

USE YOUR VOTE

MINSTER WARD

MRS. M. R. SOOKIAS

May I first express my gratitude to the Vicar for his invitation to candidates in the Municipal Elections to contribute to the *Ermine News*.

Those of you who live on Ermine East know that I have been one of your Councillors for three years. In standing again I am asking for a vote of confidence. If you feel that I have served the best interests of the Ward and the City I hope you will allow me to continue.

I am grateful to the many electors who have drawn my attention to various problems. Without their help it would be impossible to get a true picture of personal and local needs. So often a small item, such as a pillar box in the right place, can make a big difference to the convenience of a large number of people. Always it is people who matter; services exist for them.

I believe sincerely that in local affairs we should think less of Party affiliations, strongly though we may hold them nationally, and more of choosing a team of men and women of energy and ability who will truly pledge themselves to the interests of their fellow citizens.

The right to vote with its privilege and responsibility is yours. Please use it, and however you decide let there be a really high poll.

WRAY S. FOWLES

When I was invited to contribute a small article to this issue of the *Ermine News* my first thought was, what shall I say? Obviously I should not attempt to write a sermon since others are more qualified than I, and although I am the Labour Candidate for Minster Ward in this year's Council elections I ought not to try to make this an election address, even though there is much in Labour policy to commend itself to the Church. Indeed there is a great similarity in many of our aims. To mention just two things, Care of Children and Welfare of the Elderly, two matters of great concern to the Church and the Labour Party. I have a feeling of great pride as I go around Minster Ward and can see the visible improvements made in both these fields.

Of course, those of you who live in Minster Ward will require to know something of me. May I say that I am a Lincolnian, aged 32, am married and have two sons and a daughter. I am employed at Ruston & Hornsby's (Turbine Research) and am a Shop Steward. I am also a member of the Trades Council.

It is my belief that in this age of many changes that each of us should be ready with a helping hand to those less fortunate or able.

The Candidates for the local elections on May 9th, in the two wards of our parish have been invited to write the following paragraphs:—

CASTLE WARD

HARRY ADAMS

Every attribute of life has been achieved by personal sacrifice. Our local government democratic system is a typical example. Hard to obtain—easy to lose. As with the Church, apathy is our biggest enemy. All Council services whether welfare or policy making are taken for granted and by many without just a little effort placing X on a ballot paper. It was a sad day when politics entered local government and some use this excuse in not voting at all. There is invariably election choice and there is no reason why rate-payers should not record votes for person rather than party. Before I became a candidate my local selection was always the person who had the best to offer in way of service to our community and capable of understanding the complicated system of local government finance. Therefore, I do not complain if electors do the same to me. May I appeal to every citizen to banish lethargy and cultivate more the 'help your neighbour' attitude. A lot is being done, more could be done. Why not start now and make certain we do not lose our Christian democratic way of life by exercising the most elementary but completely private prerogative—the Vote.

GEORGE PETERS

As the Labour candidate for Castle Ward I am pleased to be able to contribute this article to the *Ermine News* in an attempt to persuade everybody who is entitled to vote to do so. Years ago the majority of the people of our country were not allowed to do so and the local squires and big business men ruled local affairs, often with little regard to the needs of the people. Today it is a vastly different story. A few years ago a leading political figure concocted the phrase "Never had it so good", and I suppose that by earlier standards this was true. An even greater truism is, I think, "We can still have it better". In many parts of our city, development is taking place, thereby showing confidence in the future of our city by commercial interests. This is all to the good and I claim that much of the credit for this goes to the Labour controlled City Council for its foresight and careful planning, often in spite of restrictions placed on them by the central government. I see no reason why this confidence should not continue and that the interests of the people of Lincoln prosper and during my election cam-

paign I shall be asking the electors of Castle Ward to show their approval by returning me as their councillor, thereby enabling me to join my colleagues in their good work.

MRS. ELLA WHITAKER

In Castle Ward as in the rest of Lincoln there is a growing feeling of discontent with the management of the affairs of the City Council. The contempt in which you are held by the Labour Party was made obvious when they increased the rates in February by 2/10 in the pound on the old valuation without a word of explanation. You are entitled to expect the Conservatives to ask questions on your behalf but they failed you. The Socialists and Tories have had command of the City too long.

The Public and the Press must be admitted to meetings of Committees of the Council so that you can know what is happening in the City and why it happens. There must be an independent investigation into the efficiency of every department of the Corporation so that you get the maximum value for the money you pay in rates each year.

If you chose me as your Councillor I will represent your wishes to the best of my ability. As a Liberal, I firmly believe that people are more important than politics, and this will guide my judgement and action in all council matters.

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The Church and its organisations and many activities for good are usually taken for granted, but this picture, taken at random, shows a group of some of the workers at St. John's.

These men and women, and many others, give up many hours, week after week, and year after year, to the service of God and his people. Clubs for all age groups, parish news distributed, children taught, parish finances kept in order, committee meetings called and organised, homes visited, buildings planned and money raised for

them, support for people worse off than ourselves and in other lands, and the continual prayers and worship of the people of God for every soul in the parish, man, woman and child, believing or unbelieving.

The man in the armchair may well say, "Why don't 'they' do this, that or the other", but 'they' happens to be the small band of Christians who don't just sit back and take all that comes; people like those in the picture who go out and serve.

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Ermine House Open Day

On Saturday, April 20th members of the public were able to inspect Ermine House, the old people's home on Laughton Way. A large number accepted the chance to look at the house before the people move in.

It is very pleasing to record that everyone seemed to be impressed with the decor, the planning and the details. The bedrooms were comfy looking and nearly all had a door onto a balcony or a terrace. There were plenty of sitting rooms, one intended as a reading room and

another for watching T.V. None of these rooms seemed too large, but each was of a comfy size with good looking chairs. The dining room with four to each table looked as though it would be very friendly. The details were especially good, handrails in the corridors and up the stairs, seats at the top of the stairs, etc.

When the gardens are finished and people are living in Ermine House it looks like becoming a very happy and homelike place.

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63 Success

For several hundred teenagers, Friday night means '63 Club' night, and from 7-30 p.m. girls and boys centre upon St. John's Hall for another session of beat music, as provided by such groups as The Casuals, The Sultans, The Time Travelers and The Secrets.

For several weeks now, members have been meeting on Sunday nights in an attempt to produce and act an entry for the 'Pick of the Shows'. The entry chosen was a somewhat modified version of Cliff's 'Summer Holiday', and on Friday, March 28th, it was presented to the public, along with entries from other youth clubs in the northern

part of the city.

We were pleased, if not somewhat surprised, to announce that we have been chosen for the Finals, which are to be held at the Theatre Royal on Monday, April 29th. This is mainly due to the efforts of Father John, who had the somewhat nauseating job of trying to convert a group of noisy individuals into an orderly, if not gifted, troupe of actors, while at the same time composing music and constructing the few but vital props necessary. A special thank you too for Miss Janet Ashton's direction of the dances.

D.R.W.

Friday Night Club

Do you know what is built on St. John's Wong? or when Peter of the Bail was Mayor of Lincoln? or for that matter what S.P.C.K. stands for? These are some of the forty-five questions which members of the Friday Night Club had to answer in their Treasure Hunt. The Hunt began at St. John's Hall on Thursday, March 18th at 10 a.m. and the answers had to be supplied by 6 p.m. All the answers could be found in the City except one which needed a walk out to Riseholme. The winners, eventually, were Nicholas Williamson, Kathryn Lee, Jennifer West and Linda Wrey.

In the second round of the Junior General Knowledge Quiz, we resume our rivalry with the 19th Lincoln Scout Troop. The match to be played on May 10th—we hope.

We are holding a Coffee Morning in the Community Centre on Saturday, May 4th, 10 to 12, Admission 1/-. Children and O.A.P. 6d. Please come and bring your friends.

*1. St. John's Hospital, Bracebridge Heath.

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3. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

Ermine Elderly on Top!

At the Second Annual Exhibition of Elderly People's Arts and Crafts on April 19th, Ermine groups were well on top of the prize lists.

Congratulations to Lenton Greens excellent group exhibit which won the first prize, and to St. John's Evergreen Club (East) which came home with the second prize.

The following individuals representing Lenton Green or the Evergreen Clubs, East and West, also won prizes in the various classes:

Mrs. Trevor, 14 Chatterton Avenue, first and second prizes.

Mrs. Ellis, Woodburn View and Mrs. Smith, 13 Lenton Green, second prizes.

Mrs. Hodson, 18 Ermine Close and Mrs. Bunn, 59 Lenton Green, third prizes.

Ascension Day

May 23

For the past five years it has been our custom at St. John's to go to some country church on the evening of Ascension Day to join with the local congregation for Evensong, and a social get together after the service. We have always said that when our own church is built we will invite all those parishes who have given us their hospitality to come and join in an Ascension Day Service at St. John's.

The church will be ready for next year, but this year we have been invited to join with the country parishes south of the city who are joining together for a service at St. John's Hospital Chapel, Bracebridge Heath. The Hospital authorities have invited us to stay for refreshments after the service.

When we first started this idea of going to other parishes on Ascension Day we went to Waddington, and they liked the idea so much that ever since all the parishes in that area have joined together in a different church each year for a service on Ascension Day evening. They are particularly pleased therefore that we shall join with them all on this last occasion before our church is completed, that we can see something of what we unknowingly started.

All the parishes will meet at St. John's Church Bracebridge Heath at 7-45 p.m. and then process with their choirs to the hospital chapel.

Special buses will leave St. John's Community Centre at 7-15 and then on to St. John's Church Hall. Please put your name on the lists in church if you wish to go.

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WHAT'S ON?

- May
- 1 Wed. **St. Philip and St. James. H.C.** 7-30 a.m.
Team meetings for the Mission, 7-30 p.m.
- 2 Thur. } "A Pig in a Poke"
3 Fri. } St. John's Hall, 7-30 p.m.
- Mothers' Union Exhibition, The Drill Hall, Broadgate.
- 5 Sun. **Easter 3.**
7 Tues. Young Wives' Group, Dick Taverner, M.P., 7-45 p.m.
- 11 Sat. Parish Conference, Old Palace, 2-0 p.m.
- 12 Sun. **Easter 4.**
6-30 p.m. Canon O. Jones.
- 15 Wed. P.C.C., 7-30 p.m.
- 16 Thur. Visitation, St. Swithins, 7-30 p.m.
- 19 Sun. **Easter 5.**
- 21 Tues. Young Wives' Group, 7-45 p.m. (Play reading).
- 22 Wed. St. J.E. Management Committee, 7-30 p.m.
- 23 Thur. **Ascension Day.**
Holy Communion, 6-30 a.m.
Evensong, St. John's, Bracebridge.
Bus leaves at 7-15 p.m.
- 25 Sat. Drama Group Dinner.
- 26 Sun. **Sunday after Ascension.**
- 28 Tues. Mothers' Union. Tour of Lincoln Cathedral.

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- April 7 Dawn Carol, daughter of Trevor and Sheila Bunn.
Eric John, son of Maurice and Diane Ranby.
Phillip Leslie, son of Leslie and Margaret Taylor.
Tracy Anne, daughter of George and Alma Corille.
- 14 Karen, daughter of Frank and Dorothy Stallebrass.
- 21 Christopher Charles, son of John and Sheila Godfrey.
Richard Michael, son of Norman and Jillian Clarke.
Gary Nicholas, son of Stanley and Irene Moule.
Marilyn, Alison, Carol Ann and Maurcen, daughters of Arthur and Jean Whitfield.
Sharon, daughter of Thomas and Patricia Marshall.
Christopher, son of Philip and Eve Pass.

Marriage

- April 15 Brian John Booth and Joy Lillian Carter.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

St. John the Baptist

Family Communion, 9-00 a.m.

Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

Holy Baptism, 1st and 3rd Sundays at 3-45 p.m.—Two weeks notice please to clergy.

St. John the Evangelist

Family Communion, 10-30 a.m.

Evensong, 1st Sunday in the month at 6-30 p.m.

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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