. D. Newman talked about the various aspects of M.U. work.

Nominations were put forward for the position of Member's Representative, and Mrs. D. Barsley was elected.

The rest of the committee was formed as follows:—Enrolling Member, Mrs. J. Hodgkinson; Secretary, Mrs. M. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. I. Moore; Overseas Representative, Mrs. Blythe; "Watch and Social Problems" Representative, Mrs. J. Wilson; Members' Representative, Mrs. D. Barsley; Y.W's. Group Leader, Mrs. M. Appleby.

It was decided that a member of the Y.W's. group—not necessarily a member of M.U. should be appointed by the group to serve on the committee as a non-voting member.

Mrs. Broughton agreed to become responsible for noting the absence of members and visiting the sick.

Plans were made for the two following meetings at which the branch decided to make a survey of the work covered by the "Watch and Social Problems."

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12 D. Barsley R. Mason	A. Mason D. Mason	Miss Coddington Miss Pike	Mrs. Potter
19 J. Parker B. Parsons	J. Andrews A. Hewitt	Mr. & Mrs. Tomlinson	Mrs. Roberts
26 M. Page D. Barsley	J. Fisher M. Hackney	Janet Rawlinson Pamela Saul	Mrs. Thompson
November			
2 R. Mason J. Parker	A. Mason D. Mason	Mrs. Vernon Keith Vernon	Mrs. Parsons

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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.
Holy Communion Wednesday, 9-15 a.m.
Holy Communion Thursday, 6-30 a.m.
Holy Communion Friday, 7-30 a.m.

Confirmation Schools

SENIORS: All who attend Secondary or Grammar Schools—St. John's Church 10-45 a.m.

JUNIORS: All who attend Junior Schools—Ermine Infants' School—11 a.m.

INFANTS: All who attend Infants' Schools: St. John's Church, 2-30 p.m.

PRIMARY: Children under 5 years. St. John's Church, 2-30 p.m.

Banns, Weddings, Churchings, Confessions by appointment.

What's on this month

October

- 1 Wed. Bumper Whist Drive 7-30 p.m. Admission 2/-.
- 2 Thur. Mannequin Parade 7-30 p.m. Admission 1/-.
- 3 Fri. Dance—Drill Hall, Newport 8—1 a.m. Admission 3/6.
- 5 Sun. **Trinity 18.**
- 7 Tues. P.C.C. 7-45 p.m.
- 8 Wed. Bumper Whist Drive 7-30 p.m.
- 12 Sun. **Trinity 19.**
- 14 Tues. Mothers' Union Deanery Service.
- 15 Wed. Bumper Whist Drive.
- 18 Sat. S. Luke, E. Holy Communion 7-30 a.m.
- 19 Sun. **Trinity 20.**
- 21 Tues. Young Wives' Group 7-45 p.m.
- 22 Wed. Bumper Whist Drive 7-30 p.m.
- 26 Sun. **Trinity 21.** Children's Service 2-30 p.m.
- 28 Tues. S. Simon & S. Jude, A.A., M.M. Holy Communion 6-30 a.m. Men's Fellowship 7-45 p.m.
- 29 Wed. Bumper Whist Drive 7-30 p.m.

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- Aug. 7 Brian Geoffrey, son of Arthur Edward and Alice Bates.
Heather Jean, daughter of Ronald and Joan Carr.
Julie Mary, daughter of Eric and Joan Brackenbury.
Philip Antony, son of Alfred and Joan Horton.
Ian, son of Brian and Marion Radley.
Philip Antony, son of Arthur and Joan Tatton.
Peter John, son of Arthur and Joan Tatton.
Paul Stephen, son of Arthur and Joan Tatton.

Burials

- Aug. 23 Charles E. Coldron.
- „ 27 Neil Brown (1½)
- „ 30 John Francis (20)

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