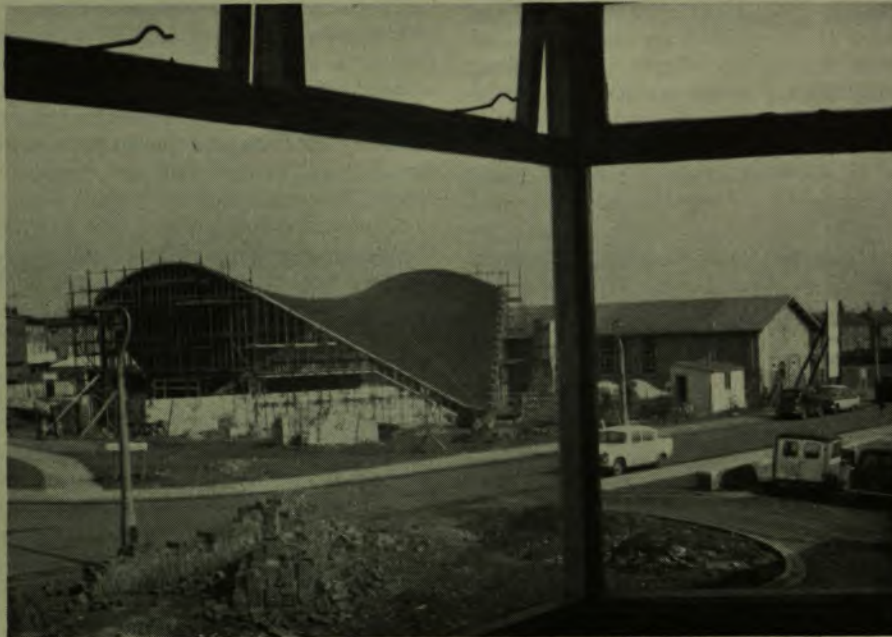


Matron's Outlook . . .



Mrs. Ruth Price has been appointed Matron of Ermine House, the new home for elderly people on Laughton Way, which is now nearing completion.

Mrs. Price has been Assistant Matron of West View for 16 years, but is now busy with all the final furnishings and preparations for the opening of the new home.

The outlook from Matron's Office is given in the above picture, but her outlook upon the new job is summed up in these words of hers, "This is their home".

Ermine House will indeed be the home of those who live there and in no sense will it be an institu-

tion. Everyone will have either a single or double bedroom, and there are no dormitories. And of course, because this will be the home of each resident, visitors will be welcome at any time.

Each bedroom will have hot and cold water and a bell for emergencies and the whole home is centrally heated. Apart from the spacious dining room, there are two lounges, two smoke rooms and two quiet rooms, the first four all equipped with television.

Add the rose gardens and sunroof terraces outside each bedroom and you will get a picture of this latest addition to our community, Ermine House.

Looking Ahead

A Weekend of preparation for the October Mission. Saturday and Sunday the 11th and 12th May.

Saturday, 11th May

There will be a meeting for church members at The Old Palace to examine the question 'What is the Gospel?'

The session will start at 2-30 p.m. and will end sometime after tea, which will be provided at the Old Palace.

Sunday, May 12th

Canon Oswald Jones will preach at a special evening service at 6-30 p.m. There will be refreshments after the service to enable people to meet one another.

In preparation for this weekend, it is hoped that teams of church visitors will call at every house in the parish with an invitation to come to the evening service.

In Memory

Several pews in our new church have already been donated as memorials. The cost of each pew, which will be of English Oak, is £5 and here is the opportunity of making a memorial gift which is really permanent and useful.

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Wardens and Councillors

At the annual general meeting of the parish on March 6th the following elections were made:

Churchwardens: Mr. L. D. Moore, Mr. K. Dent. Wardens (St. John the Evangelist): Mr. H. Flintham, Mr. C. Robinson. Diocesan Conference Representative: Mrs. E. A. Johnson. Ruri-Decanal Representatives: Mr. K. Priestley, Mrs. D. Barsley, Mrs. D. Thompson. Parochial Church Council Members: Messrs. J. Gregory, B. Coleman, L. A. Smith, H. Lincoln, G. Blyth, M. Johnson, J. Hewitt, L. Phillips. Mesdames: D. Cottrell, G. Dixon, J. Wilson, M. Bailey and Misses: B. Briggs and N. Tartelin.

Management Committee St. John's Community Centre

At the annual general meeting on Wednesday, March 20th the following were elected to serve on the management committee. Messrs. R. Williamson, R. Cook, J. E. Dimpleby, G. W. Clayton, G. Duckworth and Mrs. R. Cook. Representing the Parochial Church Council on the Committee are Messrs. H. Flintham, C. Robinson and M. Johnson.

A report was given by the various organisations and it was interesting to learn that about 600 people use the Community Centre every week. The financial report showed that the mortgage is now down to £750.

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Housing Plans

Councillor R. Wadsworth, (Chairman of Lincoln Housing Committee), maps out the future.

Excelsior

The Lincoln City Council have raised this old banner in their efforts to provide more housing accommodation for Lincoln citizens. The upward trend shows itself in a number of projects for multi-storey block of flats in various parts of the city, including a 17 storey block at Stamp End and another 15 storey block on Stones Farm adjacent to the Ermine West Estate. Such buildings provide one answer to the problems of a land-starved community and there is certainly a demand for up-to-date accommodation of the type that will be provided in these projects. These flats will represent the latest trends in council houses and the lucky tenants will be able to enjoy the advantages of central heating and central waste disposal as well as automatic lifts to all floors.

The Stones Farm block will provide 88 homes consisting of 58 one bedroom flats and 30 two bedroom flats. The flats will be completely self contained units with up-to-date amenities such as heated drying cupboards and refrigerators and most of the flats will have a store place at ground level. All the flats will have at least one side facing into the open country and the layout of the block will be such that advantage will be taken to use

natural lighting wherever possible.

The impact of such a building on the visual amenities of the area had to be carefully studied from the start. The Lincoln planning committee authorised experiments to be carried out using balloons to simulate the height of the proposed buildings and photographs taken from a number of vantage points augmented by visual sightings from as far as 10 and 12 miles away were carefully assessed before permission was granted. The block will provide a striking focal point for the estate and will be visible from points as far apart as Skellingthorpe Road, Bunkers Hill and Scampton Aerodrome. However, it will not provide a serious rival to the cathedral and nowhere does it detract from the magnificent views of the cathedral which are apparent from all the approach roads to the city. The tenants themselves particularly in the top 3 or 4 storeys will be afforded an unrivalled view across the whole of the Trent Valley.

The Stones Farm flats will be among the first multi-storey blocks to be built in the city and the experience gained here will no doubt be put to good advantage by the corporation in any future housing projects which they may undertake.

R.W.

"A Pig in a Poke"

Have you ever bought a pig in a poke? Ray Haresign does and he becomes so fond of it. The trouble is that Jean Wilson (who plays Ray's Mother in Law) does not know that the pig, called Grace is in the bathroom, so when Marjorie Bailey and Dorothy Stokes try to establish a right of way through the living room and Father Bill has a drop too much. . . .

Anyway come and see the Drama Group's next production. 'A Pig in a Poke' by Mabel and Dennis Constanduros. It is at St. John's Hall, Laughton Way at 7-30 on Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Evergreen Clubs

At the annual general meeting of the two clubs reports were given showing that they had both enjoyed another successful year.

The following appointments or elections were made:

Evergreen East: Leader Mrs. G. Dixon; Treasurer Mrs. D. Cottrell; Secretary Mr. W. Handsley; Committee Members Messrs Trett, Abbott, White, Mesdames Gott, Gittins, Clayton, Roberts, Handsley, Goodman, Clapham, Dove.

Evergreen West: Leader Mrs. Priestley; Treasurer Mrs. J. Lilley; Secretary Mrs. A. Clarke; Committee Members Messrs. Duckworth and Lilley, Mesdames Carr, Dearlove, Gibson, Gadsby, Stow, Trevor and Ward.

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Friday Night Club

The Puppet Theatre progresses well; much to our surprise it stands up, despite the worst. Byron, David, Derrick, Bryn, Michael and Co. can do. The first lights are being installed and the scenery is being designed. Michael, Keith and Brian work at marionettes to represent Ena and the rest of the inhabitants of Coronation Street.

On March 1st the Jive Cup was retained by Linda Phillips and Kathryn Lee and the Twist Cup won by George Garfitt and Tony Lawson. The Committee for 1963/4 was elected at the same meeting; the committee meeting later chose its officers: Secretary L. Phillips; Treasurer J.

Lawson; Membership Secretary S. Rooke; Vice-Chairman T. Lawson; Committee Members C. Wilson, P. Sargent and S. Barber.

In the next round of the General Knowledge Quiz the Club meets the 19th Lincoln Scouts. This is an away fixture. Last year we met and beat the scouts in the first round, again in their H.Q. near the Bracebridge Gas Works. The club programme is well filled for the next few weeks, the group Nicholas Williamson, Paul Wilson and Stephen Christopher plays every other week for jive, twist and rock.

Church of England and Methodist Church

The High School Hall was packed on Monday, March 11th at a meeting of the Lincoln Council of Churches to hear a report on the Anglican Methodist conversations from Mr. Philip Race. Mr. Race a Lincoln Solicitor and brother of Steve the pianist, was a member of the Methodist team for the conversations.

The meeting was not for discussion, but for giving information on the report and the proposals for reconciliation and reunion of the two denominations. Mr. Race explained what it had felt

like to be in discussions such as these. Once the report was published and reunion officially proposed, he felt that relations between the churches would never be the same again; something must happen. The scheme is not a merger, but a reunion with give and take on both sides.

The immediate need is for members of the churches to get together in small local groups to discuss and pray about the report and see its implications for the local situation.

Colouring in the Church Food and Clothing

The end of the cold weather has brought an increase in the numbers of the Sunday Schools. The 10-30 Sunday School on the East has just begun another competition between its 12 classes. Andrew Mason has drawn a large picture of the church and divided it into 12 equal parts. Each part is subdivided into 50 squares each worth 5 points. A child earns points by attendance. The top six classes are within four squares, so the race is a very close one and every point counts.

In the classes since January we have been studying the men whom God called to lead his people Israel, beginning with Abraham and ending this month with Judas Macabeus. We need a pianist at this Sunday School, any offers, to the clergy please.

Susan Baker having moved from over the Co-op on Queen Elizabeth Road to Bracebridge Vicarage, the junior class at the 2-30 Sunday School at St. John's Evangelist is now taught by Susan Grimes. Attendance here is up too with the weather improving.

Only one in three of the world's inhabitants has enough to eat and enough to wear. The rest go hungry and naked. We are in the privileged third.

In March there were two efforts in Lincoln, one to provide clothing and one food. The clothing was brought to various centres all over the City in response to appeals and a leaflet going into every house. There were two reception centres of the Ermine; St. John Baptist Hall and the Methodist Church. Much clothing was collected and grateful thanks are due to the helpers at the centre and to those who brought the clothes.

On Friday, March 22nd many people in Lincoln went hungry. We met at the W.E.A. centre in Beaumont Fee and had a hot drink, bread and cheese and gave whatever we normally paid for mid-day dinner. At the same time there was a service of Prayer for the Hungry in St. Mary-le-Wigford Church.

In June there is to be another effort; to provide tractors for farms in underdeveloped countries. Watch for details.

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April

- 2 Tues. Mothers' Union, 7-45 p.m. C.L.B. Officers' Meeting, 7-45 p.m.
 3 Wed. P.C.C., 7-30 p.m.
 7 Sun. **Palm Sunday** (for Services during Holy Week see next column).
 14 Sun. **Easter Sunday**.
 19 Fri. 63 Club (The Casuals), 7-30 p.m.
 21 Sun. **Low Sunday**.
 22 Mon. Films on the Teaching of Children, 7 p.m.
 25 Thu. **St. Mark A & M.** Holy Communion, 7-15 a.m.
 26 Fri. St. John's Ball, 9 p.m.—1 a.m.
 28 Sun. **Easter II**.
 30 Mon. Mothers' Union, 7-45 p.m.

May

- 1 Wed. Team Meetings for the Mission, 7-30 p.m.
 2 Thu.
 3 Fri.

Holy Week

St. John the Baptist

Palm Sunday—April 7th. Family Communion and Blessing of Palms, 9 a.m.; Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

Monday. Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m.; Compline and Address, 7-30 p.m.

Tuesday. Holy Communion, 7-15 a.m. (Lenton Green, 9-30 a.m.); Compline and Address, 7-45 p.m.

Wednesday. Holy Communion, 9-15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday. Family Communion, 7-30 p.m.; All night Vigil, 9 p.m.—9 a.m.

Good Friday. Morning Service (said), 9 a.m.; **Family Service, 2—3 p.m.**; Evensong (said) 6-30 p.m.

Easter Even. The Easter Vigil, 7-30 p.m.

Easter Sunday—April 14th. Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; **Family Communion, 9 a.m.**; Children's Service, 2-30 p.m.; Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist

Palm Sunday. Family Communion, 10-30 a.m.

Wednesday. Holy Communion, 9-15 a.m.; Compline and Address, 7-30 p.m.

Good Friday. Combined Service with Ermine Methodist Church, 10 a.m. (Address by the Rev. W. H. P. Michael).

Easter Sunday. Family Communion, 10-30 a.m.; Children's Service, 2-30 p.m.

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- Feb. 24 Catherine Tracey, daughter of Jack and Jean Fillingham.
 Mar. 1 Diane, daughter of Roy and Kathleen Bruce.
 Stephen James, son of Anthony and Brenda Bellamy.
 Barbara Jane, daughter of Gordon and Vera Magee.
 David Andrew Edward, son of Edward and Janette Swaine.
 Mar. 17 Lynn, daughter of Leslie and Nora Robinson.

Burial

- Mar. 7 Gary Mundin.

The Church

Looks Forward

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