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The members of the Canvass Committee have

worked exceptionally hard and they are shown in the above picture, reading from left to right: Les Smith, Ron Williamson, Frank Borley, Fr. John, Tom Moore, Ken Priestley, Sydney Appleby. The other members of the Canvass Teams who have also given of their very best are: Sydney Ashton, Ted Daines, Albert Dickson, John Flintham, Jim Gregory, John Hewitt, E. Kirby, Maurice Lounds, Frederick Phillips, Fraser Rooke.

A special vote of thanks is due to their wives who have so patiently put up with being grass widows during the last three weeks.

The hostesses, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Appleby, have also done a great job of work, and much of the success of the Loyalty Dinner was due to their efforts.

High Finance?

During our Parish Canvass the question has often been asked "The Church Commissioners have millions of pounds, and often make big deals in stocks and shares. What happens to all this?"

The answer is quite simple. Those of us who class ourselves as C. of E. are living to a great extent on the generosity of previous generations. The money or land which they gave to the Church was used to provide an annual income so that the parson should be paid without there being any charge upon the parishioners.

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Mr. W. Brockie is to be ordained next June, and he will then come to St. John's as Assistant Curate.

Bishop's Hostel, Lincoln.

Dear Friends,

29-10-59.

When I first came to Lincoln, to study at the Bishop's Hostel, I never thought that I would be ordained to work in the City. However it is now obvious that I will stay here and work with you on Ermine. In the last few months I have been to St. John's on several occasions and met many people. I look forward to getting to know many more when I come here next June. Your Christian Giving is a very fine demonstration of the Gospel at work, challenging people, making them think and resulting in a deeper dedication to the Church and fellowship in it.

I've been asked to add "a personal note." I am of Scottish descent and have even been seen in Lincoln wearing my kilt—of infamous Campbell tartan. My parents' home is in Cheam, Surrey, where we live about a mile from the Goons. I went to a boarding school in Surrey, then worked in a shipping office in London for a year, spent three happy years at Pembroke College, Oxford, and have been in Lincoln since July, 1958. My interests: I used to play a great deal of rugby but recently have done a lot of rowing, at Oxford and in the London area. Any offers for an Ermine Boat Club? I am engaged and hope to get married early in 1961—when I have had time to settle in among you.

Yours sincerely, BILL BROCKIE.



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A QUIET WEEKEND



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The St. John's Players presented two very accomplished performances of Esther McCracken's much loved play, "Quiet Weekend" on October 1st and 2nd.

Miss Janet Ashton who produced the play is to be congratulated on the excellent way in which she handled the large cast, for at no time did the play lose its momentum. In fact, the fun came fast and furious, and the audience was taken breathlessly along until it burst into applause at the final curtain.

David Barsley and Ted Daines produced a wonderful set, and a more attractive little cottage would have been hard to find. Claude Sharran's work with the lights and other effects ensured that the play was seen at its best.

The players, reading from left to right in the above photograph are:—Albert Dixon, Gladys Dixon, Geoffrey Horsfall, Sandra Codling, Sheila Stokes, Margaret Bailey, Ray Haresign, Sydney Appleby, Dorothy Stokes, Eric Griggs, Jean Wilson, Marjorie Bailey, Jacqueline Corfield.

Lenten Green Official Opening

The group of dwellings at Lenten Green is a new venture for the City Council, and bearing in mind the emphasis which is constantly being placed on the care of old people, the Housing Committee have decided to arrange for an official opening by the Mayor on Tuesday, 10th November at 3-0 p.m.

C.L.B. Birthday Parade

St. John's Company of the Church Lads' Brigade celebrates its second birthday on Sunday, November 29th.

Other companies from the diocese have been invited to attend a service at St. John Baptist Church at 2-45 p.m. Afterwards the combined companies and their bands will march across to St. John the Evangelist Community Centre for tea.

Confirmation Clubs

Plans are being made for two Confirmation Clubs to start meeting in the near future. The clubs are for boys and girls at Secondary Modern or Grammar Schools who are under preparation for Confirmation, or who have recently been confirmed.

These clubs will combine instruction in the faith with practical work, recreation and fellowship. The meetings will most likely be held at St. John the Evangelist on Friday nights, and St. John Baptist on Sunday nights.

DECEMBER 5th

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What's on this month

November.

- 1 Sun. **All Saints' Day.**
- 2 Mon. All Souls. Holy Communion 6-30 a.m. Management Committee St. John the Evangelist, 7-45 p.m.
- 3 Tue. Young Wives' Group—Mrs. Chamberlain—7-45 p.m.
- 8 Sun. **Trinity 24.**
- 9 Mon. C.L.B. Annual Inspection, 7-45 p.m.
- 10 Tue. Mothers' Union, 7-45 p.m.
- 11 Wed. Management Committee, St. John Baptist, 7-45 p.m.
- 15 Sun. **Trinity 25.**
- 18 Wed. A.G.M. Drama Group, 7-45 p.m.
- 22 Sun. **Trinity 26.**
- 29 Sun. **Advent 1.**
- 30 Mon. **St. Andrew, A. & M.** Holy Communion, 6-30 a.m.

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- Oct. 4 Joy Dorothy, daughter of John and Nancy Richmond.
- Deborah Jane, daughter of Raymond and Vivian Smith.
- Christine Anne, daughter of Francis and Gladys Tait.
- Jane Elizabeth, daughter of John and Eileen Davy.
- Michael James, son of Reginald and Eleanor Cluitt.
- Adrian, son of Dennis and Sheila Robinson.
- James Anthony, son of James and Joan Lee.
- John William son of Kenneth and Joan Gash.

Burials

- Oct. 5 Diane Bradley (4 months).
- 23 Betsy Helen Dodson (71).

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- 3-45 p.m. D. Mason.
- 6-30 p.m. A. Hewitt, A. Mason.
- Nov. 8 9-15 a.m. S. Smith, R. Mason, J. Andrews, A. Hewitt.
- 6-30 p.m. D. Mason, T. Breese.
- Nov. 15 9-15 a.m. D. Barsley, R. Mason, D. Mason, T. Breese.
- 6-30 p.m. A. Mason, J. Andrews.
- Nov. 22 9-15 a.m. S. Smith, D. Barsley, J. Andrews, T. Davis.
- 6-30 p.m. A. Hewitt, D. Mason.
- Nov. 29 9-15 a.m. B. Parsons, R. Mason, A. Hewitt, D. Mason.
- 6-30 p.m. A. Mason, T. Davis.
- Dec. 6 9-15 a.m. D. Barsley, S. Smith, T. Breese, T. Davis.
- 3-45 p.m. A. Mason.
- 6-30 p.m. J. Andrews, A. Hewitt.

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Wardens: Mr. K. Priestley, 50 Laughton Way; Mr. L. D. Moore, 97 Browning Drive.

SUNDAY SERVICES

St. John the Baptist

FAMILY COMMUNION, 9-15 a.m.
EVENSONG, 6-30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist

FAMILY COMMUNION, 10-45 a.m.

Holy Baptism is held on the first Sunday in each month at St. John the Baptist, and two weeks' notice should be given to the Vicar.

CONFIRMATION SCHOOLS

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

JUNIORS: All who attend Junior Schools—St. John's Church—10-45 a.m. St. John the Evangelist, 2-30 p.m.

INFANTS: All who attend Infants' Schools (and under 5 years). St. John's Church, 2-30. St. John the Evangelist, 2-30 p.m.

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Evergreen West

The meeting on the 6th of October took the form of a free and easy and was enjoyed by the members present. October 13th, Mrs. Armstrong was the guest speaker and interested us by telling us amusing episodes of their camping holiday. Mrs. Priestley thanked her for her interesting talk which was enjoyed by a good number of members.

October 20th, our guest speaker was Mrs. Smith and she told us of the "World Health Organisation" activities. Besides flies being the cause of spreading disease, she told us that much disease was spread by Asiatics who come into the country and have no idea of hygiene and how essential it was that they should be taught the principles of hygiene. Mrs. Lilley proposed a vote of thanks and the talk was much appreciated.

J.L.

Young Wives' Group

Our speaker on September 22nd was Mrs. Colin the Diocesan Representative of the Young Wives Group. For the benefit of our new members, the first part of the talk was about the aims and purposes of the Young Wives. She then went on to tell us how easy it is to find excuses for not attending church services. Mrs. Colin is a great favourite with the group and although there is a lot of humour in her talks we are always left with food for thought.

On October 6th, Father John came to show us a film and speak about the world-wide family of the Anglican Church and it was extremely interesting to see its members as far afield as China, Africa and Iceland. After our usual refreshments we had a session of square dancing.

The November meetings will be Mrs. Chamberlain on November 3rd and Keeping Fit, November 17th.

J.B.

Evergreen East

We are sorry to announce the death of Mrs. B. Dodson. She was always a joy to us on our

outings and although unable to get on Thursdays her kindness to us will be greatly missed.

Our Christmas Party this year will be an American Tea in the afternoon, followed by a visit in the evening to Lincoln Theatre Royal.

Monday, November 1st, the Secretary and five members are taking the Children's Society cheque for Presentation to The Lady Elphinstone at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

These collections are from the House-to-house on Ermine earlier in the year.

Youth Fellowship

Our first football match of the season was played on the 11th of October and our opponents on this occasion were the Ermine Rangers. The score, after a hard game, was 2-4, a victory for the Rangers. We will be playing regularly through the winter months.

On Friday, the 16th October, the first of our table tennis matches took place. As we belong to the Youth Table Tennis League we have quite a few fixtures during the coming weeks. Many of the clubs which we play invite the whole of the Youth Fellowship down to a Social after the matches have taken place.

During the club evenings now we devote quite some time to discussions and debates. In the last few weeks we have talked about such things as "The Banning of Nuclear Weapons" and "The Abolition of Capital Punishment." We also held a mock election a few days before the General Election took place, in which the Conservatives gained a victory.

A few of the boys in the club have just started having weight lifting instruction. Unfortunately they are not able to work in the back room on a Friday evening so they have obtained another room in the City to work in as the boys are very keen on this new idea.

16th October, 1959.

A.D.S.

For the past two years, over 100 laypeople from many parishes in Lincoln Diocese have gone away together one week-end in November to The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, to learn more of their part as members of the living Church.

This short time of worshipping, learning and living together as Christians has been such a joyful experience that, this year, young people of 15 years and over are invited to come too.

Conference Theme: THE BIBLE TODAY.

Youth Rally

"Youth and the Bible."

The Youth Rally, which will be separate from the Laypeople's Conference, will commence at 8 p.m. on Friday, 20th November. The speakers will be the Rev. Canon H. E. W. Turner, of Durham University and the Rev. Nicholas Stacey, Chaplain to the Bishop of Birmingham.

Cost: 39/- plus 5/- non-returnable booking fee.

Transport from Lincoln will be arranged.

Application forms: St. John's House. Please apply as soon as possible.

Laypeople's Conference

The laypeople's conference will begin at lunchtime on Saturday, November 21st. The speaker will be the Rev. Alan Webster, Warden of the Theological College, Lincoln, on "The value and authority of the Bible today."

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