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RESIDENTS on the Ermine Estate, Lincoln, had an opportunity of meeting the new priest-in-charge of St John's Church/Hall at Even-sing on Sunday.

He is the Rev. John Hodgkinson, the third assistant curate in the parish of St. Nicholas with St. John, and comes from Penrith, Cumber-land. A married man, he is 29, and has two children.

Mr. Hodgkinson was educated at West Bridgford, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and the Bishop's Hostel, Lincoln. He is an M.A., and gained his county colours in athletics while in Nottingham-shire.

Sunday's service followed a ceremony of blessing outside Mr. Hodgkinson's new house, conducted by the Rev. W. T. Armstrong, Vicar of the parish.

Top picture shows some of the congregation, and in the lower one Mr. Hodgkinson is seen talking with parishioners after the service.

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Egg Scheme "A Postscript For Orwell's 1984"

A BARRISTER told the public inquiry in London into the Egg Marketing Scheme that the proposed powers and the promoters' reasons for seeking them would make a fascinating postscript to Orwell's book "1984."

Promoted by the three Farmers Unions of the United Kingdom, the scheme provides for the compulsory registration of poultry keepers with more than 25 head of poultry. Virtually all egg sales would be through packing stations run by a board.

The barrister, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, representing a number of individual objectors, yesterday said the scheme was "potentially a packers' racket" and aimed at setting up a "vast, unmanageable trading monopoly."

"It would be economically unworkable, administratively impossible, excessively costly, unlikely to be observed, and..."

FARMERS ORDERED TO CLEAR RABBITS

WHEN the shortage of nitro-chalk was discussed at the monthly meeting of the Alford branch of the National Farmers' Union, it was stated that corn on land which was flooded in the March had "gone off," and was yellow.

Mr. W. G. Needham suggested that a special allocation of nitro-chalk should be made to those farmers.

"I have seen the corn, and if we don't do something soon, it is going to be very serious indeed," he said.

Several members said that supplies could not be obtained. It was agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the county branch.

The importance of stamping out rabbits which are reappearing in the area was emphasised by members.

Mr. Needham said that 17 notices had been sent to people who had failed to comply with clearance regulations. They were being given 14 days to get rid of rabbits, and if they did not, pests officers would do the work, and the cost would be charged to the farmers concerned.

"It might sound drastic, but is it the only way we can make people realise how serious it is," he said. "We have powers and we intend to use them."

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