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THREEPENCE



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Canon A. M. Cook, using a Ruston-Bucyrus excavator, cuts the first sod on the site of the new St. John's (Ermine) church after a thanksgiving service last night. Below: Canon Cook (right) and Rev. J. Hodgkinson look at the model excavators that Mr. P. G. Hodgkinson (joint managing director of Simons Ltd.) (centre) presented to them after Canon Cook had cut the first sod.

Lincoln Cattle Market Inquiry Opens

A PROTEST petition signed by rather more than 2,000 local inhabitants — representing 95 per cent. of local people, was mentioned by Mr. W. K. Wood, representing objectors at a Lincoln public inquiry today.

The inquiry is into the outline proposal submitted by Lincoln City Council for the use of a 7½ acre site adjoining the railway to the west of Boultham Park-road, for the building of a cattle market and abattoir.

Mr. Brian Woods is presenting the council's case, and that for the objectors is in the hands of Mr. W. K. Wood.

FOUR WITNESSES

Only four witnesses are being called by the council. They are the City Engineer and Planning Officer, Mr. W. Struthers, the City Architect, Mr. R. R. Alexander, the Markets Manager, Mr. J. Warriner, and Ald. C. E. Snook, chairman of the Finance Committee.

Representing the Boultham Park Area (Cattle Market and Abattoir) Protest Committee and Lincoln branch of Nottingham, Derby and Lincoln Architects Society, Mr. Wood was calling seven witnesses.

They included three members of the City Council.

Pressure was being brought to bear by the Ministry, said Mr. Woods, for something to be done about the project

STRIKE AT B.M.C WORKS IS OVER

THE strike at the British Motor Corporation is over. The 55 electricians at the group's tractor and transmissions factory at Birmingham, whose stoppage stopped B.M.C. car production and made nearly 23,000 men idle, today agreed to call off the strike and return to work on night shift tonight.

The electricians went on strike 13 days ago.

Today shop stewards from the tractor and transmissions factory were twice called in to take part in the discussions between Mr. Jack Bolas, the E.T.U. area secretary, and the electricians. Mr. Bolas announced the return-to-work after the meeting lasted three hours.

He said the management's offer of an extra 12s 2d for



ESS DROPS PRICE ACTION

CANON EXCAVATES FIRST SOD ON NEW LINCOLN CHURCH SITE

10RB Starts "Big" Job For Estate

CHURCH history was made on Ermine Estate, Lincoln, last night, when Canon A. M. Cook, former subdean of Lincoln, climbed into an excavator and out the first sod on the site of the new parish church of St. John.

He used a locally made machine, a Ruston-Bucyrus 10RB for the task and, as he stepped down from it, he was presented with a memento of the occasion — a miniature 10RB in a case.

The Canon took no chances with the job. Earlier in the day he had a little tuition from Mr. Harry Goddard, of Bardney, excavator driver for the contractors, W. and J. Simons Ltd., who was also there in the evening to lend a guiding hand.

FINE THOUGHT

Canon Cook enjoyed the experience although he said he found the machine "horribly sensitive."

In his address, before he started the excavation for the new church, he said it was a fine thought that the ceremony was taking place in the week of Ascension Day.

Of all the texts one might use for an Ascension Day sermon he thought the most thrilling to be that which spoke of the way in which the disciples went back to Jerusalem after saying good-bye to Christ with joy. Joy because they had a job to do, and because God had put power in their hands.

"It is a fine thing to feel that here again we are called upon to step out on a great enterprise with joy. We

can't actually see Christ, but he is near, his promise holds good, and in faith and trust we shall try to fulfil that particular job that now lies before us."

HIS DOUBT

Canon Cook said that he recalled three past occasions relating to the beginnings of new churches — that of St. Giles 34 years ago and, more recently, those of Holy Cross and Swallowbeck. All those enterprises had worked out well, and he believed that with God's help and the courage, faith and zeal of those concerned the present project would also do so.

Concluding on a light-hearted note he said he was to "perform a bit," adding, "I haven't done it before, and I don't expect to do it again. I doubt you will ever see a parson using one of these tools again."

There was laughter when he said he had told the Vicar of St. John's to put buckets at the gate to the site so that people could, in some measure, show their appreciation of his performance.

Before the short service of thanksgiving and dedication which preceded the excavation, Rev. John Hodgkinson, Vicar of St. John's, told the large gathering that they were only seeing the start of the building of "Lincoln's church of tomorrow."

GO FORWARD

In the first contract, he said, there was allowance only for the foundations, roof, windows, lighting and heating—the bare shell of the church. A great amount of money had still to be raised, and a great deal of labour to be done by skilled craftsmen. And those who were not craftsmen would need to be there as labourers.

"Humanly speaking, we might say the task is impossible, but with God we shall be able to go forward not only in this present generation, but to build a church for generations to come."

Rev. W. J. T. Brockle, curate of St. John's, conducted the prayers and thanksgivings. Musical accompaniment to the service was provided by the Salvation Army band.



Mr. Ray Douglas, prospective Liberal candidate for Gainsborough, places his in the treasure hunt, after opening the Ingham and Cammeringham Tea Club gala at Ingham.

NO ALARM, SO SICK LINGS WOMAN WAS FOUND ON FLOOR

DISCLOSURE that an elderly woman was found lying ill on the floor of her home at the Ringmoor Estate, Billingham, because she could not sum help as the alarm bell system did not work and had never done so was made yesterday's meeting of East Kesteven R.D.C. at Sleaford.

Minutes of the Accounts Sub-Committee showed that equipment necessary for the bells has only recently been ordered, a fact which prompted Coun. Geoffrey Grantham to comment that everybody had been led to believe at the "rather imposing" opening ceremony that everything was in working order.

The Ringmoor Estate, a warden block of flats and bungalows, was officially opened on March 27 by the Earl of Ancaster.

The clerk, Mr. A. P. Hazleton, said that because of some extremely unfortunate error or oversight there had been delay in the delivery of complex switch gear for the bells.

He had personally taken over the matter and ordered the equipment and it was

Refused Again, He Will "Be Back"

A VILLAGE grocer told Sleaford Licensing Justices yesterday: "Don't think this is my last fling. If I am turned down I will apply again," and after his conviction...

She Will Battle Single Hande

MRS. J. M. W. only woman one of the 57 strong Sleaford R.D.C. came off her feet yesterday when she was 'equal rights' battle...