

FAMILY PARTY 195 ?



This photograph was taken about seven years ago. It was one of the Family Socials that were so popular at that time. If anyone can give the actual date the editor would be interested to know.

But what a lot of interest there is in this picture. Some of the little children are now teenagers or strapping men and women. Some of the families have left the area, and there are a number of old friends who are no longer with us. But by and large, the majority of the people are still to be seen

in the church or at the shops, and quite a few have school children who weren't born at the time this picture was taken. Perhaps we ought to have another Family Social in the Spring, for there are a lot of new faces too that we would like to see on the next picture.

Do you belong to the Family of St. John's? If not you would be very welcome. If you would like one of the clergy to call and see you, just send word.

SCHOOL CAROLS IN CHURCH

The Church was filled on Sunday, November 15th when the choir of Ermine Junior School came to the Parish Church to sing an anthem and their Headmaster, Mr. J. Harrod preached the sermon.

The school choirs will be coming to church again on Wednesday, December 16th for their Annual Carol Service at 7-30 p.m. Parents will of course be invited to come along as usual.

£100 JUST GIVEN AWAY

Every week church families put on one side part of their income as a thank offering to God. This is placed in the weekly envelope and taken to church and offered at the altar.

Similarly, the Church Council takes the church income and sets aside part of it to further the work of God beyond our own needs. Each family offering is therefore helping the local church and many works of charity throughout the world.

For instance, last month the P.C.C. gave away £100; £48 went to help the church overseas; £10 went to Oxfam to help in their work amongst the homeless and starving; £5 was sent to Amnesty international which tries to help people imprisoned for their beliefs rather than any crime that they have committed; £20 went to help young and old in this country and city, *i.e.*, £10 to the Church of England Children's Society and £10 to Lincoln Care of the Elderly. The other £25 has been put on one side to help with some particular need which arises either locally or elsewhere.



Christmas Services

Parish Church

- Dec. 24 Midnight Communion, 11-45 p.m.
 „ 25 Family Communion, 9-15 a.m.
 Evensong (Said), 4-30 p.m.
 „ 27 Carol Service, 6-30 p.m.

St. John The Evangelist, Ermine West

- Dec. 25 Family Communion, 10-30 a.m.
 „ 27 Carol Service, 2-30 p.m.



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Calling All Mothers

Last week the Mothers' Club Committee resigned. Not that they were unhappy to be the committee, but they had finished their term of office. They have served the club very well and the members are grateful to them.

The club has been in existence for over a year now. We have had some interesting speakers, most of their subjects being in some way connected with the home and health.

Examples of talks given were: "Children in Hospital", S. Barchard, St. George's Hospital; "Accidents to Children", St. Johns Ambulance Brigade; "Family Planning", A General Practitioner; "Care of the Teeth", Dental Officer. The speaker on Lincoln Fire Brigade sent us home feeling we must examine all the electric points in the house for safety and we certainly know a little more about how to act in an emergency.

A local furnishing shop sent us a speaker on "Care of Carpets", a most interesting evening. We have also learned a little about flower decorations and arrangements.

Of course being women we are interested in hearing how to improve our beauty and we have had interesting speakers on: "Care of the Skin"; "How to Dress" and Spirella Corsetry came one night and gave an enlightening talk.

We have had one or two evenings without a speaker and have arranged social events like a 'Bring and Buy' and a Beetle Drive. We had a splendid Christmas dinner at an hotel last year.

We have the usual 'cuppa' and the evenings are not in the least formal.

We elect a new committee next time and feel sure that the next term of office will be just as successful.

B.L.

Evergreen Club (East)

After seven years as Leader of the Club Mrs. A.E. Dixon is to retire, and this year's Christmas Party will be her last function as Leader. Mrs. Dixon is however, looking forward to coming to the club and joining in the fun as an ordinary member.

During these past seven years hundreds of pounds have been raised, taking the club on outings

from coast to coast and including, for several years, a week's holiday free of charge. The members of the club would all like to say a hearty thank you to Mrs. Dixon for the countless hours and labours of love that have accompanied her leadership.

The position of Leader is one of the Vicar's appointments, but he has decided to let the office come up for annual election. The A.G.M. is therefore being brought forward to January 28th.

Mothers' Union Notes

It is difficult to choose a play to suit the tastes of a number of people. When the M.U. programme was planned, October 27th was fixed as the date for a visit to the Lincoln Theatre, regardless of what the play would be. It was fortunate that this turned out to be Noel Coward's "Private Lives"; that slick, sophisticated comedy with the haunting tunes. The local Theatre company are first class, and do deserve our support.

On November 10th the speaker at our meeting was Mrs. Neil Griffin, the daughter of one of our members, who has lived in Northern Rhodesia, now Zambia, since her marriage eight years ago. She told members about her life there and illustrated her talk with coloured slides.

OF THANKSGIVING

Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is he who is always thankful to God, who wills everything that God willeth, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness and has a heart always ready to praise God for it. If anyone would tell you the shortest, surest way to all happiness and all perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you. For it is certain that whatever seeming calamity happens to you, if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing.

... and for this reason I exhort you to this method in your devotion, that every day may be made a day of thanksgiving and discontent may be unable to enter into the heart which is so often employed in singing the praises of God.

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'CHAMPS.'

At Brookman's Park on the 18th October, the title: "Tracking Dog of the Year", was won for the second consecutive year by police-dog 'Flash' of the Lincoln City Police who is trained and handled by P.C. Ron Woodward. The competition for this title is organised annually by the Associated Sheep, Police and Army Dog Society and in order to qualify for the event a dog must have gained at least 95% marks in tracking at any of the three Championship Working Dog Trials held earlier in the year. Any dog, civilian or police, may be entered at these trials, which are held in both England and Scotland. In one of the qualifying trials in September, Lincoln's other Police-dog 'Lucky' finished 1st, thus pipping 'Flash', but in the final competition 'Flash' turned the tables to win the title for the second time.

Earlier this year in March 'Flash' won another competition which was open to all Police-dogs in No. 3 Police Region, which covers the whole of the West Riding, Lincs., Notts. and Derbyshire.

'Flash' is a five year old Alsatian and lives at the home of his handler on the Ermine Estate. He has been with P.C. Woodward for just over four years and he has become a friend of the family. However, he does not take too kindly to strangers. When at work they can often be seen together (in



fact it's not very often they are seen apart) on patrol on the estate or in the City centre. 'Flash' loves his work and hates having a day off, except when he gets an occasional day out at some quiet spot along the coast with P.C. Woodward, his wife and two children.

Evergreen Club (West)

November 3rd was a day for the members to entertain and on these occasions it gives an opportunity for many to take part for a few minutes.

Mrs. Harmston commenced with a selection of American Songs on the piano, and also led community singing. Mrs. Ogden and Mrs. Stow contributed solos. Mrs. Gadsby, Mrs. Bourne, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Lilley and Mr. Froggatt gave very interesting talks, etc. Mrs. Lilley presided and gave words of wisdom in between the items.

November 10th was a Devotional Meeting and the members listened with feeling and understanding to what Mrs. A. E. Rawding had to say based on that well known hymn: "Through all the changing scenes of life". Mrs. Vickers rendered two appropriate solos, accompanied by Mr. Vickers, Organist at Burton Road.

Sunday School Teachers' Conference

On Saturday and Sunday, 24th — 25th October I had the pleasure to be present at the Sunday

School Teachers' Conference, which was held at the Old Palace, Lincoln.

The Conference was primarily held for further education of teaching, and was dealt with fully from nursery age to seniors.

The main speaker came from Newcastle-upon-Tyne and I can assure you that Miss Braithwaite's lectures were most enjoyable and enlightening and were very well received by the delegates who came from all over the County.

Canon Dalby took Evensong on the Saturday evening in the Chapel at the Old Palace, which was patronised by all the teachers.

Ermine also had the pleasure of a visit from about eight of the delegates who looked over our beloved Church, and the teachers from Ermine had the pleasure of answering numerous questions.

Excellent hospitality was provided during the two days in attendance and for those who stayed the night. It was the opinion of everyone that it was well worth the time and energy, learning how to be more effective in the teaching of the Church's children.

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The Family Communion, 9-15 a.m.
 Senior and Junior Confirmation School, 11-0 a.m.
 (Infants in Church Hall, 11-0 a.m.)
 Holy Baptism (First and Third Sunday in the month), 3-45 p.m.
 Evensong, 6-30 p.m.
 (Confirmation Classes for boys and girls 13 and over Church Hall, Fridays, 6-00 p.m.)

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST COMMUNITY CENTRE (ERMINE WEST)

Holy Communion, 10-45 a.m.
 Infants Confirmation School, 11-30 a.m.
 Junior Confirmation School, 2-30 p.m.
 Holy Baptism (arrange date with clergy)
 Evensong (First Sunday in the month), 6-30 p.m.
 BANNES, WEDDINGS, CHURCHINGS AND CONFESSIONS by arrangement.
 (Please give two weeks notice for Baptism. Forms can be obtained from the Vicarage.)

ERMINE CHURCHES JOINT MEETING 1964-65

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
AND
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Reading: Matthew: 5, 6, 7 (New English Bible).
Place: Ermine West Methodist Church.
Time: First Tuesday in each month at 7-30 p.m.
Transport: St. John's Vicarage, Sudbrooke Drive at 7-15 p.m.

COMMENCING 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1964

Programme:

1 Sept. Matt. 5 : 13-20 Salt and Light for God.
 6 Oct. Matt. 5 : 21-48 Doing and not doing.
 3 Nov. Matt. 6 : 1-18 Making a show of your religion.
 1 Dec. Matt. 6 : 19-34 God and Money.
 5 Jan. Matt. 7 : 1-14 Good and Bad Judgement.
 2 Feb. Matt. 7 : 15-23 False Pretences.
 2 Mar. Matt. 7 : 24-29 Firm Foundations.
 6 April Matt. 5 : 1-12 The Essence of Christ's Teaching.

WHAT'S ON?

December

- 1 Tue. United Bible Study, 7-30 p.m.
- 2 Wed. Evergreen East Party.
- 6 Sun. **Advent 2.**
- 8 Tue. Confirmation Rehearsal, 6-30 p.m. (Church).
Mothers' Union, 7-45 p.m.
- 9 Wed. Confirmation at St. Giles, 7-30 p.m.
- 11 Fri. Confirmation Club Party, 6-30 p.m.
- 12 Sat. Infant School (West) Party, 3 p.m.
- 13 Sun. **Advent 3.**
- 16 Wed. Evergreen West Party, 4-30 p.m.
Ermine Junior School Carol Service.
- 19 Sat. Infant School (East) Party, 3 p.m.
- 20 Sun. **Advent 4.**
- 21 Mon. **St. Thomas.**
Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m.
- 22 Tue. Special Whist Drive } St. John's Community Centre,
23 Wed. Special Bingo } 7-45 p.m.

FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES SEE PAGE ONE

27 Sun. **Sunday after Christmas.**
CAROL SERVICES, St. John the Evangelist, Ermine West, 2-30 p.m.
Parish Church, 6-30 p.m.

January

- 1 Fri. **New Year's Day.**
Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m.
- 2 Sat. Junior School Party, 3 — 6 p.m.
Senior School Party, 7 — 9-30 p.m.

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- Nov. 1 Tracey Jenette, daughter of Terence Arthur and Pamela Joyce Benton.
Stephen Anthony, son of Terence John and Denise Read.

Burials

- Oct. 30 Alice Ada North, aged 70.
- Nov. 3 Ivy James, aged 59.
- „ 24 Tom Cox.

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