



BEAUTY COMPETITION

Who are the Ermine Estate's most beautiful girls,
and who are its most beautiful housewives?

On June 22nd the Ermine Estate Sports and Gala will be held on Ermine Junior School Field. One of the many attractions will be a Beauty Competition. Local firms and leading Beauty Salons are donating prizes which will be awarded to winners of the two sections, (a) Married and (b) Single.

The competition will be conducted in a light-hearted spirit, so don't be shy ladies. Come in your prettiest summer dress and take home one of the prizes. It may be a box of cosmetics, or even the 1st prize, a £3 3s. perm. by either Kelsey's or Moderne.

The **BABY SHOW** may well be the biggest this city has ever known. Miss Scorer, Matron of the Quarry Maternity Home, Mrs. Dawber, Matron of Eastholme Maternity Home, and Sister Barchard who is Sister in charge of the children's ward at the County Hospital, will judge the three sections. These sections are (a) under 9 months, (b) 9 to 15 months and (c) 15 months to 2 years, on the day of the Show. Prizes galore are arriving from Johnsons, Farleys, Heinz, Woodwards, Keen Robinson & Co., Dinnefords' & A. R. Scott; and many of these firms will be distributing gifts and samples at the show.

SPORTS and ATHLETICS are arranged for all ages. There will however be four open events in which many of the cities best athletes may be competing. Teams of six for the tug-of-war should get into training—there's a crate of beer for the best.

The Gala will start with a **FANCY DRESS PARADE**, so now is the time to be thinking up some new ideas, children!

Tuesday Night Dance Club

This club is designed for those who like ballroom dancing, including old tyme and barn dancing. No-one under 17 years may join, but parents may bring their children with them if they so desire.

The club will meet fortnightly e.g. April 30th, May 14th, 28th, etc., always on a Tuesday night and starting at 8 p.m. Once the club is established a committee will be formed to arrange future activities of the club. There is the possibility of providing instruction in ballroom and old tyme dancing for those who desire it.

Teenagers will be glad to know that the Friday night Dances have started again, with brand new amplifying equipment, but still at the old admission charge of 1/6.

Robed Choir

On Easter Sunday St. John's choir entered the church resplendent in their dark red cassocks and white surplices. The cassocks have been made by members of the Young Wives' Group, and the surplices by Mrs. Roberts of the Evergreen Club. Choir practise is held on Friday nights at 7 p.m. and new members, men, boys, ladies and girls will be made welcome.

Ermine-West Community Centre

Negotiations are in hand to purchase a plot of land by Queen Elizabeth Road and it is hoped to build a hall there as soon as sufficient money has been raised. One of the pressing needs is for accommodation for Sunday Schools, for young children cannot be expected to cross the Riseholme Road when there is no one in control of traffic. Youth clubs will find a home there, and the hall will be invaluable for all sorts of social occasions and meetings.

Instead of feeling a bit cut off from the world the residents will soon become a real community.

However, an appeal for funds will soon be launched, and to save expense it has been proposed that we build the hall ourselves. Why not? Councillor Frank Eccleshare is very interested in the scheme, and is prepared to help in any way that he can.

Several house meetings will be arranged on Ermine West during the next few weeks to discuss this project, and on Wednesday evening, June 26th, an open air meeting will be held on the site. The aim of this meeting is to give every member of the community an opportunity to express an opinion or to make a suggestion.

If this hall is built by the community for the community than it will be a very splendid hall indeed.

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A SHORT STORY

This story is about a village in Italy where Don Camillo was the village priest. On the top of the church tower was a very beautiful figure of an angel. Old Bassini left money in his will to Don Camillo for the angel to be gilded, "then," he said, "I will be able to see it shining all the way from Heaven and I shall know I am looking at the place where I was born." At the time when this story opens the old man had died and Don Camillo knew what he had to do about the angel.

The expert he sent for was quite excited. "It is a very precious and a very beautiful angel," he said, "much too good to be up there. You must put it in a glass case in the church where everybody can see it close at hand." Don Camillo said, "I can't do that; I promised old Bassini that I would have it gilded and put back, and back it must go."

Then another expert said, "why not have another made like it, and put the new one on the tower. It may not be quite as good as the old one, but old Bassini will never know the difference!" For a long time Don Camillo said "no"; he felt he was breaking his promise to the old man; but in the end he said they could.

So one day a brand new bronze angel, exactly like the old one, arrived in the village from the city and it was hauled up on to the tower. It took five strong men to do it. The old angel, newly gilded, was put into its glass case in the church. The next day both the angels were to be unveiled.

Late that night Don Camillo went into the little church and looked at the old angel in its glass case. "How can an angel that lived on top of a tower stay shut in a box?" he said to himself; "surely

he must be suffocating for want of air." And then he thought about old Bassini. "Now he doesn't see his angel at all," he said. "He sees a false angel instead. That isn't what he wanted."

Don Camillo was very troubled and he went to kneel at the feet of Christ on the big cross over the altar. "Lord," he said, "why did I cheat old Bassini? What made me give in to those rascals from the city?" But the Lord did not answer. For a long time Don Camillo stayed in church, thinking and praying; then it came to him what he must do.

It was eleven o'clock at night when Don Camillo went and knocked on the door of Peppone the Communist mayor of the village. "I need you, Peppone," he said. "Get on your coat and come with me."

When they were inside the church Don Camillo pointed to the old angel in the glass case. "You and I are going to put that back on the tower where it always was and where it belongs," he said, "and bring the new false one down and put it here in the glass case instead."

"Are you mad?" said Peppone. "Yes," said Don Camillo; "that's why I came for the help of a madman like you."

The scaffolding was still up all around the tower. Don Camillo tucked his cassock into his trousers and began to climb, while Peppone followed him with a rope and pulley. They seemed to have the strength of a dozen men. They gradually let the false angel down to the ground. Then they

carried it into the church, took the old angel out of the case and put the false one in its place.

Now came the hardest task of all—to get the old angel up to the top of the tower again. It was a job for five men, but the two of them managed to do it alone. They were soaked with fog and sweat and their hands were bleeding from handling the rope, and at five o'clock in the morning their task was finished. They went into the priest's house for some refreshment; then Peppone went home to snatch an hour or two's sleep and Don Camillo went back into the church. He knelt again before the figure of Christ on the Cross and looked at it. Then he said, "Lord, I don't know how we did it!" The Lord did not answer, but He smiled, because He knew very well how.

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School Notes . .

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I expect you have often thought what a big change starting school makes in a small child's life. It involves getting used to big rooms instead of small ones; to being with lots of little-known people instead of familiar ones; and being away from the secure surroundings of home for a large part of each day. It also involves learning the give and take necessary in community life and, most of all, being disciplined, mildly it is true, for the good of all. All this change means a period of adjustment for every child who can be considerably helped by sympathetic treatment.

When they come to have their children enrolled for school many mothers want to know how they can prepare the children for the big change which is coming. The most useful thing anyone can do is to make children independent and self-reliant. If the children are away from you sometimes before starting school they will know you haven't deserted them entirely as you go away and leave them at school on the first morning. If they can already put on and fasten their own hats and coats without help they will feel a sense of achievement and command of the situation. If they can tie up their own shoes both they and the teachers will find it a great help. To be able to look after

themselves means that children will have the sense of security which is so necessary for their well-being.

Many mothers and fathers also want to know if they can do anything to help with school work. There is not a lot that can be done at home without causing needless confusion in the minds of the children and the actual teaching is, of course, our special job. But you will help enormously if you can give your children a love of books. Read to them frequently and give them access to a lot of books and they will grow up with the will to learn to read and that, I am sure you will agree, is half the battle! Number understanding will come with many experiences in the home and the skill of writing will be helped, too, if children may draw and colour, and trace as much as they like.

Most of all, don't get anxious about your children and what they are learning. Children do not all learn at the same rate. Some are ready to start as soon as they begin school and quickly show results. Other children are slower starting but once begun progress very rapidly indeed so that most of them have achieved similar skill in the 3 r's by the time they move to the Junior School.

Congregational Church News

Tuesday Night Fellowship. The recent month's programme included a visit from the Co-operative Choral Association, which was highly entertaining, and a visit from the Manager of the Lincoln City Transport Corporation. The latter event went down very well with plenty of lively questioning and discussion.

Sunday School Outing. The whole Sunday School will be going on a day's outing to Sutton on Sea by rail on Saturday, 29th June.

The church surrounds. With the help of a few willing and loyal men, much of the rough ground around the church has been levelled and seeded. We are hoping that people will recognise that all that land around the church belongs to the church and that they will not dump their rubbish nor park their cars there now an attempt has been made to improve it.

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 ★ **October Mission** ★
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 ★ **SATURDAY, MAY 18TH** ★
 ★ **at 2-30 p.m.** ★
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 ★ The preparation will be taken by Fr. ★
 ★ Naters (S.S.J.E.), who will assist Fr. ★
 ★ Manson (S.S.J.E.) on the Mission. ★
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 ★ Tea will be provided, and for those ★
 ★ who can stay, Evensong will be said at ★
 ★ 5 p.m. ★
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 ★ This is an invitation to **YOU!** ★
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Since the Exhibition went on the road three and a half years ago, it has travelled well over 10,000 miles, and, in the words of Mr. Pluckrose, Field Director of C.M.S. Exhibitions, "Succeeded in creating an interest in missionary work which has exceeded anything we anticipated."

Every exhibit was sent home specially for the Exhibition. The most valuable is a Yoruba

dancing mask from Nigeria, which is more than 100 years old and "absolutely priceless."

Another is a replica of the cross in Onitsha Cathedral, Nigeria, made by African craftsmen and shown against a background of authentic woven cloth. A Tamil craftsman carved a replica of a frontal he made for a Church in South India and sent it to London for this Exhibition.

Four Missionaries are accompanying the Exhibition and giving talks to school children each morning. For the rest of the day about 100 helpers drawn from Christianity Deanery, who have been preparing specially for this work, will take it in turn to explain the Exhibition to visitors.

The Exhibition is open for 4 days, ending Saturday night, with a closing session to be addressed by the C.M.S. Home Secretary.

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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, 3-30 p.m. (Please give a fortnight's notice).

Sunday Schools

Senior Confirmation School (11+), 9-15 a.m.
Junior " " (7+), 2-45 p.m.
Infants " " (4+), 2-0 p.m.

Mid-Week Services

Holy Communion, Wednesday, 9-15 a.m.
Thursday, 7-30 a.m.; Friday, 7 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Evensong: see notice board.
Banns, Weddings, Churchings, by appointment.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Minister: Rev. D. Woodroffe, 43 Yarborough Rd.,
Phone: Lincoln 45.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Evening Service, 6 p.m.
**Communion, first Sunday in the month 6 p.m.,
third Sunday, 11 a.m.**
**Family Service: First Sunday in the month,
11 a.m.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

4 to 7 years (meet in the Infants' School).
Junior, 8 to 10 years: Senior 11 to 13 years.
All departments meet at 2-30 p.m.

St. John's Register

Baptisms

April 7th Angela Otter; Linda Gail Otter; Christopher Henry Hought; Kim Maltby; Pamela Ann Franklin; Dabra Jayne Sandy; Marion Henderson; Lesley Marie Atkin; Beverley Ann Cox; Neal Brown; Gary James Townley; Robert Charles Sidsaph.

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What's on this month

- May
- 5 Sun. **Easter II.**
 - 7 Tue. Young Wives' Cookery Demonstration, 7-45 p.m.
 - 12 Sun. **Easter III.**
 - 14 Tue. Dancing Club, 7-45 p.m.
 - 15 Wed. Street Representatives, 7-45 p.m.
 - 16 Thur. Adult Confirmation Class—St. John's House, 8—8-30 p.m.
 - 19 Sun. **Easter IV.**
 - 21 Tue. Young Wives' Cookery Demonstration, 7-45 p.m.
 - 22 Wed. Church Committee, 7-30 p.m.
 - 26 Sun. **Rogation, Blessing of the Fields—meet St. John's, 2-30 p.m.**
 - 28 Tue. Dancing Club, 7-45 p.m.
 - 29 Wed. Sports & Gala Meeting, 7-30 p.m.
 - 30 Thur. **Ascension Day.** H.C. 6-30 a.m. & 7-30 p.m.

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