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MISSION UNACCOMPLISHED

We are a Church with a mission. A Church with an *unaccomplished* mission. And time is running out on us. Our mission must be accomplished *sooner* because there will be no *later*.

Our files bulge with programmes. We're chock-full of ideas. We certainly know how to talk! But are we putting our efforts where our faith is? Are we following up words and opinions with hard work? 'What Britain needs is a *regular periodical*,' you have said, 'written in everyday language that people will enjoy reading.' Now we have a *regular periodical*. How many have you ordered? What are you doing to distribute it?

God has given us directives for the finishing of the work. One of them is expressed here by His servant and addressed to His Church. She writes: '... One of the principal agencies *He* ordained for our use is the printed page... We must learn to make use of this precious agency.'—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, page 87.

About the literature work in general, E. G. White writes: 'We need to realize the importance of finding out those who are in peril and bringing them to Christ'—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 36.

But what about those who are not literature-evangelists? What can *they* do to help finish the work by the distribution of the printed truth?

There is much they can do.

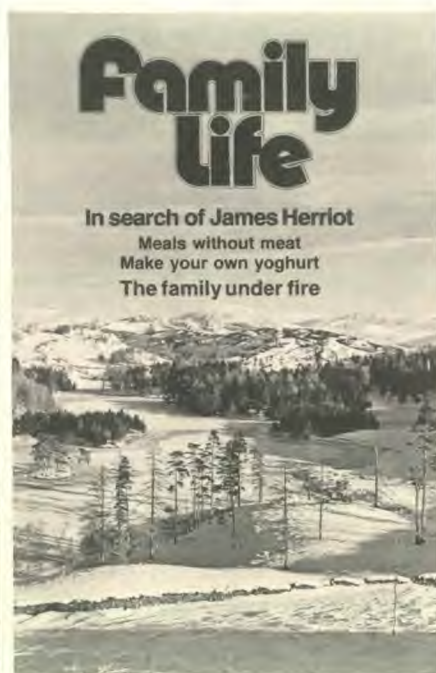
'We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of *periodicals* and books, preach the word... The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelising ministry of the word in our books and *periodicals*.'—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 145.

The magazine ministry is for the *whole church*. And that includes *you*. The attractive magazines coming out in their thousands are filling a great need. One of the greatest ills in this world, and, maybe, the cause of most of them, is the breakdown of the family. From Eden days, and through the ages, Satan has tried to destroy the family. The few families that survive his repeated assaults are but the exception confirming the normal trend.

To save the family would be to save

by Pastor Roland Fidelia,

BUC PUBLISHING DIRECTOR



A PERIODICAL FOR BRITAIN

'May we add to the huge number of appreciative readers who we feel must have written to congratulate you on the excellent magazine *FAMILY LIFE*.'

Doris and Jack Jordan, Bristol

'I have just received the latest issue of *FAMILY LIFE*. It is just fantastic. I am sure it will be a best seller.'

Maria de Gale, Fulham

'At last we have a periodical for Britain that we can be proud to give to our friends. I hope everyone will support *FAMILY LIFE*.'

W. Raitt, Kettering

The Press has guaranteed to publish *FAMILY LIFE* as a bi-monthly throughout 1980.

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society, the nation and the world. Family life being in danger, The Stanborough Press has brought out the magazine *FAMILY LIFE* to strengthen the very basis of society.

Articles appear on the family, on health, on religion, and are couched in language and style that are both attractive and appealing. Non-churchmembers would readily pick up and read such a magazine and, enjoying it, absorb the truth about creation, our origins, salvation, health, and other important subjects.

God needs you to circulate *FAMILY LIFE*. He needs you to find some neighbour, friend, colleague, compatriot, and introduce these truth-filled magazines to them. The Lord needs your help to bring in the already ripening harvest. 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' The only acceptable response is the one you are prepared to give: 'Here am I, send me.' Isa. 6:8.

By the way, the Publishing department is happy to offer help in training churchmembers to do this great work. We have written canvasses to help you introduce yourselves and your magazines. We are prepared to arrange training sessions to help you in a practical way. Please request our help. Remember, our mission must be accomplished *sooner*. There will be no *later*.

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help form a literature band in your church to help sell *FAMILY LIFE* — to aid the building fund or a local charity?

These are ways in which every churchmember can play some part in finishing the work.

News in pictures



Mrs. F. W. Goodall as a student at Duncombe Hall, London, in 1907.

Mrs. F. W. Goodall, who lives near Newbold College, celebrated her 90th birthday on 27 December 1979. Mrs. Goodall was born in Wolverhampton. In her early teens she was taken by a neighbour to the King's Heath church, Birmingham. Between 1906-1907 she studied under Professor Salisbury at the Duncombe Hall Adventist College in London. In 1915 she married Fred Goodall from her home church in Birmingham. Soon they entered the Church work and served in both North and South Conferences. During the 1930s they organized many youth camps.

After the death of her husband in 1939, Mrs. Goodall worked hard and sacrificed much to enable her daughter — Mrs. F. M. Priestley, Headmistress of the Newbold School 1959-69 — to go to Cambridge. Noted for an alert mind and lively conversation, Mrs. Goodall now lives with her younger daughter Joyce.

Mrs. Goodall on her 90th birthday.



SDAs in Britain contribute £7,500 to Jamaica/Dominica Relief

by Pastor Everette W. Howell

LAY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR, SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

The Seventh-day Adventist Church family in Britain responded to the emergency appeals for help and contributed £7,500 to the Jamaica and Dominica Relief Fund.

Letters of appreciation have been received from the Jamaica High Commission, the Inter-American Division and the East Caribbean Conference.

60,000 of the 80,000 were left homeless, without clothes and food after hurricane David vented its fury on the Caribbean island of Dominica.

The sea and the waves were roaring. Thunder and lightning, rain and wind caused the hearts of Dominicans to fail for fear of what was happening to their island.

The hurricane season was in full swing. The radio stations were announcing that the current hurricane, dubbed David, was in the Caribbean area and could cause very serious damage should its fury be released on any of the islands.

The island has 365 rivers criss-crossing its very mountainous and verdant landscape. Coconut palms, banana and citrus trees deck the hillsides.

Because of its mountainous topography, houses are built on slopes, hillsides and similar elevations. Hurricane-force winds and rains precipitating landslides and flooding resulted in every house and building being seriously damaged or completely destroyed. About sixty SDA families lost

their homes with churches and schools losing their roofs.

It is a pleasant and comforting feeling to retire at night knowing that there is adequate food in the pantry, the roof is providing needed shelter and safety, and warm clothing is in the cupboard.

It is an awful sensation to be awakened and realize that there is nothing left but water, mud and rubble and all others around are in the same plight.

Emergency calls reached the neighbouring islands, the nations afar and the British Isles.

The response of love and concern was immediate as our Church family made available relief in clothing and money.

These disasters help to keep alive in our hearts the fact that we are still our brother's keeper; the fact that, 'it is more blessed to be on the giving side than on the receiving end'. It also sensitizes one to the awareness that none is isolated from disaster.

Dominica, St. Vincent and Jamaica are now rebuilding and repairing since the hurricane, volcano eruptions and floods.

Seventh-day Adventist World Service and the local conferences are working together on various projects bringing relief to many. Indeed the Seventh-day Adventist Church is one family and in the spirit of the Master we count it a joy to be able to give and share.

CAMBODIA RELIEF PROJECT IN HIGH GEAR

'Starvation in Cambodia is one of the biggest man-made disasters of our age,' according to Richard O'Ffill, deputy director of Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS). O'Ffill, who has just returned from a survey of the area, says starvation is not the only problem. Malnutrition, respiratory ailments, anaemia, and parasites are some of the side effects. This is why SAWS had decided initially to aid the refugees medically. Adventists operate four hospitals in Thailand, and feel they are better able to give this type of professional help immediately.

SAWS has agreed to operate two field hospitals in Thailand. Each will have a capacity of 100-150 beds. The Bangkok Adventist Hospital was the first to share its personnel for this particular operation. Two teams consisting of two doctors and six nurses each, will care for these patients twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. A medical team of twelve, which was assembled earlier at the denomination's medical school in Loma Linda, California, left San Francisco on 2

December to assist those already there.

O'Ffill was given a personal tour by the military command of the border provinces in order that he might grasp the humanitarian needs more quickly. 'The villages that have been relocated are in desperate need of water,' he says, 'and SAWS plans to drill wells for them.' The timetable calls for their completion within two months.

Foods being distributed now include rice, dried fish, oil, and powdered milk. SAWS plans to supplement these in the areas of greatest need with high protein foods. 'Clothes of native design will be bought by SAWS in Thailand,' says O'Ffill, 'to care for the immediate needs of the refugees.'

More than £100,000 has been received so far, from the appeal made by world president Neal C. Wilson to the Seventh-day Adventist membership world-wide through the *Adventist Review*. This sum is expected to exceed £250,000 when other gifts come through Church channels at the end of this month.

F. W. HUDGINS, Washington

HOVE - Welfare Activities

The Welfare department, under the enthusiastic guidance of its leader, Mrs. Sebbage, and ably assisted by Mrs. Scott, secretary, has worked hard throughout the year, and although it would be difficult to enumerate all the activities, here are some examples: the workers made fifty pairs of socks for lepers; over 100 knitted rugs were given to hospitals and private persons; and many blankets and flasks were collected for distribution through 'Age Concern' in Brighton. In addition, bags of clothing were sent to the NSPCC, 'Help the Aged', and a local home for the handicapped. Everything which is sent out is clearly labelled 'from the SDA Church'.

A Sale of Work was held in November, which not only gave us the chance to buy attractive Christmas gifts, delicious cakes and other 'goodies', but the proceeds, amounting to £106, were used towards Christmas parcels for local elderly and shut-in folk.

All through the year tins and packets of food are collected from churchmembers. From this source, and from the proceeds of the Sale, thirty Christmas parcels, and twenty-one tokens of sweets for needy people were made up.

An encouraging result of this distribution is that several people have requested visits, and the church will do its best to supply this need for companionship and spiritual comfort.

A. E. M. HASTINGS, *Communication secretary*

Christmas-time Baptism

Camp Hill church was packed to capacity on Sabbath, 22 December 1979 for a baptism of twenty-seven souls from the Camp Hill and Ward End churches.

The presence of the presidents, Pastors K. A. Elias and E. H. Foster, who spoke to the congregation and candidates, brought a blessing. Pastor B. Flynn of Camp Hill church, and Pastor D. McFarlane of Handsworth church officiated.

During the past year's ministry of Pastor Flynn we have seen ninety-six souls added to the Lord's Church. This, along with the pastor's inspiring leadership, is encouraging the church to further endeavours for the Lord.

M. BRYAN

Jotsam

In the long run the pessimist may be proved right, but the optimist has a better time on the trip.

When we put ourselves in the other person's place, we're less likely to want to put him in his place.

GOLDEN CHRISTMAS IN GRANTHAM



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ruddock. Photo: G. S. Wright



Pastor and Mrs. Clifford Bannister.

Christmas is a time of joy and thanksgiving; but this was especially so for two Grantham couples.

It is a story which started fifty years ago when both couples were members of the Watford Town church. In the intervening years their pathways have been separated by thousands of miles, but fifty years later both couples are again members of the same church - this time in Grantham.

So it was that Brother and Sister Jack Ruddock celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Christmas day, and Pastor and Mrs. Clifford Bannister on Boxing day.

Vera was 16 when she met Jack Ruddock, 19. Having brought Jack into the Church, they were baptized by Pastor O. M. Dorland in the Chiswick church. The marriage took place later in Harlesden, London, Christmas day, 1929.

Jack, a self-employed painter and decorator, was well known for his craftsmanship, and eventually was called to the maintenance staff of the Stanborough Hydro where he served for 35 years. He later transferred to the maintenance staff of Stanborough Park estate where he spent eight years before his retirement.

During 1943-46 Jack worked in the National Fire Service, and was based in St. Albans where he saw much action as a result of falling bombs. All through this period Brother Ruddock enjoyed Sabbath privileges for which he was ever grateful to his Heavenly Father.

Sister Vera Ruddock worked for some time at Granose Foods Ltd.

Watford Town churchmember from 1925 to 1971, Brother Ruddock served as a deacon for seventeen years, and for some time was the young people's leader. Sister Ruddock has served as deaconess and in the welfare department.

The Ruddocks moved to Grantham on their retirement to be near their daughters and families: Margaret and Roy Warren, Kevin, Derek, Richard, and Steven; and Edna and David Pearce, Brian and Russell. Roy, Edna and David are on the staff of the Stanborough Press.

Pastor Clifford Bannister, born in Bristol, was baptized on Armistice Day 1918. He was called to Watford in 1924 where, as a qualified accountant, he took up work as treasurer of Granose Foods Ltd.

Sister Gladys Bannister was born in Watford and became a charter member of Watford Town church. She remembers scrubbing pews, and generally helping to prepare the church building for worship and, eventually, dedication.

Many readers will remember Sister Bannister's gym classes which she held not only for local churchmembers but also for other ladies' groups around the town who requested her expertise.

Sister Bannister spent many years in her profession as a teacher.

After fifteen years' service at Granose, Brother Bannister was called to be treasurer of the British Union Conference. This was to be a short stay, however, for soon he was invited to take up a similar post in Africa in 1940.

During their twenty-eight years spent on this vast Continent, the Bannisters served in East Africa, Nyasaland (now Malawi), and various areas of Southern Africa, in union and division treasury work.

It was while working in Africa that Brother Bannister was ordained to the ministry, and this enabled him to serve a people he loved in a wider sphere.

Returning to this country in 1967, the Bannisters eventually decided to retire in Grantham where they have many friends.

Approaching their late seventies, Pastor and Mrs. Bannister have not retired altogether. Pastor Bannister has been honorary treasurer of the Dudley House church school since its establishment, and added to this he was for some time the head elder of the Grantham church. Sister Bannister has faithfully carried out the duties of deaconess.

During the church service on 22 December both couples were presented with a basket of flowers from the churchmembers, they also received many anniversary cards and other expressions of goodwill.

So it is, that fifty years on, these two couples find their pathways have merged once again in church life. Fifty years ago they would not have thought that they would spend their golden anniversary on Christmas day and Boxing day in a town somewhere up the A1!

B. M. BELL, *Communication secretary*

Important Notices . . .

Change of address

New address for Welsh Mission correspondence is:

Pastor E. Logan, 10 Winsford Grove, Gilwern, Nr. Abergavenny, Gwent, Wales. Tel. Gilwern 831054.

Stanborough Secondary School

SEPTEMBER 1980 ENTRY

The Entrance Examination and Interview for September 1980 entry will take place at Stanborough Secondary School on Sunday, 30 March 1980, beginning at 1 pm.

If you are interested, please apply as soon as possible to:

The Headmaster, Stanborough Secondary School, Stanborough Park, Watford, WD2 6JT.

For Lay Activities directors

The Stanborough Press has received complaints from churchmembers that they have not seen the January/February issue of FAMILY LIFE. We should be obliged if you would put the free copy you received in mid-December on display at your church.

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SQUIRRELL'S APPEAL

'Squirrel's appeal!' No, not for nuts, but for a piece of equipment that few of us need.

*We already possess the gift to hear
When we make the first cry from a mother's womb.*

*But some babes emerge to a soundless cheer,
And the world around is a silent tomb.*

Such thoughts as these were sparked off by a request from our Welfare leader, Mrs. Shirley Kemp-Tucker, to help raise funds for a phonic ear.

As a district nurse she had heard of the dedicated efforts of Mrs. Hilda Squirrel to supply this special hearing aid to an eleven-year-old boy to enable him to enter a new school with children of normal hearing.

Simon's education so far has been in a primary school for the deaf where children have been taught with the use of phonic ears; all keen to learn and so proud of their valuable equipment which has opened up for them a whole new world.

Unfortunately, the 'ears' have to be left behind in the classroom which means children are often cut off from any communication. Here was our chance to contribute something to help a child a step further in his education.

It was short notice, but because we already had a stock of clothing, a mid-week sale of jumble and 'nearly new' was decided upon, plus a home-made cake stall.

Unskilled as we were in the art of jumble sales, our neatly laid-out tables were soon in chaos, as the 'professional buyers', well equipped with carrier bags, came charging upstairs to our youth hall. It proved quite a revelation to the uninitiated stall-holders. However, lessons were learned from the experience and the £56 raised was dispatched to The Squirrel Fund.

We have since received a letter from the Hon. Treasurer. The £800 cost of the phonic ear has been raised and our welfare leader, Mrs. Kemp-Tucker, attended the presentation to Simon.

A quote from the Treasurer's letter reads: 'What wonderful things happen when, feeling we are called by God for a special task, we get on with it knowing God will help us.'

'I do not know anything about your Church,' the letter concludes, 'but now I feel I would like to.'

I. STOCKLEY

Home to Kenya

Manchester North recently saw the departure of Dr. Peter Ochola-Abila who, having completed a specialist course at the well-known Manchester Children's Hospital, is returning home to Kenya.

Dr. Ochola-Abila, a lecturer in surgery at the University of Nairobi, and a Commonwealth University Association Fellow for Paediatric Surgery, has recently been baptized. His wife in Kenya is a long-time member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church but it is only after his recent stay here that the doctor has decided to be part of God's happy family.

R. PATRICK McKERRROW

STOKE NEWINGTON in Marching Order

The self-commanding order in the Advent Movement is to stand at attention, right turn – and forward march for King Jesus!

It is not a command to go on the onslaught, but an order to evangelize.

It is a marching order to witness in homes, on the streets, in factories, in hospitals, on trains, on buses, and even to MPs in giving them the printed page.

The fifty-six million people of this country must be told about the Lord's return: 'Go ye into all the world' and witness is the Saviour's command.

In view of the seriousness of the time and the urgency of the call the members of the Stoke Newington church have become militant to face the big task.

The earth is shaking and people are looking for something to happen.

On Sabbath, 29 December, the Holloway church was packed to capacity to hear Brother H. Kennedy preach the baptismal sermon and to see Pastor L. R. Preston baptize nine precious souls from the Stoke Newington church, as well as two from the Holloway church.

The nine baptized from the Stoke Newington church were Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Miss Sharon Brade, Miss Sandra Foster, Mr. Gary McDonald, Mrs. C. Mayers, Mrs. L. Bonner, Mr. L. Lawrence, and Mrs. C. Stewart.

These dearly beloved are fruits gained from obeying the marching order. They are filled with joy and have decided to follow Jesus all the way to the kingdom.

M. M. RICHARDS, *Communication secretary*

OBITUARIES

PASTOR HORACE S. PEARCE



d. 6 January 1980. Pastor Pearce was born in 1913 in London. In 1925 baptized in Walthamstow. In 1928 he began working for the Church as an apprentice printer in The Stanborough Press and eventually

became a foreman. In 1946 he accepted a call to mission service in West Africa where he was Secretary/Treasurer of West Nigeria for four years. In 1950 he agreed to become the Publishing House Manager of the Advent Press in Ibadan. In 1952 Pastor Pearce was ordained to the Gospel ministry. In 1957 after eleven years in West Africa he returned to England and was employed in Church ministry. From 1959-64 he served as Home Missions and Sabbath School secretary in the South England Conference and then as Publishing Department secretary of the British Union Conference in 1965. He retired from ministerial duties in 1978. Upon his retirement he was employed by the Council to do social work.

Such are the bare facts regarding the life-span of a devoted worker for God. He drew his inspiration from God's love and grace. His mother was a charter member of the North London church, and Horace imbibed faith and consecration from her. His spiritual influence lives on in the hearts of many.

The funeral service was conducted in the Stanborough Park church by Pastors V. H. Hall, D. Lowe, and J. A. McMillan. A large congregation joined in paying their last respects to a valiant soldier of the cross. To Valerie, his wife, and four sons, we extend our most sincere

condolences and point their faith to the glad reunion when Jesus comes again. Horace rests with so many sleeping saints in the North Watford Cemetery, Maranatha.

Pastor J. A. McMillan
Communication secretary

Valerie, widow of the late Pastor H. S. Pearce, wishes to express her sincere appreciation for the loving concern shown by so many friends and members during her recent sad loss. . . . The letters and cards have been too numerous to answer individually but each one has brought great comfort.

PERRITT, Elizabeth – d. 16 NOVEMBER. Our sister was a faithful follower of the Lord. She awaits His call on the Resurrection morn. The sympathies of the Bournemouth church family go to her son and his family. *Dorothy Beach*

FROST, Horace W. – d. 15 December 1979. This much-loved and active member was baptized in February 1975 by Pastor David Cox. His contribution to church life was always enthusiastic and wholehearted. Even when illness intervened, his determination and cheerfulness were an encouragement to all. The funeral service was taken by Pastor D. Conroy. We commend to God's love and care, Sister Frost, together with her son and daughter and their families. *Richard Cooper*

UNSWORTH, Elizabeth Ann – d. 20 December 1979. Blackpool members were saddened to hear of this faithful sister's passing. Originally encouraged to study the Bible by one of our members, she studied with Pastor David Cox who baptized her in February 1975. Acute illness made regular worship very difficult, yet her support for the Church was unwavering, her courage and determination a challenge to all. The funeral service was taken by the writer, who brought hope and comfort from God's Word to a large group of relatives and friends, especially her husband, and daughter Carol. *Richard Cooper*

JAMAICA: 'Thank you'

In a letter to Manchester North elder, Brother T. Thompson, the Jamaican High Commissioner, Mr. G. Peart, expressed on behalf of the people of Jamaica, their deep gratitude to the Seventh-day Adventists in Britain who so kindly gave financial assistance to the Jamaican Disaster Fund. In the letter the High Commissioner pointed out that the £3,000 donated was being used to relieve those caught up in the disaster.

R. PATRICK McKERROW

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SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

SOUTHAMPTON (April) Mrs. I. Geddes. **WINCHESTER** (April) Mr. V. Baldeo, Miss P. Baldeo. **ST. NEOTS** (July) Mrs. E. Hamlett. **BRIXTON** (September) Mrs. I. Wright, Mrs. L. Copeland, Mr. C. Johnson, Mr. A. Foster, Mr. K. Nolan, Mr. T. Francis, Mrs. P. Francis, Mr. O. Brown, Mrs. N. Brown, Miss C. Landell, Mrs. L. Francis, Mrs. D. McDonald, Miss R. Greenland, Miss A. Brown. **CROCOMBE** (September) Mr. A. Jackson, Mrs. S. Jackson, Miss E. Baxter, Miss S. Dutton. **SOUTHAMPTON** (September) Miss G. White. **EDMONTON** (October) Mr. D. Dust, Mr. J. Dust, Mr. G. Dust, Mr. S. Dust (all cousins). **OXFORD** (October) Mrs. R. J. Galloway. (December) Mr. C. Lewis, Mrs. L. Lewis. **WIMBLEDON** (October) Mr. R. Hall, Mrs. M. Hall, Mr. A. Hall. **WOOD GREEN** (October) Mrs. G. Stennett. **CAMBRIDGE** (November) Mr. P. Bentley. **CHISWICK** (November) Mrs. I. Buckles, Miss C. Esson, Miss E. Noel, Mr. R. Worrell, Mrs. S. Worrell. **EDMONTON** (November) Miss J. Davis, Miss A. Lynch, Mr. D. Lynch, Miss P. Jackson, Miss C. Johnson, Mr. T. Johnson. **SOUTHALL** (November) Mrs. A. Sodha, Mrs. G. Joseph, Miss A. John, Miss S. Edwards, Miss L. Wilson. **BOURNEMOUTH** (December) Mr. C. Chevers. **CROYDON** (December) Mr. C. Barker, Mr. Keith Burton, Mr. Kenneth Burton, Mr. H. Cadogan, Miss G. Cope, Mrs. C. Ifill, Miss H. McFarlane, Miss J. Pannell, Mr. D. Saunders, Mrs. M. Seymour, Miss J. Tenyue. **DEPTFORD** (December) Miss H. Williams, Mrs. G. Campbell, Mr. S. Fletcher, Mrs. F. Stephenson, Mr. A. Lewin. **EDGWARE** (December) Mr. W. Naphine. **LEWISHAM** (December) Miss P. Clarke, Miss P. Bachus, Mrs. D. Sutherland, Mr. T. Palmer. **LOWESTOFT** (December) Mr. L. Pettingill. **PECKHAM** (December) Mr. E. Cole. **PLYMOUTH** (December) Mr. A. Hawkins. **OUTLON BROAD** (December) Miss K. Ellis. **WINCHESTER** (December) Mr. and Mrs. M. Kitley. **CONFERENCE** (December) Mrs. M. Campbell.

NORTH BRITISH CONFERENCE

GRANTHAM (November) Mr. P. M. Bull, Mr. S. M. Bull, Mr. P. A. Crouch, Mr. A. S. Deazle, Mr. A. J. James, Miss G. A. James, Miss H. Mallinson, Mr. K. D. Mallinson, Mr. C. R. Sutton. **MANCHESTER NORTH** (November) Mr. A. Anteyi. **MANCHESTER SOUTH** (November) Mrs. I. Collymore, Mrs. E. Gardner, Mr. C. Messado, Miss D. Messado. **SALE** (November) Mrs. Hall. **STOCKPORT** (November) Miss D. Pinnock. **WALLASEY** (November) Mr. R. P. Graley. **HANDSWORTH** (December) Miss D. Barnett, Miss S. Barnett, Miss J. Britton, Mrs. M. Britton, Mr. M. Cole, Mr. T. Cole, Mr. C. Coleman, Miss P. Coleman, Miss I. Campbell, Mrs. B. Dacres, Mr. W. Dacres, Mrs. V. Dawkins, Mrs. V. Dawkins, Mr. R. Deenah, Mr. W. Edwards, Miss J. Ellis, Mrs. T. Facey, Mr. O. Fuller, Miss F. Hamilton, Miss P. Hamilton, Mr. C. Hyacinth, Mr. P. Lowe, Miss A. McIntyre, Mr. E. Nembarth, Mr. D. Pierre, Mrs. T. Plunket, Miss J. Purkiss, Mrs. S. Ross, Miss P. Simpson, Miss A. Smith, Miss B. Smith, Mr. D. Smith, Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. Y. Smith, Mrs. E. Smithson, Miss G. Spence, Miss A. Stewart, Miss V. Smith, Mrs. H. Sutherland, Miss C. Wilson, Miss R. Woodburn. **KETERING** (December) Miss S. Heal. **NEWTOWN** (December) Miss A. Lee, Mr. M. Lee, Mrs. F. Malcolm, Mrs. F. Miller, Miss L. Tapper, Mr. R. Tapper, Miss I. Whitehorn, Miss J. Whitehorn. **NORTHFIELD** (December) Miss A. Crooks, Mr. G. Crooks, Miss J. Crooks, Mr. D. Hartley, Mr. R. Hartley, Mr. D. Harvey, Mr. G. Josephs, Mrs. E. Josephs, Miss G. Mendez, Miss M. Mendez, Mrs. C. Parchment. **NOTTINGHAM CENTRAL** (December) Mr. W. A. Allen, Mr. R. Blake, Mr. E. Collins, Mr. G. C. Elliott, Miss V. Elliott, Mr. D. Valentine, Miss M. Wood. **NOTTINGHAM CLARENDON** (December) Mr. B. Dixon, Mrs. S. Dixon. **CONFERENCE** (December) Miss O. Harris. **SUTTON** (December) Mr. B. Nicholson.

WALES

SHREWSBURY (November) Miss A. Chambers, Miss C. Hodgkinson.

IRISH MISSION

LONDONDERRY (October) Mr. A. W. Allen. (December) Mr. W. Allen.

CHURCH NEWS DIGEST

Approximately three times more material arrives for inclusion in MESSENGER than there is room for. Therefore, on occasion, it is necessary substantially to abbreviate material to make sure, first, that no news item is excluded and, second, that each item is published as soon as possible after it is sent in. We apologize in advance for any hurt feelings among Communication secretaries and church clerks and express appreciation for the excellent work you are doing. Space is the only consideration which has led to the abbreviation of your material.

CHRISTMAS

CAMP HILL

The Camp Hill deaconesses gave a special tea for the senior members and friends of their church on 9 December. The traditional meal was followed by the distribution of gifts. Head deaconess, Sister Grey, prayed that the spirit of Christmas would inspire churchmembers throughout 1980 to help those in need.

M. BRYAN

BRADFORD

Christmas got under way in September when Pastor K. H. Clothier formed the Carol Singers' Choir. Over Christmas the choir, after weeks of practice, gave concerts at rest homes and hospitals — even at a well-known fish restaurant, where a collection for the building fund was made.

Christmas saw a 'grand reunion' for the McGoldrick family. Recently ordained Philip and his wife and family flew in from Arizona. Priscilla and her husband flew in from Switzerland and John and his wife and family homed in from a base not quite so far away.

S. EARLY

YARMOUTH

In Yarmouth's toy service over two hundred gifts were handed over to the regional organizer of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The service was organized by Mrs. M. Newman. The toys were distributed to underprivileged children.

M. SNEED

OULTON BROAD

Dell matron, Mrs. Roderick, the Dell staff, Mr. Barker, elder of the Oulton Broad church, and Mrs. Crowe gave of their best to provide a most enjoyable Christmas for the Dell residents. Party games, a visit from the Lowestoft Ladies' Choir, a film and a children's programme, together with the good food, contributed to make a memorable Christmas.

I. OSBORNE

stampede! The Welfare department had prepared beautifully knitted toys and children's clothes, as well as floral decorations and plenty of cakes — and 'Ever Ready' Mrs. Edna Phillips with her cups of hot 'Barley Cup'. By the end of the evening £100 had been raised. Mrs. Crowe thanked all her helpers. I. OSBORNE

NORWICH

In the Norwich toy service representatives of UNICEF and the NSPCC accepted toys and cheques made out to their respective societies. The UNICEF representative told us of the work of that organization and we were shown the latest NSPCC film, 'A Cry for Help'.

W. WATSON

WINCHESTER

Mr. Gooding, Welfare Area Officer for Southampton, accepted the gifts at Winchester's twelfth annual Christmas Gift Service. However, the needy of the city who will receive the gifts were contacted on a personal basis by churchmembers.

P. NIGHTINGALE

OTHER NEWS

MANCHESTER NORTH

— Youth Day

Manchester's 'One Accord' and Preston's 'The Clarks' singing groups heightened the atmosphere of worship on Manchester North's special 'Youth Day' on 1 December. Local minister Vincent Goddard struck the spiritual note in his morning sermon. The day's activities also included dramatic presentations and relaxation.

PATRICK McKERROW

NEWPORT — ASA meeting

Newport members were delighted when their church was chosen for the ASA Day of Fellowship. Pastor Michael Walker, at present engaged in evangelistic work in the town, welcomed visitors in the divine service. In the afternoon service the theme was prayer: the students illustrated how, when and where to pray, in sketches, talks and songs.

V. MACHELL

HARLOW — a Company

On 13 October members from Edmonton and Dagenham joined the Harlow group as they were 'formed into a Company'. Pastor K. H. Gammon, SEC president, emphasized the importance of the occasion; 'Children and young people. Today is an important day. In the future, you will look back and say, "I was there"'. Please pray for us and for our leader George Simon and his team. It is our aim to fly the flag of evangelism higher and higher.

PR Department

READING — 'Farewell'

At the close of Sabbath, 24 November, a farewell supper was held by the members of the Reading church for Roy and

Barbara Merrifield. They have been associated with our church since 1975 whilst Roy pursued his studies at Newbold. They are returning to Florida. Pastors V. Llewellyn and M. Stickland (past ministers) and Pastor Arthur Cooper (present minister) were at the supper.

E. D. HUGHES

FULHAM — 'Food Digestion'

Mrs. Gloria Simon, Temperance secretary of Fulham church, gave a series of lectures on Food Digestion. She ended the year 1979 by enlightening all present on the ill effects of vinegar.

NERISSA CHEDICK

WILLESSEN — Investiture

The Pathfinders have worked very hard and on 20 December many of them were invested by Master Guide, Pastor Martin Anthony. Congratulations are due to both the Pathfinders and their directors, brethren A. Smith and D. Calender, and Sister Mavis Campbell.

GLORIA CHAMBERLAIN

PORTSMOUTH BAPTISM

On Sabbath, 28 July 1979, the Portsmouth church held a baptismal service.

Pastor S. Thompson baptized the two candidates, Caroline Edwards and 'Mick' Ward. Caroline's baptism is regarded as evidence of the Holy Spirit working with her family, while Mick's baptism is an evidence of the Holy Spirit working through individuals. His first contact was via a member witnessing at his place of work.

Our present minister, Brother I. Rees, commented in his sermon that both candidates had an enquiring mind, went to the right source, and were teachable.

A. W. F. SNOOK, *Communication secretary*

WANTED for customer, one volume 2 and one volume 4, of *Footprints of Jesus*. Must be in good condition. State price including carriage to: Miss B. Clarke, 51 Ailesbury Street, Newport, Gwent, S. Wales.



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