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**The Hon. Mr. Justice Edmund  
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A bronze bust by Mr. Robert Thomas, the Welsh sculptor, of the eminent Judge who is our Chairman. In the picture, the sculptor is seen with the bust, which is the first of twelve he intends to make of prominent Welshmen. It was shown at the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition.

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The 1965 Annual Conference of the Cheshire Foundation Homes was held at the Irish Club, 83 Eaton Square, London, on May 22nd.

The Trustees of the Foundation (including Group Captain and Mrs. Sue Ryder Cheshire) sat at the head of the large room which had been made available. Facing them were, as usual, Management Committee members from most of the U.K. Cheshire Homes, and, for the first time at the Annual Conference, Matrons, Wardens and Secretaries as well from various Homes. Present also were representatives from Homes just being started and from those in preparation ; most of the Secretariat from our London Headquarters ; and several important visitors. The proceedings began at 10.30 a.m., and, with a break for lunch, lasted until 4 p.m. The number attending the Conference this year totalled 144.

In charge of the proceedings was the Chairman of the Cheshire Foundation Homes, the Hon. Mr. Justice Edmund Davies, LL.D. – known more informally in the Foundation as Sir Edmund Davies. The following are revised versions of the main speeches, and reports of the discussions.

## **Annual Conference 1965**



# Chairman's Report on the Past Year

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES, the Chairman (Sir Edmund Davies) expressed their very great pleasure at seeing so many coming from far-away places to be at the Conference, the journeys involving by no means inconsiderable expenditure of time and money. He said the Trustees were deeply grateful. There were some familiar faces, and some new faces; the Trustees appreciated the gesture they all made in coming, indicating as it obviously did their abiding interest in the work of the Foundation.

As Chairman, Sir Edmund realised that he was expected to make a survey of what had happened since the last Annual Conference. This was, he felt, a most salutary task – salutary for the Foundation as a whole. It was essential that we should, from time to time, take stock of our assets and liabilities, both moral and spiritual, both physical and financial. From the speeches and discussions on the particular topics selected for consideration at the meeting, he hoped a good deal would emerge to our mutual advantage. 'It is, of course, only by frank discussion, as in a family circle, that we can hope to help each other properly.'

He thought that such a panoramic survey should be particularly concerned with two main questions:

(i) How are we measuring up to the call constantly made on us by the chronically sick and disabled?

(ii) How are we measuring up to our mutual needs as members of this same community? Are we doing all we can to help each other? Are we learning to work together as we should, and so learning and equipping ourselves the better to answer the call from outside?

Since the last Conference, the Foundation had lost the services of two of its most valued Trustees. Professor Cheshire and his wife, Dame Mary, had both felt obliged to retire. 'My own personal debt to Professor Cheshire', said Sir Edmund, 'is really one that can never be repaid, and the debt of the Foundation to him is also absolutely irredeemable.' The Professor had been described as the mid-

wife of the whole movement. Without him, it is doubtful whether there would ever have been brought to birth the Foundation as we now know it. He served for years with Lord Denning, then became Chairman himself, retired into the Vice-Chair, and now he had felt it necessary to retire because of ill-health. Professor Cheshire and Dame Mary take into their retirement the warm gratitude and most sincere good wishes of everybody.

It was foreshadowed at the Manchester Conference last year that it was the intention of the Trustees to spread the load, not only by increasing the number of Trustees from 15 to 25, but also geographically, by selecting them from a wider area. This was implemented during the year by the appointment, first of Dr. M. Agerholm, then, from the north of England, of Mr. Peter Rowntree (of York), and of Dr. J. F. Laycock (of Halifax). All these new Trustees have already enabled us to profit by their vast knowledge and experience.

Now as regards how we are answering the call on us. In Lincolnshire, Hoven-den House is full, and there is a long waiting list. Their supporters have provided the initiative for setting up another Cheshire Home in the north of the county – Stonecroft House, near Brigg. The first residents here were expected to be admitted by the end of June.

Then in Liverpool, an ideal property, Springwood House, has been offered by the Corporation on a long-term lease. The lease has not yet been signed, but it is hoped that the house will be occupied by the autumn. This project has come about largely through the efforts of Rotary Clubs in the area.

The Sheffield and District Committee have for years been looking for a suitable building. It now looks as though a contract will be signed, very shortly, for suitable premises.

Squadron Leader J. Rush has, over many years, been looking for a suitable house in the Northumberland area, and it now seems that his efforts are going to be rewarded. The Foundation is on the

brink of signing a lease for a place of great beauty – Matfen Hall, a mile or two north of Hadrian's Wall.

In Highgate, North London, we are about to be given a house which will be run as a Home for handicapped children. Much goodwill is there, but certain technical difficulties have to be ironed out, and your prayers are asked for resolving the problems.

The Group in Amersham are still extremely anxious to establish a South Buckinghamshire Home, but they are up against the high price of land in that area.

Overseas, new Homes have been started in Thailand, New Guinea, Kenya and South Africa. There are also interested groups working towards setting up Cheshire Foundations in Pakistan, Chile, Spain and Uganda. The growth of overseas Homes has been greatly helped by a variety of people too numerous to mention – but especially by Mrs. James Gibb (formerly Margot Mason) in South Africa, by visits to various places made by Mr. Wilfrid Russell (now Vice-Chairman of the Foundation), by Captain Andrew Duncan, by Mr. Henry Marking, and of course by Group Captain and Mrs. Cheshire.

During the last twelve months, the money sent out by the U.K. Foundation to Overseas Homes has amounted to £4,150. Each new Foundation starting up overseas generally receives £300 from us, and usually that is all.

The Chairman then went on to speak of future projects in the U.K. The Greater London Council have set aside two acres in Tulse Hill, intended for a block of flats, which is planned with a nursing wing attached. There will be 20 or 30 flats for families with at least one disabled member. The Council is financing the actual building, while the Foundation finances the special equipment for the disabled, and the nursing wing. This is a most exciting venture, and there are similar schemes projected in other places – certainly in Manchester.

At Le Court, it is planned to build two new units – a post-polio unit, which



will accommodate some 15 people who are dependent on respiratory aids, and a training unit for the new General Service Corps. It is proposed to make provision in the latter for six trainees, a nursing tutor, a sister tutor and a classroom.

In Wales, negotiations are going on to acquire two more suitable premises, but it would be premature to say anything further now.

Sir Edmund next had a word to say about a very important person – Mr. T. A. Taylor, who is honorary adviser to the Foundation on all questions relating to land and buildings. ‘He is in a position to render great service to us through his special experience. He has gone wherever asked, to inspect and advise regarding both the suitability of premises as possible new Homes, and of the suitability of projected extensions and improvements to existing Homes. I hope that if any Home needs his services they will not hesitate to ask. He is certainly not the sort of person to put a brake on

any project, without good reason. The Trust, moreover, would never brief him merely to apply a brake, for the autonomy of the Homes is our constant aim.’

So much for how the Foundation has been measuring up to the call from outside. Yet there is a continuous demand on us. It is estimated that at least 600 disabled people suitable for acceptance are waiting at this very moment. It doesn’t look as though the state or local authorities are planning to fill the gap to any substantial extent. There are, in addition, other groups – the married disabled, the aged, the mentally handicapped – whose call on us is a very real one. We must answer it if we can. ‘Dare we say that we can’t do anything about it?’

Now what about how we have all been measuring up to our mutual needs as members of one family? Working as a family unit is essential to the Foundation. It is very necessary that while local enthusiasm should remain as keen as always, we should all take a look sometimes at

the Foundation as a whole, and aim at an ever-increasing sense of solidarity. We have to reject insularity, for we are all waging a battle against a common enemy. There are welcome signs that this lesson has been well learnt. St. Anthony’s, Wolverhampton, for instance, now that it has become established, has asked for a new project to work for. Ardeen, in Ireland, has offered itself as a reception and preliminary training centre for Irish girls recruited to join the new General Service Corps.

The Chairman concluded his speech by quoting Emerson – ‘We are born believers. A man bears beliefs as a tree bears fruit.’ What are our beliefs? asked Sir Edmund. ‘Most important perhaps, we believe that no man should live to himself alone. We believe that we are our brother’s keeper. We discharge our duty most imperfectly – at least, I do – but at any rate we recognise the existence of a duty. Let us do all we can to fulfil our duty faithfully with virtue and, above all, with loving kindness.’

## Group Captain Cheshire on plans for the future

GROUP CAPTAIN CHESHIRE was the next speaker and his object, he said, was to look into the future, although he denied any attempt to assume the role of a prophet.

‘The Annual Conference is an occasion when we can all meet together, and I should like to say how much it means to me personally. If I gain any inspiration to carry on with the work it is almost entirely from personal contact with the Homes and those who live and work in them. Inevitably, each of us looks at the work in the light of his own particular needs and problems. Those of you from the Homes must be primarily concerned with building up your particular Home. Whereas, I suppose I am primarily concerned with the overall needs that face the Foundation and the Mission as a whole. Therefore, the occasions when we meet together, like this one, are occasions

when we can see our own problems in the light of each other’s problems. It is important that we should increasingly learn to see the wood in the light of the trees, and the trees in the light of the wood.’

We have two aims, said the Group Captain:

- (i) a specific aim, which is to provide Homes for the disabled and chronic sick – or, more precisely, to enable those who reside in them to live to capacity;
- (ii) a general, or corporate, aim, which is that the Foundation as a whole should contribute its share to the world-wide struggle to relieve suffering, need and poverty.

These two aims are, in a way, distinct, but they do not, viewed properly, militate against each other. On the contrary, whilst the Foundation means little except in terms of the individual Homes, it must

be remembered that the work of the Homes is brought to fulfilment only by virtue of their incorporation into the Foundation and its corporate aims.

Taking the past as a criterion, we can say it is likely that future developments will lie in two directions – externally, in numerical growth and adaptation to developing needs; and internally, in improving and trying to perfect the help we give. I personally think that every organisation ought to stick to its own particular terms of reference. Nevertheless, we have a duty to remain flexible, and leave our successors freedom to solve the problems of their day in the way they think best.

It is obviously not possible for us to say how many Homes we shall eventually need. But we do know that in this country alone there is still a tremendous call on us. We know, too, that the call is coming



difficult on behalf of the more heavily disabled. It may turn out, however, that beyond a certain degree of severity, these heavy nursing cases are not suited to a Cheshire Home and are really better off elsewhere. This is something that we shall have to work out in the light of experience. As regards overseas, the need is literally overwhelming, and, within the limits of our resources, we must do everything in our power to help.

As you know, we have already branched out into one or two variations on our original work. There are three Homes for the rehabilitation of ex-mental patients; a great need still exists for this sort of care. Then we have the two Homes for mentally retarded children: more are needed.

An undertaking more specialised than anything we have yet attempted is the proposed post-polio unit at Le Court. It will mean incorporating a small number of heavily disabled people, who require specialised care and equipment, into the framework of a fairly large community. By participating in the larger community their horizons will be broadened and their lives, we hope, enriched.

The London flats project mentioned by our Chairman is another new venture, in two senses. It is our first serious attempt to provide care for families one or more of whose members is disabled; it is also our first undertaking in full partnership with a local authority. The proposal is that the G.L.C. will build 30 flats on six floors, whilst the Foundation will build a nursing wing, without which such a scheme would be impossible. This latter wing will contain 15 or so beds, a proportion of which will be available to the occupants of the flats in emergencies. The rest of the beds will be allocated to single and heavily disabled patients. A requirement for occupancy of the flats is that the family, as a family, is prepared to pay its own way. It is hoped that this scheme may prove a model for others in various parts of the country. Negotiations have already started towards this end in one of the major northern cities.

When deciding whether or not to undertake a new kind of work, we should always ask: 'Is the problem primarily a human or a medical one?' If it is medical,

it is not our kind of work; we are essentially an organisation of laymen, and should not undertake what only the professional people can do adequately. But there are some forms of work that the professional cannot do as well as the layman – for instance, there is evidence that certain types of mentally ill people, even though still requiring skilled treatment, will do better in home surroundings than in a hospital.

As regards the business of improving and perfecting ourselves, the basic problem is, of course, to combine organisation and efficiency with the personal basis upon which alone such work can be properly carried out. I am not quite sure how we stand now in this respect; probably, the position varies from area to area.

The Group Captain went on to say it is being borne in on us more and more that we need to strengthen the links which bind us – internally, amongst ourselves, and externally, with other organisations. The world is rapidly getting smaller, and mankind drawing closer together. In all fields, and at all levels, it is becoming increasingly difficult to act in isolation. There would seem to be a real need for like-minded charitable organisations to join together, not in a unity that might obliterate their identity or autonomy, but in a family or federation that would corporately help each member to be strengthened and better able to fulfil its purposes. Through contact with other organisations, we can learn from each other's experience, be edified by good example, and continually find new channels through which to do our work.

By way of illustration, let me mention a recent development in Madras, where there is already a Cheshire Home. Leprosy is a great problem in the area; many sufferers who if given the opportunity and training could earn their living are forced to beg in the streets. Since no other organisation had felt in a position to tackle this problem we were asked if we would try. The local Cheshire Home Committee, though much in favour of doing something, thought that such an undertaking, in the name of the Cheshire Foundation Homes, would confuse the public and detract from their own Home

– even if it were financed from abroad. They agreed, however, to give active support to a project that came directly under the Mission for the Relief of Suffering, provided it did not launch local appeals in conflict with their own. Eventually, their Secretary, a prime mover in starting the Madras Home, became Chairman of the new project's Committee, and an excellent working arrangement now exists whereby various organisations, private and official, have combined to bring the new Centre into being. Building seems likely to start in September this year, and it is hoped to finish the first stage of the operation by January.

But whatever expansion we embark upon, whatever new types of work we undertake, however organised we may become, nothing must be done to compromise the spirit that brought the movement into being. We must ensure that this spirit is carried on into the future. We – or perhaps our successors – will be faced sometime, when there is a sufficiency of Homes in the U.K., and all are well-established, with the problem: 'What do we do now?' All I know about it is that unless, at that time, we still have a challenge to meet we shall no longer attract the sort of people who really want to get down to work with us and for us.

The Group Captain then posed the question as to what were the best means to help the Foundation most effectively develop in the twofold direction – growing in size externally and striving for perfection internally. He had three things to put forward in answer to his own question:

- (1) 'We shall never do our job properly unless we have the right nurses and staff in the Homes. I am pleased to be able to say that our new General Service Corps is now in the embryo stage.'
- (2) Without trying to force things, we must, he thought, give ourselves the opportunity of joint meetings to discuss all manner of subjects. We all gain by having more conferences, for matrons, for wardens, for secretaries, for disabled residents.
- (3) The film and photographic unit. 'I



was accused recently, by one of the overseas Homes of having turned into a camera. Perhaps that is so! But behind it lies my strong desire to put across our image and our message, not only for the public now, but for those who follow us. Every film made, every exhibition of pictures, is a personal thing; it reflects the mind of the person who produces it. I am very anxious to put on to film and into pictures my thoughts and feelings about the residents, and about those of you who have built the Homes. If allowed, I want to devote some time and money to leave behind a permanent instrument through which the Homes can put across their message and needs.'

Group Captain Cheshire spoke briefly about the Mission for the Relief of Suffering. It has already produced the large settlement in Northern India, Raphael, where there are now 200 patients, the first hospital wing, with 40 beds, nearly completed, and a big expansion programme ahead. By sharing the load between the Foundation and the Sue Ryder Forgotten Allies, and with substantial support from Australia and New Zealand, the Mission has achieved at Raphael what the Cheshire Foundation would not have been able to do by itself. Then the Missionaries of Charity (whose Foundress is Mother Teresa), an order which operates some 14 Homes for the destitute and dying in India, and is now branching out to South America, have joined as the third member organisation of the Mission. The Swiss equivalent of OXFAM is also negotiating for possible membership.

In conclusion, the Group Captain spoke of his own movements. He saw his own work as consisting primarily of helping with the general administration of the Foundation, and of visiting the Homes. But in addition, he thought there were three things that called for his personal attention at the moment – the General Service Corps, the London flats, and the new post-polio project at Le Court. As his health had improved this year, he had been able to visit more Homes; he wished with all his heart that he could have visited many more.

### **Film and Photos for Publicity**

Immediately following the speeches made by the Chairman and Group Captain Cheshire, the Conference was thrown open to questions from the floor arising from them.

The Photographic Unit, and the value of films as a medium for creating public interest in the Homes, were the two main points raised for discussion. It was suggested that the 'Pathfinder' film, although appreciated by audiences, was now dated, and there was need for something new. The Group Captain explained briefly that a new film was in the process of being made. It was hoped, moreover, to build up eventually a properly organised film library, with films showing all the various aspects of the work in the Foundation, and the Homes could draw on these for whatever they desired. It was suggested by a representative that Homes might like to contribute towards the cost of this film. The Chairman stressed that any form of official request from the Trustees would be inappropriate, but it was agreed by general consent that a

circular should be sent to management committees giving details of the Film Unit and the projected film.

### **The Role of the Staff and Residents**

The next item on the agenda, under this title, could be regarded, the Chairman explained, as a continuation of Dr. Agerholm's speech at the last Annual Conference in Manchester on helping the disabled live to capacity. The Trustees had asked for reports from all the Homes on this subject. By this means, the Trustees hoped to be provided with sufficient material to decide whether a fuller discussion next year was necessary or desirable. A large number of view points were offered by representatives from the Homes, but it would be quite impossible (simply for space reasons) to publish them in full in the magazine, and there would be a danger of misrepresenting what was said if the reports were condensed.

### **Dr. R. Farrell**

When the Conference resumed after lunch, before calling on the Honorary Treasurers to deal with finance, The Chairman said a few words about Dr. Rowland Farrell, who had found it necessary to give up his work as the Foundation's Honorary Welfare Officer. Sir Edmund said, 'He has been in the unique position of assisting us as a doctor, and, as a doctor afflicted with multiple sclerosis, he has assisted in a practical personal way as well as in a professional way. I would not like Mrs. Farrell to go away this afternoon without expressing to her, to convey to her husband, our deep appreciation for all he has done over the past years'.

## **The Treasurers' Report**

Mr. R. G. Emmett, Joint Hon. Treasurer, Cheshire Foundation Homes, began by repeating what has been mentioned previously that out of the total receipts of the Foundation rather less than 10 per cent is at the disposal of the Trustees. This relatively small sum is derived mainly from donations and legacies, and the amounts received from these sources varies very greatly from year to year.

Hence, the assistance which the Trustees can give to Homes by way of finance is strictly limited.

The Trustees, nevertheless, have been able to do quite a lot in helping Homes who have extensions of their premises in hand, or in enabling new Homes to be established. In 1963, there was outstanding, by way of loans made by Trustees, £33,000; since then, further loans

amounting to £12,500 have been granted. These loans are invariably made free of interest, and usually are made repayable over a period of years according to the circumstances of the Home concerned.

The television appeal last year realised about £53,000, and in line with the terms on which the appeal was made, the Trustees decided to devote about £31,000 to expansion of the work in the United



Kingdom, and £21,000 to the overseas projects. Of the money devoted to this country, loans have been made, or promised, amounting so far to £26,000.

Turning to Market Mews, which is the nerve centre of the organisation, Mr. Emmett reminded everyone that – with the help of voluntary workers – the expenses of running the office are always kept as low as possible. But the work is expanding, and there have had to be some additions to our staff. The running costs of Market Mews by no means represent unproductive paper work. All those connected with the Foundation know how vital it is to maintain contact, and to follow up any expression of interest as it comes along. This is done at Market Mews with great efficiency, and, what is more important, with the human touch.

Much has been done in the realm of publicity. We have heard this morning about films, and we can also point to the various publications that have been made, and talks that have been given up and down the country. The expenses of these operations inevitably gravitate to Market Mews, although the benefits often flow to the Homes. This is of course a good thing because, after all, it is the Homes who have the prime responsibility of looking after the sick.

An urgent problem at Market Mews has been the question of space. As the work has increased, so the pressure on our rooms has become greater. Last year,

quite unexpectedly, the premises next door – No. 5 Market Mews – went up for sale. We had hints that it would be quickly snapped up, so the Trustees, after a lot of thought and taking the best expert advice, decided to acquire the lease of 90 years at what they were assured was a very reasonable price. There is no need to stress the advantages of having two adjoining premises, both from the point of view of carrying on the work, and in case we should have to sell at some future date. It is intended to use these new premises mainly for the overseas work.

Mr. Emmett mentioned briefly the new form of accounts that had recently been circulated to all the Homes. He said that one advantage they had was that regular income, i.e. income received from local authorities and the like, is separated from voluntary income such as donations and legacies. The modified form of accounts bring out clearly how much we are dependent on support from the public to keep our Homes going.

Mr. J. R. Handscomb, the other Joint Hon. Treasurer, then rose and made a few further points. First, he brought the attention of the Conference to a meeting of the Association of Independent Hospitals a year or two ago, which declared that, for tax purposes, the salaries of staff can be stated as 'nett', excluding their emoluments. Next, he spoke about inter-Home loans. The Trustees felt that more of these loans could be arranged

because it would help both the Homes and the central Trust in various ways. Some of the old-established Homes had been very good in lending to other Homes.

It is felt that those Homes with money on deposit in a bank could be put in touch with other Homes at present borrowing by way of overdraft, and the former encouraged to lend their surplus to the latter at the rate they get on deposit account. Market Mews would offer its services as an intermediary, putting potential lenders in touch with would-be borrowers, and leave them to negotiate terms of interest.

Mr. Handscomb thought that if any Home, borrowing on a short-term basis from another Home, was unable to meet its obligations, the Trustees would if necessary step into the breach.

The suggestion had been made that all the accounting for the Foundation should be done centrally. It has been decided, however, that this scheme would not effect any economy in view of the administrative costs involved, apart from other considerations. We are very glad that at the moment there are no salaried staff doing the accounts. To administer 40 accounts from 40 different Homes, with payments going in and out, to deal with queries, to work out interest receivable by Homes with funds in hand – and agree with the local Treasurer – would require paid assistance. That would result in no saving at all.

## Mental Rehabilitation at the Wimbledon Hostels

DR. W. M. FORD ROBERTSON (Consultant Psychiatrist, Miraflores and Gaywood) expressed the honour he felt at being asked to speak to the Conference. It was a great pleasure for him to say something about the two Homes with which he had been associated since 1959. In that year he became interested in Miraflores. At the time, he had some 400 mental patients in his care in hospital, all from the East End of London, and was naturally concerned with their social rehabilitation

after discharge. He found that Miraflores was a place where he could be satisfied that patients, not fit to return to conditions in the East End, would really be cared for and rehabilitated. He gradually became more and more involved, and was extremely glad to be asked, about two years ago, to join the Management Committee of the two Homes. Many of the members, by their knowledge and devotion to their duties, play a vital role in supporting the Warden, and assisting

in the general running of the Homes.

Miraflores was opened in 1957, with 15 patients. The first Warden, Miss Peace, was an indefatigable pioneer, an excellent manager, and was greatly liked by the residents. Gaywood, opened in 1962, was a larger and more suitable house, accommodating 18 residents. At no time had either Hostel found any difficulty with the local community. The Hostels had grown into the community without much publicity, which is as it should be.



Dr. Ford Robertson mentioned that in the country as a whole more than 50 per cent of hospital beds were taken up by the mentally ill. The increasing incidence of disabling neurosis was particularly alarming. In 1959, the Minister of Health had stressed to local authorities that the care of ex-patients in the community was their concern. Surrey County Council have set the pattern for the future by offering financial assistance in 1961, in return for beds in Miraflores and Gaywood. The doctor said that this set an example of voluntary and statutory bodies working together for the good of the community in the field of mental health.

Miraflores, in seven years, had admitted 153 residents, while Gaywood, which had been open only 2½ years, had admitted 53. This works out at an average of 22 per annum for both Hostels. The average stay for residents is five months. From Gaywood, they had sent home or to suitable lodgings approximately 57 per cent. The remaining 43 per cent were re-admitted to hospital care, but some had been taken back after a short stay.

It had been found that a long stay in the Homes was liable to retard the progress of patients in becoming once again independent and useful members of the community. A stay of from 9 months to a year had been adopted as, in general, the most beneficial, but this was not too rigidly adhered to. Every effort is made to ensure that the residents, when they leave, have a suitable place to go to – and a good landlady. There is certainly a need in the community for people with a concern for the less severely mentally disabled person who is quite able to go out to work.

An admissions and discharges sub-committee, of which he is Chairman, and on which sit a colleague from a mental hospital in Epsom, a general practitioner, and two members of the House Committee, meets about once a fortnight to

consider applications. Information regarding applicants is submitted on two types of forms – one from the psychiatrist, and one from the social worker, each applicant being interviewed. It is important to select would-be residents carefully, since only certain types of personality can rehabilitate successfully in a small community.

Dr. Ford Robertson then touched briefly on the Christian ethic behind this work. He had been deeply affected by a talk given by Group Captain Cheshire on a recent ten-to-eight radio programme. He had referred to two points – (i) the need to accept human suffering as a path of redemption in which we must all share; (ii) those who suffer have a definite contribution to make by the example of their courage and virtue, sharing and accepting what is clearly a great challenge; they thereby give others a tremendous sense of purpose.

A physically disabled person is usually an extrovert – someone outgoing, giving to others. But the mentally ill, and those with disordered personalities, are generally introverts, and so we are faced with quite a different situation. In order to care for these latter, we need to find – but it is extremely difficult to find – people not only dedicated but with a certain type of personality and specialised training – people who can be objective but kindly in almost any situation – people able to dispense justice and be seen to do so. Only in this way can we hope to heal the sensitivity of the introvert personality.

A great need still exists for more of the right kind of Hostels to care for and rehabilitate ex-mental patients, and he hoped that the Foundation would consider what further contribution it could make. These Cheshire Hostels had set an excellent pattern for local authorities. The doctor hoped also that a social centre could be developed at Wimbledon similar to the one being attempted at Nicholas House, the new Hostel in Bethnal Green.

It is a social centre, not just for the residents, but for members of the outside community to join and help with the social rehabilitation of the residents.

Lastly, Dr. Ford Robertson suggested that, if there was the possibility of establishing another Home on these lines, it would be an advantage to follow the example of the Mental After-Care Association, which had four out of ten Homes at the seaside. This would mean that residents could have a seaside holiday at the same time as their rehabilitation, which is important, particularly for those of limited means.

Dr. Ford Robertson then answered questions from the audience. He made the following points:

- (i) Residents in the Homes were required to take up work, and maintain some kind of economic status. They lived a normal work and community life, but were guided and supported if in distress. They were expected to take their turn in the work of the Home, in domestic activities, and in the garden; most did so willingly. In this way they participated in group activity, and so benefited. They were, however, free in the evenings, and could go to their families at weekends. A family atmosphere was fostered by each Home. Those who could be socialised were happy, but there were others who found it difficult.
- (ii) If a resident becomes worse and breaks down he returns to the mental hospital from which he came.
- (iii) Some residents remained in the care of the psychiatrist whom they were under in hospital; they attended the outpatients department of their hospital. Other residents were transferred to Dr. Ford Robertson himself.
- (iv) The Wardens were qualified to give whatever medicines were prescribed, for in many cases the regular administration of these was essential to recovery and stability of the residents concerned.

## General Service Corps

Group Captain Cheshire said he was mainly just going to report on the progress made since last year.

'We thought it better to make a small

practical start rather than to try and work the scheme out in its entirety on paper. Thanks principally to the efforts of Miss Andree Ullens over the past six

months, eight young trainee girls have applied in Ireland and are about to be accepted by the Shillelagh Home, Ardeen. This Home has offered to act as a recep-



tion and training centre for Irish girls, and to keep them for a trial six months, during which time they will be given a certain amount of basic nursing and domestic training. Those who appear to be suitable, and so wish it, will then come on to Le Court.

Here, we are planning to build the main training centre and headquarters of the Corps. We intend in particular to look for girls who feel attracted to our sort of work, but who, for one reason or another, do not want to go through the full S.R.N. training. These we shall train, or arrange to have trained, according to our own syllabus, and offer suitable security and opportunities of promotion, so as to make a career available to them. It is our intention to stagger the training periods, interspersing them with practical experience in the Homes, so that each trainee's aptitude can be assessed, and the most appropriate training given to her. One might be more suitable for therapy, another for cooking, another as a children's nurse, and so on. Each will be trained, according to the work that she is best able to do. At any stage, training can be stopped, and the girl can opt to remain working at the level she has reached. Her contract will be with the

Foundation as a whole, which means that she can be given far more security and more prospects of promotion and change than is possible when she is engaged by only one Home.

We have reason to believe that there are many girls in Ireland interested in such a career, and the fact that work is still available to them, even if they do not complete their full training successfully, is thought to be an advantage. A girl, for instance, who comes over to train as an S.R.N., and then fails, loses everything. Recruits from Ireland clearly can't provide the entire solution, but at least this is a practical start towards our aim and hope of building up a Corps of girls, women and men, embracing the different categories of staff that are needed in the Foundation, and who will be available to the Homes. It is hoped that the United Kingdom Homes themselves might look for similar applicants, who, once successfully trained, would return to the sponsoring Home to work there. If the time came for them to be moved elsewhere, in order to broaden their experience, the Corps would replace the girl in question.

The Foundation is also trying to recruit already trained nurses, whether

within the Homes or not, who feel that they would like to join the Corps, and so help in its formation, and themselves, we hope, gain from membership of it. These of course would not be lost to the Home from which they came. Through the medium of the Corps we shall be able to train staff already working in the Homes in our way of thinking, and in the overall aims and principles of the Foundation, and, what is perhaps most important of all, make them feel they share the same spirit and belong to the one body even though widely dispersed. There would be yearly conferences of the Corps at Le Court, and special training courses as appropriate. The pay offered would be slightly less than that of an equivalent job in the country in which they work, but a compensating contribution will be made towards a gratuity and pension scheme. Expert advice on the details and operation of this scheme is being sought.'

Finally, the Group Captain said that the Forgotten Allies also wanted to start their own Corps which would form, as it were, 'the second branch of the same tree.'



As you know, the Trustees are very anxious that meetings and conferences should take place, at all levels, between the widely-scattered Homes in the Foundation. The Group Captain said at the Annual Conference that we all gain by having conferences – for matrons, for wardens, for secretaries, for disabled residents. I have heard of two Matrons' Conferences taking place recently – one in York, which was chaired by Mrs. Peter Allott, and one at Mote House in Kent, at which Dr. Agerholm was present. It seemed to be generally agreed that the possibilities of mutual help by pooling experiences had proved themselves at both meetings. I hear that another Matrons' Conference for the southern Homes is being arranged for next March at Dolywern in North Wales.

Another kind of meeting that is proving of value is the East Midlands Residents' Family Day. I was fortunate to be present at this year's event, one of the pleasantest and most inspiring gatherings I have been to for a long time. It was, I think, the third of these occasions organised in the Region originally by Mrs. Marjorie Clark, the Regional Trustee. Held at The Grove, Norwich, this year, there were no less than 90 residents from six of the Homes in the Region, and you can imagine the organisation that this must have involved. Yet the Committee, staff and helpers at The Grove seemed to take it all very much in their stride. I sensed an atmosphere of relaxed efficiency and confidence. Indeed, the feeling of enjoyment and happiness on the circular lawn in front of the house was almost tangible.

It was Marjorie Clark's initiative three years back that set in motion the Regional Inter-Homes Competition for handicrafts of all kinds. The outstanding display of exhibits from all the Homes that were

# People & Places

**A round up of topical items about interesting people, and places of note by the Roving Reporter.**

on show this year in a special tent was sufficient proof of the success of this venture. Mrs. Sheila Russell, wife of Mr. Wilfrid Russell, Vice-Chairman of the Cheshire Foundation, gave away the Cups. The winner of the Marjorie Clark Inter-Homes Cup was Staunton Harold, and Albert Wright of Hovenden won the C.T. Driffill Cup for the best individual entry.

Mr. Clifton, Chairman of The Grove, presided over the afternoon's proceedings, including a most successful Brains Trust, of which Dr. Agerholm was a member. Another member with a dynamic personality was Dr. Irene Green of the Home's Management Committee. She told me she was going to Ethiopia in October, and she naturally plans to see as much as she can of the Cheshire Home for Mentally Retarded Children near Addis Ababa, and of Miss Denise Tabernacle, the Sister in Charge. I suspect that much of the success of the afternoon at The Grove was due to the hard work of Mr. Roe, the Vice-Chairman, and of Mrs. Roe, Hon. Secretary of the Home.

Of the residents I spoke to, there was Dorothy Gooderham who told me about her friend Theo. He was one of the original residents at the Home, and I remember him so well from a previous visit. He died recently. Dorothy showed me photographs of him, and spoke of his courage and great sense of humour.

I also met Florence Pitman from Seven Rivers, who is blind in addition to her other disability. She related the remarkable story of how Seven Rivers have adopted a child in the Bethlehem Children's Home – a child for whom they have been raising and collecting money for some time. She plans to fly to the Holy Land in August – paying for the trip out of her own savings – in order to



hand over the money they have raised to the Bethlehem Home. Accompanied by an able-bodied friend from Ipswich, the two of them will stay at the Bethlehem Home, and whilst in the country Florence hopes to be wheeled through the streets of Jerusalem. She told me later that just after getting back to Seven Rivers from The Grove she was astounded to receive six £5-notes in an envelope from an anonymous donor to add to the Fund.

Another resident of The Grove with whom I talked that afternoon was Nora Mathieson, who paints animals, mainly horses. She had some of her work on view in the exhibition.

The 1965 Family Day of the Cheshire Foundation was held on Saturday, 17th July at Greathouse. The Editor hopes to publish a Report on the event in the December issue. But, having been present myself, I feel I must write of some of the interesting people who were at this particularly lovely place on one of the few hot afternoons in July. Mr. Moysey Adams, the Chairman, was in charge of the afternoon's events; he told me that most of the organising had been done by his predecessor, Mr. Powell, with the help of the Warden, Squadron Leader ('Spinal') Aspinall, who has been in office since the Home began in 1958.

I can only mention a few of the people at Family Day – those with whom I spoke; there were many others whom I did not get a chance to meet. I talked to Mr. and Mrs. Allott; he is Chairman of White Windows, and she is Hon. Welfare Officer for the Northern Homes. They left Halifax at 6 a.m. to get to Greathouse. Mr. Morrogh, the Chairman of the Cork Home, had come over from Ireland, where a start has been made, as the Group Captain mentioned in his speech, with the General Service Corps. The first eight trainees have been enrolled, and

will soon be settling in at Ardeen. Colonel Edinger, Chairman of St. Bridget's, was also at Greathouse with his wife, and Mr. Inskip, Chairman of Le Court. And another Chairman I spoke to was Mr. Henderson of Hawthorn Lodge, Dorchester; he was able to report that their extension was almost completed. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Wright had driven down from Nottingham that day; he is on the Management Committee of Holme Lodge.

There were several visitors who are connected in one way or another with Overseas Homes – Mrs. Sikund, who is on the Committee of the Dehra Dun (India) Home, Mrs. Dorina Simpson, who was largely responsible for starting the Tamarin Home in Mauritius. She met the Group Captain and his wife, Sue Ryder, for the first time at Greathouse that day.

Quite a contingent came from Market Mews, London, including Miss Evans, Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. Kate Barker (plus the dogs), and Mrs. Romola Chatterjee, the Group Captain's new personal secretary in London. This group also included 'a clutch of voluntary helpers' (as someone nicely put it), including Ella O'Keefe and Mary Quinn – the latter being Henry Marking's professional secretary, who, besides her work, puts in a stint every Wednesday evening at Market Mews. Other guests I noticed from London were Miss Cherry Morris, Lord Sinclair, and Andrew Duncan, whose sister, by the way, lives near Greathouse and does a lot of work at the Home.

During the afternoon, many Greathouse residents were out on the terrace in the sunshine. With them was Bill Chappell, who was on an exchange holiday from Le Court, where he is one of the oldest inhabitants: he is amongst the twelve residents still there who were in the old building. Whilst I was chatting

with him, Mrs. Latham, who was for a time Matron at Le Court and is now in the same position at St. Bridget's, came up and joined us.

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Almost all the foregoing has been about U.K. Cheshire Homes and the people connected with them – which is a change. So often before in my notes Overseas News has predominated. But there are two items about overseas affairs that I feel should not go unrelated.

A recent visitor to Market Mews was Mother Teresa, the Matron of Bethlehem House, Bombay, who was passing through London on the way to Spain for a meeting of her Order, the Missionaries of Christ. Before Mother Teresa went to India several years ago, she had worked at St. Cecilia's, Bromley, with another Nursing Sister of her Order. By the way, she is not to be confused with Mother Teresa, the Founder of the Missionaries of Charity, and now Co-Founder (with Group Captain Cheshire and Sue Ryder) of the Mission for the Relief of Suffering.

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I hear that Miss Denise Tabernacle, Sister in Charge of the Addis Ababa Children's Home, is coming back to England round about Christmas; she has been in Ethiopia for four years. One other snippet of news from this Home is that the R.A.F. in Aden, who have helped them a great deal before, have now presented them with a Landrover, a most welcome gift indeed.



# MOTHER TERESA

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The Mission for the Relief of Suffering has now three co-founders – Group Captain L. Cheshire, Mrs. Sue Ryder Cheshire and Mother Teresa. The Missionaries of Charity, which Mother Teresa started, have now also become a member-organisation of the Mission. Mrs. Ann Blaikie, Vice-Chairman of the U.K. Mother Teresa Committee, having spent ten years in Calcutta working with her, is well qualified to tell us about this Christian who has devoted her life to the thousands of India's poor and outcasts.

INDIA – dust, heat and monsoon – great cities with vast slums, unimaginable poverty and hideous diseases, illiteracy and pagan superstitions – this is the setting in which a blazing charity is spreading. This is where a humble, gentle woman called Mother Teresa and the sisters and brothers of the Missionaries of Charity are bringing love and hope to countless thousands. The sisters are called 'The little preachers of Christ's love' for they are found in the slums, the leper colonies, the Homes for the Dying and with the refugees and beggars preaching Christ's love, not in words, but by deeds and shining acts of devotion and service.

Mother Teresa was born in Albania in 1910. In 1928 she came to Calcutta to join the Roman Catholic Loretto Teaching Order. Here she remained for 20 years till the call came to devote her life to the poor and outcast, regardless of caste or creed. So, with the blessing of the Archbishop of Calcutta, and with 7/6d. in her pocket, she founded a new congregation, the Missionaries of Charity.

Now the Order numbers over 200 sisters and 12 brothers; many more are eager to join. They come from all over India and are trained on joining as doc-



*Photo: The Universe*



tors, nurses or teachers. Their life is one of extreme austerity and simplicity, but great happiness. They never charge for any service, nor do they beg. Mother Teresa says, 'The Lord is my Banker', and her bag seems to hold an exhaustible supply of rupee notes.

#### Full scale programme

Calcutta is the headquarters where, in 1963, 124 sisters and nine brothers were at work. Over 4,500 children attended their 17 Primary Schools and 23 Sunday Schools. The Children's Home, opened in 1955, has helped more than 2,000 little ones, most of whom suffered from acute under-nourishment and T.B. The Home for the Dying received 1,317 destitutes during the year. The seven Dispensaries are always kept very busy and somehow time is found to run two Commercial Classes and a Sewing Class for young girls.

The Mobile Leprosy Clinics are an important feature of the work. These, staffed by sisters who are trained doctors and nurses and by volunteer doctors from the Hindu, Muslim or Christian communities, tour the areas where these sufferers live. The patients wait by the roadside and are examined and given medicines and food. In one place the Anglican Bishop of Barrackpore runs a working party of his Women's Guild to supply bandages for a Dispensary which all the denominations have helped to build and equip.

The work is carried on all over India - in Delhi, in the humid coastal cities of Goa and Bombay, in the hot towns of the plains, Ranchi and Jhansi, and in many other towns. In Ranchi, for example, ten sisters only run four slum schools, three Sunday Schools, a Children's Home and a Home for the Dying. 11,409 patients attended the six dispensaries and four Leprosy Centres last year.

The Government has given 34 acres of land in Assansol district to rehabilitate 400 leper families. Each family will have its own little house and yard and be helped to start some industry such as gardening, poultry-rearing or brick-making. The Governor of West Bengal has adopted the first family, and 60 other families have been adopted by people in England.

The Bishop of Barquisimeto asked Mother Teresa to open a house in Venezuela, and she went there last summer with five sisters.

Her work is so much appreciated that the Indian Government has given her a free pass on the railways and has bestowed on her the 'Padma Shri', the second highest honour in the land. She was called in by the State Government to advise them on their leprosy scheme for their third five-year plan. The Magsaysay Peace Award was granted her in 1962. She never tries to proselytise, and thus has earned the trust of one and all. She numbers among her friends the Hindu Governor of West Bengal, the previous Anglican Archbishop Dr. Mukerjee, the Hindu Chief Priest of the Kali Temple and the humble fisher folk who adopted one of her abandoned babies.

Voluntary and Christian Service sends 50 cwt. of used clothing yearly to her. Oxfam, the Order of Charity and the Co-Workers of Mother Teresa support her in many ways. But Mother Teresa has many more projects going, new centres to open, more people to help. She says, 'It is God's work; he will provide'. Her faith is absolute and her love for the least of God's creatures shines forth. Her gentle humour made her write, apropos of a fever she had during the very hot weather, that 'it is better to burn this side than on the other'. The impression she makes on people was well summed up by an Indian doctor of the Mission to Lepers, who in answer to her exclamation of 'Oh how kind everyone is', replied, 'But, Mother, we are all a little better for knowing you'.  
*Ann Blaikie*

P.S. We have just received an unexpected donation of £25 for the work of Mother Teresa from Torquay, simply marked 'From a reader of the *Cheshire Smile*'. We would like to send our grateful thanks to the anonymous donor.

Mother Teresa paid a visit to Venezuela in July, taking with her the five nuns who will form the core of the organisation in that country. She broke her journey for a day or two in Britain to meet some of her co-workers, and to attend a public meeting at St. Martins-in-the-Fields, London.



*Home for unmarried mothers*



## Christmas Cards

### Cheshire Foundation Homes

The Cheshire Foundation Christmas Cards - sold on behalf of Cheshire Homes Overseas - are obtainable from the Secretary, Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick (Overseas), 5 Market Mews, London W.1. (GRO 2267).

The cards, all in colour, are as follows:

Christ Child in the Manger.....	8d	each
Angels Worshipping the Christ Child.....	6d	„
Lucky Black Cat.....	4d	„

Also available from last year are:

Nativity.....	9d	each
Angel Chorus.....	6d	„
Father Christmas.....	4d	„

Many of the individual Cheshire Homes are selling their own Christmas Cards as well.

### Sue Ryder Forgotten Allies

The Sue Ryder Forgotten Allies Christmas Cards can be obtained from

Sue Ryder Homes, Cavendish, Suffolk, and include the following range:  
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Egypt.....	12/-	per doz.
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Crib Scene.....	4/-	„
Father Christmas.....	6/-	„
Three Kings.....	8/-	„

Please add something to cover postage and packing. We suggest the following as a guide: 1 dozen 1/3; 1 to 3 dozen 1/9; 4 to 5 dozen 3/-; larger orders 4/6.

For the Sue Ryder cards, overprinting can be undertaken until November 24th (inland), and October 29th (overseas). Minimum, 4 dozen of any one design - £1; 2/6 each additional dozen.

Two designs of Christmas Gift Tags (at 2/- or 2/6 per dozen) are available from Cavendish, Suffolk.

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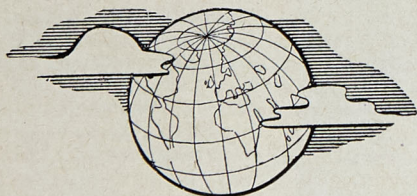
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In Sweden, the S.V.C.K. corresponds to the Central Council for the Disabled in this country. Some years ago, the Swedish organisation formed their 'Household Group' to consider and give practical study to the problems of disabled people in their own homes.

The Central Council for the Disabled felt that, in this country as well, the whole field of disabled living, both inside and outside the home, needed study. By that means, we could return to the disabled many of the opportunities in life which have hitherto been lost to them. Careful study invariably ameliorates bad conditions.

The D.L.A.G. is administered by the Executive Committee of the Central Council for the Disabled. The Chairman of the Group, Lady Hamilton, O.B.E., M.A., and the Director, Miss B. M. Stow, M.A.O.T., form a permanent nucleus around whom the different Panels are created by co-opting experts from the particular fields under review.

Of the projects undertaken so far by the D.L.A.G., some are financed by charitable trusts, some by the Central Council itself, and others are grant aided.

The 'philosophy' of the Group is grounded in the belief that the disabled do not wish for a 'welfare approach', or different treatment from other people, except in cases of real need or real discomfort. They want, somehow, to have restored to them the opportunities in life which their disability has removed, and then be left to take, to the maximum extent, a normal place with the able-bodied.

The following projects are being undertaken at the present time:

**Relationship of architecture and design to the disabled** The work of the Doctors and Architects Advisory Panel has been fundamental to the D.L.A.G. Their first task was to arrive at a preliminary

functional classification of disablement, which would include all the physically disabled. One would then have to estimate how many of the handicapped fall into each group, so that it could be seen which categories are important, and which could be relegated for later studies because the numbers therein are not large.

The second task was for the doctors and architects jointly to consider the design implications for each functional group, and to find where the common factors are between the groups. These could then be incorporated into all new buildings and their contents, and would be available to manufacturers for the design of articles for general use.

**Design of furniture and equipment** studies are conducted in selected hospitals, medical rehabilitation centres and two purpose-built research bungalows (at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre near Oxford and at Mount Vernon Hospital). A close liaison has been established with the Council of Industrial Design and the results will be tested by disabled people under medical supervision.

**Accessibility of Public Buildings** This is following up Professor Nugent's lecture on 'Designing Public Buildings for Disabled People', given to the R.I.B.A. in October 1962. The Professor was Secretary to the Committee of the American Standards Association which produced the 'American Standards Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities accessible to and usable by the Physically Handicapped'. The British Standards Institution was approached to find out whether they were prepared to appoint a Committee to draft a similar code of practice for the U.K. They agreed to do so, and a drafting Committee is now at work on the task. The D.L.A.G. is now represented on their Code of Practice Committee.

A nationwide campaign was carried out last year to improve the accessibility of churches for disabled people, and it is intended to make the same early approach to authorities concerned with other public buildings in the future.

**Clothing for the Disabled** This subject is being studied by two investigators under a grant from the Sembal Trust.

**Gardening for the Disabled** Another experiment which, it is hoped, will culminate in an exhibition at the Chelsea Flower Show. Under study are garden and greenhouse design, garden equipment and tools, the most suitable plants, etc.

**Archery** The importance of appropriate exercise to the health of the handicapped is not generally appreciated by the public. The D.L.A.G. is extremely interested, therefore, in the function that sporting activities can play in the life of disabled people. Archery is one of the sports in which many of them can compete on level terms with the able-bodied, and the Central Council, encouraged by a very substantial donation, has already given through a Panel of the Group many grants to foster that particular activity.

**Information** The D.L.A.G. has realised the need for a better supply of information to all concerned with the disabled, as well as to the disabled themselves. This would include news of daily activities, social and education facilities, contact with local authorities, and the like. A research worker is employed on this, sponsored by the D.L.A.G. and (financed as well as sponsored by) the King Edward VII's Hospital Fund for London.

**Exhibitions** It was thought desirable to draw public attention to the design problems which affect the opportunities of the physically handicapped, and the 'Towards Housing the Disabled' exhibition was opened in London in October 1962. A small fully-equipped house for the handicapped was displayed, supported



by a photographic display. Later, a standing exhibition was planned and opened in Birmingham on the same lines. In 1963, a stand was organised at the Royal Society of Health's Annual Congress. And an exhibition of clothing for disabled people was shown at the Hospital Centre in October - December, 1964, whilst others are being planned for the future.

Looking to the future: with a possibility of government grants to organisations, schools, clubs, etc., for the disabled, it would seem that all types of sport and social activities should be studied with a view to determining what they have to offer.

The D.L.A.G. hopes to undertake many more projects on behalf of the disabled, with the general object of removing

obstacles to opportunity in life. They realise, however, that the disabled themselves know better than anyone else what difficulties and frustrations are most impeding to them. The Group are, therefore, always grateful for any suggestions, queries or contributions from disabled people.

## Book Reviews

**CHANGED MEN OF OUR TIME, Eight Studies in Christian Conversion.** By A. E. Gould, B.A., B.D., Peter Smith Ltd., Derby. 7s. 6d. (paper).

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HERE are the life stories of quite different men who, following scepticism, agnosticism, and rejection either due to their upbringing, their conditioning or temperaments, finally came to the Damascus Road wherein by devious routes they found God, new happiness and peace, a new purpose in life and infinitely fuller service to their fellow men. The first is Douglas Hyde, for twenty years a militant atheist and active Communist, who finally realised that dialectical materialism gave stones instead of the living Bread. C. S. Lewis is perhaps better known to most of us, through his *Screwtape Letters*, his fascinating science-fiction, the lovely book *Surprised by Joy* and his last, *Letters to Malcolm*; chiefly on Prayer, which it was our pleasure to recommend in these pages. Some of us will still remember the clear intelligence if somewhat truculent manner of C. E. M. Joad, for he was a sound thinker though misled many because of his so reasonable agnosticism. But following his ultimate conversion, in his last year, he did his utmost to repair the damage and bore his last illness with magnificent courage and serenity.

John Rowland, once a Rationalist who made many valuable contributions to science, editor of the Thinkers Library and the Literary Guide is now Minister

of the Unitarian Church in Brighton, and a valuable leader in the World Congress of Faiths. Known to your editor over a period of years, she can vouch for the truth of his pilgrim's progress. What he missed most in all his enquiries was the 'fundamental mystery at the heart of life', and it was the search for this which led him to his home-coming in universal religion. He has this to say about agnosticism: 'If a man is an agnostic . . . then he cannot know anything for sure about anything; which must logically mean that he cannot know anything definite about science, any more than anything definite about religion. How one could be a worshipper of science (which is, supremely, the field in which men claim to know) and an agnostic (literally an unknower) in one and the same breath poses something of a problem, even on the intellectual level!

The Cheshire Homes up and down the country for the disabled, the incurable and unwanted are now famous, just as the exploits of Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, V.C., were famous during the war. He was known not only for his fearlessness and appearing to bear a charmed life, but for his fast living when on leave. It was on one of these occasions, through the chance remark of a girl in Mayfair, that he too 'came to himself', and with his wife Sue Ryder, of 'The Forgotten Allies', sustains this great enterprise of applied Christianity.

Hugh Redwood, the life-long journalist, famous for his homely broadcasts, miraculously cured of cancer, and friend of our founder, like him had no use for the form of religion presented to him as

a child, but came to the Damascus Road through the Salvation Army.

If ever a man came to it through rebellion, despair, hardness of heart, several times touching rock bottom, it was D. R. Davies, for nine years Rector of a church in St. Leonard's in Sussex. His life reads like a novel.

Vernon Charles was a confirmed alcoholic and you will see his book *Goodbye to Bacchus*, which is his personal story, listed on the back cover of the *Review*. According to A. E. Gould, 'he was the most striking triumph of the redeeming grace of God in Jesus Christ I have ever known'. The battle within him went on for years, but he became a much sought after Lay Preacher for nine years until his death in 1962.

All these men travelled the hard way, yet because of that we suggest that the rock beneath their feet was more real and firm than the soft ground familiar to many professing Christians.

**Erect and Full of Pride.** A Memorial to Roye McCoye, edited by Maurice Carpenter. Obtainable from Elegreba Press, Flat 5, Manor Court, Cossington, Bridgewater, Somerset. 5/6 post free.

Roye McCoye was a resident at Great-house for some years, and contributed regularly to the *Cheshire Smile*. Roye and another resident, Joyce Barnfield, left Greathouse when they married, and had a little over a year together in their own home before Roye died.

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## Second Chance to Live

*A mother disabled by polio, Mrs. Rosalind Chalmers, writes here of her life as a resident of Greenacres, Sutton Coldfield (the Cheshire Home for Warwickshire). The article is reproduced from the BIRMINGHAM POST by kind permission of the Editor.*

WHAT is a Cheshire Home? I am surprised to find that there are still people who think that it's a home for the old. Only the other day I heard a speaker on 'Lift Up Your Hearts' refer to 'the old people in Cheshire Homes.'

Before I had any idea of coming to one myself I knew what I imagined was common knowledge: that Cheshire Homes were for the younger disabled men and women who would otherwise have had to stay in hospital if they could not be looked after in their own homes.

In these maiden-auntless days very few families can manage to absorb a severely handicapped member, particularly as so often it is the mother or father who is the victim. Too much space, money and time are needed. But the disabled person is not ill, and has perhaps 20 years of life ahead of him. In hospital—and sometimes he cannot even get in there—he lives a vegetable existence, watered and tended at regular intervals and without hope of being able to make use of his remaining powers. He is simply enclosed in an ante-chamber to death.

The Cheshire idea was new and exciting. The younger disabled would live together in a small community, living as full a life as possible and helping one another where they could. Instead of despair and apathy there was the prospect of being of some use again, both to themselves and to others.

In some ways I was very lucky. I caught polio in 1950—an epidemic year—when my daughter was 2½ and my son five weeks old. After a few months in an iron lung and two years in hospital. I

went home, which had not always seemed a likely happening. I had a good husband, and we had some money and a house of our own. We were also both very determined people. We managed to keep the home together for 12 years, most of the time with the help of a young housekeeper who had been with us first as a nursery-girl while she was still at school. After she got married we had several unsatisfactory replacements, and then, quite suddenly, we came to a full stop—or perhaps a semi-colon, I'm not yet sure which. We were defeated, not by a major battle, but by a vast number of weary skirmishes, and for the time being were too tired to do anything but retreat. The children were at boarding-school, and we looked around for somewhere for me.

We had heard that there was a new Home opening nearby, but there was also another home which was spoken of highly, so we decided to see that first.

It was in a lovely position, a well-kept house surrounded by rolling fields. Inside it was beautifully airy and polished. There were impressive floral decorations and not a speck of dust anywhere. But the atmosphere of the whole place was sterile.

The atmosphere at Greenacres, the Warwickshire Cheshire Home, was very different. You had only to cross the threshold to feel the whole air throbbing with activity, with concern and with optimism.

Each Cheshire Home is an individual creation and develops its own character as it grows. Greenacres is adapted from an old existing house instead of being built from scratch, which might seem in some way simpler. But this method has had the advantage of involving local people closely in every stage of the conversion. The amount of practical and continuous

help we have been given is heart-warming, but even more satisfying is the way the helpers have merged into the project and become part of it. Equally, we are able to feel part of normal community life and not segregated or cut off.

Although the home has been functioning since August, there is still much to do. We now have 12 residents. We have central heating, sliding doors for easy negotiation with our wheel chairs, a lift for the same reason, and a splendid new carpet in the lounge. The garden is dug, and is being hastily reconstructed to catch up with the spring.

Some of the things we have done have not worked out quite as we expected. We have not built Utopia yet. There could for example, be more privacy. I am convinced that single bedrooms are best. Most people living in a community need to retreat so that they can recharge their physical and spiritual batteries. Handicapped people need this more than others, as they are forced to live so much in the public gaze.

Above all, of course, we need those extensions planned in our grounds, which will enable us to take 30 residents. Even then we shall not be able to accept all those who wish to come here. The only answer is another Cheshire Home, and then another and another, until the hospital wards and back bedrooms are empty, and all handicapped people can be given this second chance to live.



## Workshop, Athol House

*Reproduced from the Athol House  
News-letter:*

Dr. Cooksey, who had a great deal to do with starting this home, told me: 'We don't want the sort of Home where people just sit around all day as they do in so many of these places.' We can fairly claim that we don't 'just sit around all day.' For one thing, there is the Workshop.

Occupation is no problem for the majority of people. You work to earn your living; leisure is a desirable prize. For one who is severely disabled, too disabled to work in an ordinary job, maybe too disabled to look after himself, leisure becomes a problem and occupation a prize.

Any occupation – basket work, painting, reading, television – anything that helps to pass the empty hours and to keep one degenerating into a human vegetable is better than nothing. But, before long you ask yourself, 'Why am I doing this? Do I enjoy it? Is it any use to anybody?'

An activity that one enjoys is self-justifying; even so, most of us like to feel that what we are doing is of some use to somebody. Washing up, ironing, laying tables – all jobs which are done by those residents who can – are obviously necessary tasks, but the same cannot be said for the traditional stand-bys of the Occupational Therapist – rug making, leatherwork, basketwork. Of the residents, almost all dislike 'handicrafts'. There is a test of the value of work – does





someone need it sufficiently to pay for it?

In the beginning the Committee envisaged some kind of light assembly work and perhaps some kind of wood-turning. The workshop (formerly the garage), was equipped with a heavy bench which proved to be too high for wheelchair users, a small lathe, plenty of power points and a sink. A heterogeneous clutter of old kitchen tables, cupboards and sideboards provided minimum working and storage space and maximum obstruction. The ceiling was bare concrete and the concrete floor stained with old sump oil. The lighting, too, was poor.

The light assembly idea proved impracticable because none of the actual, as distinct from the imagined, residents had the necessary physical ability. This is one of the great hazards in planning for disabled people in general and not for certain disabled persons in particular. Various other things were tried – printing Christmas Cards, making lampshades, weaving stools – none of them profitable.

The one project that was successful was Norman's – making handset costume jewellery. It was his own idea, he found his own customers and bought his own materials. Norman had found something he was able to do and was personally responsible for fulfilling each order properly. Ever since, we have followed two rules – each person must be free to try anything he or she wishes, and any person taking an order for work is responsible for seeing it is done.

About this time, too, two of us who had electric typewriters undertook the typing of a manuscript translated from a Russian book. We weren't fast – the book ran to 50,000 words and we took six weeks to type it – one using a mouthstick, the other his feet. Several other people helped by loading the typewriters, rubbing out mistakes and checking. I

emphasized the importance of personal choice and responsibility: this illustrates the importance of co-operation. That job brought in ten pounds, rather less if one allows for wear and tear on the typewriters, but still a profit.

We suggested to the Management Committee, and they agreed, that we should run the Workshop ourselves. 'Running the Workshop' included altering the fixtures as necessary, and wherever possible expenses would be met by us. By way of encouragement the Management Committee paid to have the over-high bench lowered.

The Friends presented us with a Bulmer duplicator and we were in operation as the 'Typing and Duplicating Service'. At first there was very little work, but if we made small profits, at least our costs were covered. We knew nothing about duplicators and every job was an experiment. The Bulmer is an excellent little machine and provided very good results but it lacks the refinements which make the more expensive duplicators easier to work. None of us could manage the actual duplicating and any chance visitors were liable to find themselves conscripted, faced with the Bulmer and set to work after a crash course of purely verbal instruction. We got very good at giving instructions. There were even instances, to our shame, when a customer had to turn the handle himself. More recently, we were able to buy the second-hand Roneo 750 on which this Newsletter is printed. Our capacity is limited, but by keeping our standards as high as possible, we have built up a number of regular customers.

At the same time there has been a transformation in the workshop itself. First, a new bench, and out went the old kitchen table: two workspaces instead of one and more room to manoeuvre wheel-

chairs. Then a built-in cupboard and out went the sideboard: more storage space, more room. Unsuitable equipment was sold. Dulwich Rotary paid for the installation of fluorescent lighting and special rocker switches easily reached from wheelchairs. They helped us again when we decided to remove the sink in favour of more benchspace. A friend in the paint trade learned that we were proposing to repaint and mobilised eight friends to do the job one Saturday. The Management Committee arranged for cork tile flooring to be laid and the familiar sump oil stains disappeared for ever. We have a pleasant workshop now: chronically untidy but bright and cheerful.

Ten or eleven residents use the workshop regularly. Besides duplicating and costume jewellery, we have at various times addressed and filled envelopes for circulars (a boring job but one in which a large number of us can take part), individuals have checked 'talking books' for the blind, corrected marine charts, and cut stencils for a duplicating firm. Two of the girls, Yvonne and Marjorie, working together, crochet exquisite evening stoles, baby shawls and matinee coats. I think you will agree that we don't 'just sit around all day'.

(Although this article is concerned solely with the development of our Workshop, and because of the limitations of available space, is necessarily sketchy, it must be mentioned here that several residents are regularly employed doing domestic work in the Home. Therefore, the numbers quoted above do not show a complete picture of the number of residents profitably employed in Athol House—*Editor*).

*Paul Driver*



## The Hong Kong Home

THE Hong Kong Cheshire Home must be one of the most beautifully situated of all. It stands on a cliff top far away from the bustle of the city overlooking blue seas studded with islands. Originally it was the site of a battery of artillery, unused since the last war, and when I was there four years ago with Lt. Col. Nigel Watson, who started the Home, Chinese prisoners from the local prison, under the supervision of their guards, were clearing the undergrowth which had overrun the gun sites. At that time, preparations were well in hand for getting the Home going; thanks to the generosity of local firms, water and electricity had been connected, a kitchen and washing arrangements were nearly ready, a ward had been prepared, Miss Marshall, the first Matron, was in residence, and a Chinese male nursing orderly who had previously been in the Royal Navy had been engaged. But the first patients had yet to come, and come they did about six weeks later. Four years ago, the venture was just about to begin; would it succeed? When I saw the Home last February I knew that it had.

Over twenty Chinese patients of all ages being cared for, and even though none of them spoke English, and even though I was separated by a language barrier, their contentment was plain to see reflected in their faces. Even a '24 hour ambassador' (as I was) could tell that another Cheshire Home was fulfilling its purpose and, moreover, getting ready to extend its work. More accommodation was being adapted for use, sanitation and plumbing had been installed, and by this time I have no doubt a further 12 patients are already being cared for.

A Cheshire Home, like any other similar organisation, is only as good as the people who run it; the tone and spirit of a Home must inevitably rest less on those who are disabled than on

able-bodied management and staff on whom they depend. The Hong Kong Home has as Chairman of its Management Committee Mr. John Leckie, a businessman who has lived many years in the Far East and suffered privations as a prisoner of the Japanese in the war; the Matron until last month was Mrs. Bracken, a lady who spoke Cantonese fluently and who brought to the Home and its residents not only kindness but also the indispensable quality of cheerfulness. Mrs. Bracken has, alas, now left us, but she is succeeded as Matron by her assistant, Mrs. Ken, a lady who came to Hong Kong from China about four years ago and who will now carry on the admirable work of her predecessors.

The patients are by no means idle, and those who are able are employed making various articles for sale, some of which were exhibited at the Exhibition of the work of handicapped people a year ago. But the Hong Kong Home has among its patients an 18-year-old Chinese boy whose skill as an artist puts him in the forefront of our many accomplished residents, both at home and abroad. His talent lies in enlarging and copying in water colours the works of artists taken from a book of English water colours. Although severely handicapped physically, his work is remarkable for its precision, whether he is copying a free-style landscape or a picture of architectural character, and three of his paintings now hang in the Cheshire Foundation's London office.

Like the other Cheshire Homes overseas, this Home receives no regular contributions from municipal authorities as do Homes in the United Kingdom; and a constant anxiety for the Chairman and his Management Committee is that of raising sufficient funds with which to pay for housing, feeding and generally caring for the patients. Hong Kong is a tiny Colony struggling to support a population of many millions. Poverty,

particularly among the refugee section of the population, is widespread, and the charitable organisations, which make calls on the generosity of those who can afford to give, are many. The Cheshire Home must compete – if that is the right word – with many other organisations for its funds. In large degree, the Home relies on the support of local business houses and of H.M. Forces and their families. It is encouraging that this support, not only in terms of donations but in money-raising activities, is increasing. But with more patients, so is the need. The Hong Kong Home has established itself firmly in its four years life, but it would be idle to suggest that its finances are other than precarious. This worrying fact makes even more deserved our appreciation of those who in their different ways have worked so hard for the Home, and who are succeeding in what they aim to do.

*Henry Marking*

## News from Jordan

### President's Wife Visits Home

In February, the President of Tunisia and Madame Bourguiba paid an eight-day State visit to Jordan. The Cheshire Centre in Amman was one of the four institutions chosen officially to be visited by Madame Bourguiba.

The President's wife was accompanied by Mgr. Simaan, our Chairman, Dr. Yasen Amil, our Doctor, and Dr. Abu Quoua, the Jordanian Minister of Health. During her tour of the Centre, she spoke with many of the children, and expressed pleasure and appreciation at what is being done for them. Later, she had coffee with members of the Trustees and Ladies' Committee.

### At Bethlehem

The Bethlehem Home was re-opened last October. We now have twelve children very happily settled there. They love being over in Bethlehem, which they



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regard as their real home. Although there is a good atmosphere in the Centre at Amman, it has something of a hospital flavour. At Bethlehem, they have an ordinary house surrounded by a lovely garden.

### **T.N. Jagadisan writes on Gandhi**

*Reproduced from STAR, published by patients of the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Carville, La., U.S.A.*

*Professor T. N. Jagadisan is a Trustee of the Cheshire Foundation Homes in India.*

Professor T. N. Jagadisan, a leader of rehabilitation efforts for Hansen's disease patients in India, has authored a booklet entitled, *Mahatma Gandhi Answers the Challenge of Leprosy*. Bringing out both the scientific interest and human compassion of the almost legendary Indian leader towards Hansen's disease, Jagadisan has succeeded in drawing an interesting and informative picture of Gandhi's efforts on behalf of HD sufferers. Indicating how it was Gandhi's efforts that really instituted a strong Hansen's disease programme in India, the professor has provided a number of specific incidents where Gandhi personally ministered to HD patients. Included in the booklet are a collection of letters written by Gandhi which show his intense interest and sincere desire to help in the fight against Hansen's disease. His intimate feelings of concern for his countrymen suffering this affliction are revealed in these writings.

For anyone interested in the problems of Hansen's disease in India and for a vivid sketch of a true humanitarian this booklet is worthwhile reading. Professor Jagadisan has captured the spirit of Gandhi in this work.

### **Renovation at Mombasa**

During the visit of H.M.S. *Mohawk* to Mombasa in January, four Petty Officers

and four Able Seamen from H.M.S. *Mohawk* spent several days local leave lending a hand to renovate the new Cheshire Home at Likoni - some buildings which were in a poor state of repair on a site formerly used as a Hindu holiday camp. H.M.S. *Eagle* had been in Mombasa over Christmas and when she sailed a request was made through the Royal Naval Liaison Officer for H.M.S. *Mohawk* to continue the good work.

The volunteers lent a hand plumbing, plastering, painting and erecting a barbed wire fence around the site. They also applied their Damage Control skill in shoring up a roof to renew a beam which was sagging dangerously. They slept and fed 'in the premises', using the stove which will in due course be fitted into the kitchen, on which to cook their meals.

To give him a break too they took Fred, the ship's monkey, who had to be restrained from causing serious damage to the surrounding shrubs, etc.

### **Service Corps Centre in Ireland**

During April, Group Captain Cheshire paid a four day visit to Ireland in order to fulfil some long-standing engagements in the country, including one at Ardeen, Shillelagh, the first Irish Home. He discussed with members of the Irish Trust the possibility of recruiting girls in Ireland who might be interested in a career with the Cheshire Homes. As mentioned in the Report of the Annual Conference at the beginning of this issue, the idea is to form what is now called the General Service Corps.

Girls who feel attracted towards nursing, or other forms of care, for the sick and disabled, but who for one reason or another do not want to undertake a full professional course of training, will be invited to join this Corps. The Cheshire Foundation would undertake the necessary training.

Miss Andree Ullens went to Ireland on behalf of the Group Captain earlier this year, and as a result of her visit, Ardeen has offered itself as a recruiting and preliminary training centre. According to present plans, the function of this centre will be mainly to test the girls who come forward in order to find out which are suitable and which are not. The former will then be recommended to be sent on to the main training centre at Le Court. During their stay at Ardeen - probably for about four months - they will be given training in basic nursing, cooking, etc. It is planned to build extra accommodation at Ardeen to house these trainees, and suitable arrangements - financial and otherwise - are being worked out with all parties concerned.

# AS NEWS



## Cheshire Smile Photo Contest

As announced in March last, a further Photo Contest for Cheshire Home residents has been arranged. Like the previous one, this 1965/66 Contest is intended to foster photography in the Homes, and to obtain a greater supply of good photos for the magazine.

Another prize of Two Guineas will be awarded to the entrant who obtains the most points. As before, a points system of marking will be used, and so an entrant can be judged on any number of photos up to five.

A new feature this time is that not only individual residents can compete, but Homes as well. The Norman Rogers Trophy Cup, generously donated by a Friend of the Cheshire Homes, will be awarded to the Cheshire Home whose residents collectively obtain the highest number of points in the Contest. The Trophy Cup will be held for one year by that Home.

The panel of experienced judges, selected by the Editor of the *Cheshire Smile*, will award points on all entries for their photographic merit, not for their relevance to the Cheshire Homes. The subject of the 1965/66 Contest is to be:

'A Suitable Cover-Picture for the *Cheshire Smile*'.

As entries come in during the year we hope to publish a selection of them in each succeeding issue. It is an unfortunate fact that the costs of colour printing prohibits us from using coloured photos in the magazine, even though these may be awarded high marks in the Contest.

### Rules for the Photo Contest

1 All photographs entered for this Contest must have been taken, between September 1965 and September 1966, by disabled residents in the Cheshire Homes.

2 Prints may be in black or white, or in colour. They may be processed by some commercial firm or professional organisation, not necessarily by the photographer.

3 Monochrome prints should not be less than half-plate ( $4\frac{3}{4}$  in. x  $6\frac{1}{2}$  in.) Colour prints are to be reprint size not

less than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. x  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in.

4 The number of entries from any one resident must not exceed five.

5 The copyright of all entries shall belong to the *Cheshire Smile*.

6 The decisions of the panel of judges shall be final, and no correspondence can be entered into concerning entries.

7 This Contest shall close on 1st September, 1966, and the name of the winner will, it is hoped, be announced in the December 1966 issue of the magazine.

## Cheshire Homes Amateur Radio Net

Through the good offices of Wing-Commander W. Dunn, O.B.E., we now have a Cheshire Homes network of amateur, radio enthusiasts. You can listen to them any Monday between 14.00 and 15.00 hours on 3690 Kc/s (81.3 metres). So far, two 'outfits' have been registered - G2LR, which is Wing-Commander Dunn himself, and G3KQK, which is Tom Dugdale at The Hill, Sandbach, Cheshire.

Wing-Commander Dunn writes: 'Tom Dugdale and I have great hopes for the Cheshire Homes Amateur Radio Net. Since February 22nd, we have managed a good hour's short-wave telephony contact every Monday afternoon. We now know that Staunton Harold (Harry Houghton), Amptill (Ted Cocking and Daphne Bell), Marske Hall ('Shep'), and Taunton (Graham Thomas, late of St. Teresa's) regularly receive us both at good strength.

The G.C. brought me a spare transmitter which Tom had prepared some years ago for Dehra Dun, India. It never got there, and I am now checking it over, and will be ready to install it at the next Cheshire Home with a qualified 'Ham' resident. This looks like being Amptill; Ted Cocking is an ex-Marine radio operator, and Daphne Bell is busy taking a correspondence course from Tom Dugdale. Harry Houghton's transmitter at Staunton is temporarily out of action, but we hope he will soon join us.

I aim to visit all the Cheshire Homes eventually, and, through talking to the residents, discover any who are interested,

either in just listening to us, or by joining in on Monday afternoons. This did produce 'Shep' at Marske Hall, who is now a keen regular listener.'

## Scrabble Tournament

A Scrabble Tournament has just been held among the Residents at Athol House. It proved great fun. Six of us entered, and everyone played everyone, the winner being the person with the highest aggregate score. It took about three weeks to play off, and the tension mounted as the final games were played, and it gradually became evident who the winners were likely to be. Only two contestants played at a time, and someone else kept the score and acted as umpire.

Next time, we shall have a time-limit, and allow only a certain time per move; some of the games lasted two hours, whereas we find that a normal game can be finished in an hour or less. Perhaps an egg-timer would be a good thing to use, giving up to four minutes for each player to make a move.

Those of you who know Scrabble may be interested to hear the winners' scores. Michael made 1619, Ruth 1597, Paul 1505, Rosemary 1501, Marjorie 1326, and Mary 1108. The highest single score in any game was 425. If any other Cheshire Home runs a Scrabble Tournament we should like to hear about it.

R.C.

## Heatherley's First Ball

From the idea of holding a dance to raise funds for Heatherley emerged a wonderful Ball, which was held at Worth Priory in the beautiful county of Sussex.

This beautiful stately Hall was started in 1830 by a Mr. Smith (of Smith's Charities), and finished by Colonel Whitehead, whose great-grandson was present at the Ball. Later, the house was enlarged and occupied by the Pearson's, Lord Cowdray's family. Then it was taken over by 'The Order of St. Benedict Monks' and became a boys public school.



It was through the kindness and permission of the Prior and Community of Worth Priory that Heatherley's first Ball was held in this grand setting, with its gorgeous old oak panelled ball-room, which had been used for many beautiful Balls of repute during the past decades.

The Lindfield Flower Club, along with Miss Hamilton, were responsible for the exquisite floral decorations, outstanding against the grey stone walls and rich oak woodwork of the rooms. The cellar, normally the boy's tuck-shop, was transformed with bright red check table cloths and gaily coloured candles, into a night club and bar where a Group from Horsham played till 3 a.m. A Tombola was run by the Caterham Friends of Heatherley who made £250. There were four bars organised and run by members of the Crawley Round Table. Bobby Martin and his Band, who are renowned in the neighbourhood, and play for the local Hunt Balls, provided the music.

500 tickets at two guineas each were sold, and many eminent people in the counties of Sussex and Surrey attended, with parties of friends.

The credit for organising this magnificent event is due to Mrs. F. R. Whigham of Horsham, a member of Heatherley's management committee. Her untiring energy and enthusiasm made this Ball an outstanding success in every way, and raised the magnificent sum of £1,200 for Heatherley Cheshire Home. R.S.

## Leonard Cheshire

*Extracts from an essay written by a young New Zealand schoolgirl from St. Mary's College, Auckland, sent to us by her teacher.*

In seeing the film on Mr. Cheshire's work today, I think that there should be more films like it shown to the world, so that people who live in countries like New Zealand and Australia, people who live in comfort and are never hungry, can see what is happening in the world. So that they can see the starving people, the ruined buildings, and perhaps do something about it.

Seeing the sick, starving people in the film did not put me off my food. It did

not make me feel as though I didn't want to eat it because the people in India had none. No, it made me enjoy it much more, and eat every scrap, and thank God that we have food, and homes, and good health. I feel as though I should take greater care with these precious things, because it would not help to feed the people of India if we let our food go to waste and do not feel like eating it, and so let our health deteriorate. I feel as though I want to go to these countries, and help these people who need our aid so much.

As children, we cannot do much more to help than pray for them, and make use, to the fullest extent, of the things that God has given us. But when we are older, we shall have opened to us a host of ways to help them. That is why the world needs many, many more people to follow in the footsteps of Leonard Cheshire.

*Shereen Maloney*

## On Being Adopted

In the September 1964 *Cheshire Smile*, you publish an item by 'Wondering Leics.' about disabled residents in the Homes being adopted by friends. May I tell you how Kenmore has been making this a practice for many years.

The various Committees, Ladies' Circles, Toc H, Rotary, etc., have all adopted two or three residents ever since Kenmore was opened.

Each resident receives a card and a present on his, or her, birthday, as also at Christmas. The Staff (by contributing a small sum each week) also present each of us with a gift. We reciprocate, and buy all the Staff a present on their birthdays, and at Christmas. It certainly makes for a very touching ceremony on Christmas morning when the gifts are exchanged after the Lesson has been read and Grace said before breakfast.

It seems to us that we find more friends individually by this adoption scheme. Those with plenty of friends can always do with one more, whilst the lonely ones will find someone to take an interest in them, whom they can think of as their particular friend.

*Bill Butterworth*

## Chess Competitions

*A letter from Tom Gair, Staunton Harold Hall, Ashby de la Zouch, Leics.*

There must be a number of chess players scattered around the Homes who are unable to get a game because of lack of players in their particular Home. I know the idea of some sort of chess competition, with games being carried on through the post, has been suggested before, but I have heard several people from various Homes urging in the last year or so that something should really be done to bring it about.

There are several forms that a chess competition could take. It could be a friendly game between anyone from Home to Home – an inter-Homes contest. Or it could be – and I would personally prefer this – a straightforward knock-out contest between individuals anywhere in the Cheshire movement.

I should like to hear from all those who are interested, and would like to join in any sort of contest. Perhaps they would give me their comments and ideas as to how it might best be run. We could then get something going.

So, come on chess players, let's get cracking as soon as possible!

*Errect and Full of Pride-Continued from Page 18*

This memorial booklet of Roye's poems and fragments of prose has just been published by his friends, and will be valued not only by those who knew him but by anyone interested in poetry or the experience of disability. The poem below is taken from the booklet.

### The Beast Poem

Somewhere behind the eyes  
The wild poem lies  
Crouched in the skull's cave  
Where words howl and rave  
Like madmen or savages.  
How shall I calm these  
Shrill guardian furies?  
How cunningly coax the great  
But shadowy beast out  
From his dark, fecund lair  
Into the bright air,  
And name him, the great one,  
Standing proud in the sun?



## Stamp Cup Award, 1965

THE Cheshire Stamp Cup for the best stamp album in the Cheshire and associated Homes (open to residents and staff) was held in Easter week this year. It was won by Mr. Jimmy Saunders of Raphael, Hydon Heath, Godalming, Surrey, carrying with it an award of £3 to encourage the winner along the road to better philately. Congratulations, Jimmy!

It has been suggested that, next year, we should make the competition a little different. It could well be a contest for identifying the country of origin of a selection (say 30), of stamps which could be sent out to each member of the Cheshire Home's Stamp Club. I should be most obliged if stamp enthusiasts in the Cheshire Homes would write and let me know their views on the matter. Since the Cheshire Stamp Cup has always been won so far by Surrey competitors, those in other counties might like to show that they can do even better and take the Cup elsewhere next year.

The two illustrations show some more stamps that are really worth looking at. The top picture has four stamps from the little-known republic of San Marino on the mountainous Adriatic coast of the Italian peninsula. The first is a war-time issue of 1943 depicting a printing press used for propaganda. The second gives some idea of the rugged terrain of this small State, showing the Gajarda Tower (at the top of Mt. Titano) flying the flags of Italy and San Marino in 1941. The other two stamps are from an unissued series commemorating the 20th anniversary of Fascism.

To the right of the bottom picture is a set of stamps from Monaco, that tiny independent principality surrounding the Mediterranean town of Monte Carlo. These stamps, issued in 1941, show Prince Louis II, the Palace Gateway, and the Place St. Nicholas. To the left are four beautiful, picturesque airmail stamps from Persia (or Iran, as we now call it); they portray the Riza Shah Pahlavi, with the Elburz mountains in the background.

*Edwin Hand (Heatherly)*





# FIMITIC NEWS

Fédération Internationale des Mutilés et  
Invalides du Travail et des Invalides  
Civils.

## 6th World Day of the Disabled

March 21st was observed in many countries as World Day, 1965 – an event that took on even greater importance in this Year of International Co-operation, as proclaimed by the U.N. (By the way, 1965 marks the 20th Anniversary of the United Nations).

The President of FIMITIC sent the following message to all countries taking part: 'It is my opinion that understanding and friendship are more than ever preparing the way for the greatest of victories in the struggle we are fighting for the peace and dignity of all men.

Therefore, in order to enable the disabled to lead a full normal existence at our side, we join hands and unite our thoughts with all friends throughout the world, so that this Day may be a portent of the final victory of human dignity and goodwill'.

Posters, printed in 18 different languages, were sent to 68 nations from FIMITIC headquarters in Rome.

Celebrations and Conferences lasting several days were also held in some countries in association with World Day. In France, for instance; and in India, where the Fellowship of Physically Handicapped had formed a Celebrations Co-ordination Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. George Coelho, the leading paediatrician in Bombay, himself disabled through polio.

## Seminar for Young Disabled

The Third Seminar for Young Disabled is to be held at Bad Godesberg (Germany) on 3rd–10th September, 1965.

## International Conference on Architectural Barriers

The Seventh FIMITIC International Conference is being held at Stresa on Lake Maggiore, Northern Italy, 17th–20th June, 1965, the theme being

'Architectural Barriers to the Disabled'. It is the first international conference on this subject.

Fully collaborating in the preparations for, and participating in, the Conference are the International Society for Rehabilitation of the Disabled (through Mrs. Teresa Surra, Secretary General of the Italian Association for Assistance to Spastics), and the World Veterans' Federation (through Mr. Norman Acton, Secretary General, W.V.F.).

Various internationally known architects were invited to attend, including the great French master, Le Corbusier.

Mr. Selwyn Goldsmith, author of 'Designing for the Disabled', recently published by the Royal Institute of British Architects, has been charged by the European Office of the United Nations to collaborate in the Conference as part of the U.N. European programme for social welfare. Mr. Goldsmith has lately been making a study, financed jointly by the Polio Research Fund and the R.I.B.A., of the needs of disabled people in Norwich, the facilities available to them for moving about within the town, accessibility for them to private and public buildings, and so on.

## FIMITIC Strengthens Relations with India

Instrumental in building closer relations between FIMITIC and relevant authorities in India has been Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar, pioneer in Asian rehabilitation, member of the Federal Central Advisory Council, Department of Social Security, and Hon. Adviser to the Maharashtra Ministry of Health, Education and Social Welfare. It was thanks to her direct action that India became the first nation in Asia to recognise FIMITIC, and to participate actively in the annual World Day.

Mrs. K. V. Nimbkar visited Rome, and the headquarters of FIMITIC, last

year. As a representative of the Indian Government, she extended an official invitation to the President and Secretary General of FIMITIC to visit India for discussions with the Central Government, State Governments, specialists in rehabilitation and representatives of organisations for the disabled.

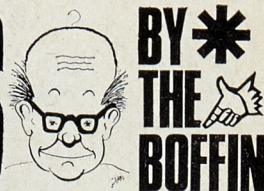
Accordingly, the FIMITIC leaders spent nearly two weeks in India last January. A very full programme had been mapped out for them, and they met a large number of political, medical, para-medical and social welfare leaders. They had discussions with both the President and Vice-President of India.

As a direct result of this visit, the following technical assistance has been granted by FIMITIC to India:

- 1 a complete library of works on physical medicine and rehabilitation, to the National Library of Orthopaedy, National Hospital, New Delhi.
- 2 six scholarships for Indian rehabilitation technicians or specialists to spend three months in Europe studying rehabilitation services. FIMITIC will be responsible for their maintenance.
- 3 financial assistance, and/or technical equipment, to meet the needs of special institutions for the rehabilitation of the disabled in India.



# PRACTICALITIES



## A Sight for Sore Eyes

### Large print books for handicapped

We take the following from the Leicester *Illustrated Chronicle*:

'The remarkable second career of Mr. Frederick Thorpe, of Ulverscroft, began in 1964 when he retired from his publishing business after 30 years of hard work.

Some friends interested in the welfare of the blind and partially sighted asked him to serve on a committee whose aim was to help these people to a fuller enjoyment of life. Not being able to read is one of the greatest drawbacks for people with defective sight.

Mr. Thorpe soon became consumed with interest in this problem. His aim was to produce books in which the letters were twice as large as in a normal book. To allow for this, he decided the books should be roughly 11in. x 8in. in size. And since many people might find difficulty in balancing a heavy book, he decreed that an average length of 256 pages would be the ideal.

Jet black ink was chosen to give a greater density to the letters. And special lightweight paper with extra absorbency was decided upon.

The scheme had the support of the Ministry of Health, who undertook to circularise all U.K. libraries, recommending that they purchase these special books, to be known as the Ulverscroft Large Print Series.

The scheme has been from the first non-profit making, and been backed by Mr. Thorpe himself. There is no advertising and no sales staff to maintain, only five employees besides Mr. Thorpe. In this way, a book that costs 30s. in normal print can be reproduced by Ulverscroft Press for only 15s. - and be twice as large!

In September 1964, the first four titles came out, 3,000 of each being produced.

They were novels by Agatha Christie, Edgar Wallace, Netta Muskett, and Thomas Firbank. Twenty-four titles were chosen as a result of a survey conducted by the Library Association of the type of books most often requested by elderly people, who were the most likely readers.'

Mr. Thorpe, in a letter to the *Cheshire Smile*, says he little realised how deeply he would become involved in the venture. 'In fact, after working at it, often 12 hours a day, I am now completely dedicated to the project. We have received nearly 500 letters of appreciation from elderly people who can once again enjoy the benefits of reading after having been deprived for many years. Needless to say, I shall treasure these all my days.

The price of 15s. charged for these books only just covers the cost of production, royalty charges and handling costs. Many of the normal editions, from which our titles are taken, retail at between 25s. and 30s. each. If we had issued this large print series through normal commercial channels, the price of some volumes would have been in the region of two guineas.

You can well understand that to make this series the success we hope it will achieve, it is essential that we have the support and co-operation of welfare-minded and public-spirited people everywhere. Any support or publicity you may be able to give us will be deeply appreciated.'

We understand that several Cheshire Homes have already obtained some of these Large Print Series for residents with defective eyesight. Perhaps other Homes may also be interested.

### Flame Resistant Fabrics

Every year more than 300 people die in this country because of inflammable clothing, and thousands more are in-

jured for life. In fifteen seconds after accidental contact with flame, a child's night garment, unless flame-resistant, can be totally consumed. Medical skill may succeed (at great cost) in saving the life of the victim, but physical and mental scars will always remain.

Flame-resistant fabrics have been much in the news during recent years as a means of overcoming the dangers from inflammable clothing. And such fabrics have also been developed for other household purposes, such as curtains and bedclothes.

Nature has already provided us with wool and silk, which are inherently non-inflammable, unless they are used in blends with other fibres - natural or handmade - when they readily burn. Cotton, which is less costly, very durable and easily laundered, also burns readily unless it is given a flame-resistant finish.

We have recently received details from Proban Limited, Manchester, of their special finish in this connection. They claim that the production of a flame-resistant finish for cotton that will last the life of a garment has been achieved only with the perfection of the 'Proban' finish. In addition to cotton winceyette, the Proban finish is now applied to cotton and wool blend fabrics (e.g. 'Clydella'), to knitted fabrics including brushed knitted cotton for dressing gowns. Lightweight lingerie cottons such as cambrics, lawns and plisses, also gingham, and playsuit drills, are now also becoming available in this finish.

Proban finished material, in contact with flame, merely chars, without smouldering or any after-glow. There is no dripping of molten material.

The high natural absorbency of cotton is still retained after being finished by this method, which makes both for comfort and for good hygiene, particularly for nightwear. Proban claim that this



kind of finished fabric can be chewed by a child with impunity; moreover, they say that there is no dermatological reaction.

Athol House, the London Cheshire Home, were responsible for initiating some enquiries recently into the whole subject of flame-resistant materials. They had felt that severely disabled people, who happen to be cigarette smokers, are extremely vulnerable to the danger of bedclothes catching fire. They wrote to Proban Limited. They asked whether it was possible to obtain some kind of flame-resistant fabric for bed-coverings, dressing gowns, etc.

Proban referred them to Messrs. A. E.

Charlesworth & Co. Limited (Hosiery Dyers and Finishers), Rugby Street, Leicester, who have a large amount of imperfect dressing gown material available for disposal which could be used for other purposes, such as bed-covers. (The imperfection is in the cloth itself, not in the flame-resistant finish). This material will be sold at a reduced price, and the firm are anxious to know if any other Homes besides Athol House are interested in it. They have sent the London Home a free supply of the material for testing purposes, and no doubt the Sister-in-Charge there would be agreeable to answering any enquiries from

other Homes about it.

Proban also state that any enquiries concerning some more decorative Proban material for use as furnishings could be made at Edinburgh Weavers, 102 Mount Street, London, W.1.

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The Boffin thanks Mr. S. Stevens, B.Sc., F.R.I.C., and Mr. L. R. Knee for their letters. He has filed their ideas for future use.

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## Out of Doors

Edited by Ruth Carey (of Athol House)  
*This is a new feature in the magazine, and we hope that as many as can in the Homes will send articles about things not made with hands. Have you seen wonderful skies or sunsets, views, flowers, birds, or animals, or have you memories of excursions in the country? Write to us about anything in nature, and let others share the pleasure you had. Your experiences may date from long before you were disabled, or they may have occurred since you, like so many of us, became chairbound. I myself was a keen botanist, and used to take every chance of seeing new wild flowers. Surely there are others with equally happy memories. To set the ball rolling I have written an article, which I have called*

### Birds in a London Garden

Among the 30 or so birds that have been seen or heard in the garden of Athol House, the London Cheshire Home at Dulwich, a pair of Spotted Flycatchers gave us immense pleasure. In late May 1963 we realised that two of these dainty little birds had adopted this garden for their summer quarters, and from the

lounge windows we watched them perching on the bird table or nearby branch, dash out to snap up an insect, and return to the same spot. This persistent hawking out in the air for prey and going back to a favourite vantage point is typical of spotted flycatchers, and a pretty sure method of recognition. These birds were so close to the house and terrace that their black legs (as though polished with boot black) and slightly less jet beaks were easily discernible. They are very nearly as big as a house sparrow, mousy grey-brown in colour, with steeply rising forehead, giving the appearance of a frown.

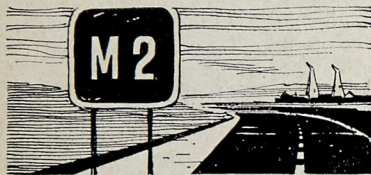
This pair nested on a wistaria branch on the house, and in spite of wheel chairs, transistors, talking and general activity, they fed their babies assiduously and fearlessly until the nestlings were fully fledged. Then one day the whole family flew away and were no more seen that year. Let's hope they managed to live unharmed to migrate overseas for the winter.

The next year we awaited the return of these friendly fascinating little birds and

towards the end of May, about the time of the Chelsea flower show, one of them appeared, sitting on the bird table and hawking out for flies as though he'd never been away. He'd arrived before his mate in order to prospect for a nesting site. But a pair of blackbirds had made their home further along in the same wistaria, and the flycatchers didn't approve, and after a day or two they found a better place, probably in the next garden as we caught a glimpse of them occasionally. The baby blackbirds tumbled out of their poorly constructed nest and perished in spite of all our efforts and consternation. Nothing daunted by this tragedy, a nest was built again the next year, but no flycatchers even came to look. Now a nest box with a half open front has been put as close to the original choice of a site as possible, and every day I look out to see if the flycatchers are here and if they will inhabit it - they often do favour a half open box the experts say - so we're hoping!



*Correspondents in the Homes are asked to try and send their reports to their respective Regional Editors by the deadline mentioned in the previous issue. Otherwise, we can give no assurance that they will be printed.*



## LONDON AND THE SOUTH EAST

**Regional Editor: R. Norman Whiteley**  
**Athol House** are grateful for a lot of help from nearby schools in weeding and digging the garden during recent months.

Two residents, Joan Driver, and Johnnie Sheehan, competed in the Stoke Mandeville Games last June. They joined the Medway Sports Club for the Handicapped, which has ten members in all; between them they won six 'Golds' and six certificates. Now, Joan, who won two 'Golds' and two certificates has been picked to represent Britain in the International Sports this July.

The family at **St. Cecilia's**, together with Committee and Friends, met in the lounge to say good-bye to Major Tofts, retiring after 4½ years as warden, to go and live with his family. The Major, who had endeared himself to everyone, was presented by the residents with a leather travelling case; they also gave Mrs. Tofts a compact. The staff and Friends presented him with a Parker 51 pen, and, for Mrs. Tofts, a set of fine glassware. In reply, the Major spoke of his work at St. Cecilia's, and gave the Home a colourful picture of a Jamaican scene, which now adorns the lounge.

On August 22nd, 'Auntie', Miss Lovett,

will have reached the grand old age of 97. Is she the oldest resident in the Cheshire Homes?

Miss Anna Neagle paid an unexpected visit to **Mote House**, stayed for about two hours, had tea and chatted with the residents. She was appearing in a leading role at the Granada Theatre, Maidstone, in 'Person Unknown'. The Theatre Management kindly extended a number of invitations to residents to attend a performance.

The Annual May Fayre held in the grounds of the Home was a great success, as in previous years. It was opened by Mrs. Olive Stevens, of TV fame, and the net proceeds amounted to £1,113. The main prize of the draw, a trip to Norway for two, kindly given by the solicitors of Maidstone and Visit Norway Ltd., was won by a local farmer.

The Maidstone Lions Club provided a Beatnik Supper on May 22nd, and in June the St. Mary's Bay branch of the Women's Institute entertained a number of the residents to a picnic lunch, tea and bingo session. During the Maidstone Cricket Week, the Kent County Cricket Club kindly reserved accommodation for residents to watch two matches – New Zealand v. Kent, and Essex v. Kent.

*The following reports have come from the three Mental Rehabilitation Hostels in the London Area.*

At **Nicholas House**, in Bethnal Green, two voluntary organisations – the Cheshire Foundation and the P.R.A. (Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association) – have joined hands to set up a wide range of after-care facilities in East London.

Nicholas House can be described as a small miracle. P.R.A. had desperately sought the help of local authorities and other agencies to provide facilities for homeless ex-mental patients, but it had met with no success until one day an East-ender, who wishes to remain anonymous,

telephoned the Cheshire Foundation to say that he would like to co-operate in the setting up of a hostel – in East London. The benefactor was informed of P.R.A.'s work in the area over many years, and of their hopes for the future. As a result, a very large, but old, East End settlement, known as St. Hilda's East, was purchased, and Nicholas House has been set up – a spring-board for the psychiatric patient to make his way back into the community.

The Centre will take up to 30 residents, but will also include a Re-Employment Unit, where folk from outside the hostel will attend for rehabilitation and help in adjusting to a normal work routine. There are also plans for a Sunday Lunch Club, since the East End has more than a large share of the lonely friendless person, vulnerable to mental breakdown. The cost of residence at Nicholas House is £6 0s. 0d. per week, and this is subsidised by the local authority. When a patient is working and able to pay the full amount, then he is usually well enough to move off into accommodation of his own.

**Miraflores** welcomes a new Warden and Matron – Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stephenson – who have recently returned from spending many years in the Rhodesian Bush.

Our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Walker for coming out of retirement and spending a few months here to help us during the staff shortage.

We now have a small putting green on the back lawn where the residents are able to get some relaxation of mind. We also enjoyed several Saturday suppers of salmon in order to obtain the necessary tins for the holes.

The front approach to the Home has been greatly improved by the paths being asphalted. Inside, the purchase of a spin dryer is a great boon, particularly for the male section of the community.

At last we are acquiring the house next



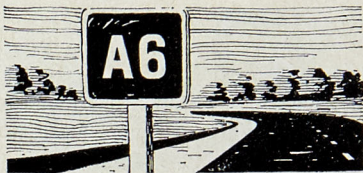
door, and look forward to the future when the two houses will be joined together. Of course, the extra numbers will involve a lot of extra work, and the usual money problems will be tackled with the spirit shown by our Founder.

At **Gaywood**, the house is often brightened by gifts. Recent acquisitions include, in the dining-room, a new carpet, various chairs in assorted colours, new curtains, and a lamp in the corner – which gives the room quite a classy look. In the sitting-room, several pictures have appeared. And in all the ground-floor rooms we now have new lampshades. In the kitchen is our real dazzler – a Cona coffee-maker – which works!

Residents come to Gaywood from various hospitals, having improved sufficiently for rehabilitation. The Hostel fills the need for a home where we can be helped, if necessary, to find and retain a job. Here, we find companionship and a family atmosphere, fellow-feeling and friendliness. It is a haven from the outside world for a while, a stepping-stone from which, when ready, we leave to fend for ourselves. Two residents have just left – Ron and Raymond.

We don't lack for visitors, or for goodwill. Once a week, three students from King's College come for a social evening. We are sorry to learn that we shall be losing two of them soon – one to Kenya and one to Ghana – both going to teach. They will, however, be replaced by two others on the visiting rota.

At the moment, summer and holidays are here. Mrs. de Jong returned to us full of her day's visit to Le Court, which was without doubt the highlight of her fortnight's holiday. Of the residents, Richard enjoyed a holiday pony-trekking in Wales, while Alfred has just left for Germany. Another resident is going on a pilgrimage to Aylesford, Kent. Others have had seaside holidays nearer home, and Joan and John each went to good old Butlin's.



## EAST MIDLANDS

Regional Editor: T. M. Gair

Pride of place for the East Midlands Region this quarter should be the news of the very successful residents' Family Day for the Region held at **The Grove**, with representatives coming from Holme Lodge, Staunton Harold, Hovenden House, Ampthill and Seven Rivers. This event is more fully recorded in 'People and Places' in this issue. From all the Homes that took part went thanks to the host for a really wonderful day.

It is a year of big occasions at The Grove. On August 1st, the Group Captain will be opening the new extensions, which include accommodation for six more residents, a sick bay, Matron's new office, and the conversion of the old one into a quiet room.

On behalf of the Region as a whole, may I say welcome to the newest Home in the East Midlands – the Lindsey Cheshire Home, **Stonecroft House**, near Brigg, Lincolnshire.

At the time of writing they had five residents installed, three having transferred from Hovenden, including Taffy Wright, former Chairman of Hovenden Residents' Committee – the newcomers being Jim Hancock from Cleethorpes and Peter Drayton of Grimsby. The Home already has its own bus, which is an asset few Homes are lucky enough to possess when they start. Already, builders are busy with an extension wing.

The three ex-Hovenden residents wish to thank the Matron and staff of Hovenden for their kindness and consideration over the last few years.

At **Hovenden**, Donkey Derbies seem to be all the rage. In one held at Spalding – in aid of the Home – the winner rode a donkey hired for the race by the residents. The residents were also able to attend other Donkey Derbies at Canwick and Wellingore.

A visit was paid to Skegness. The Red

Cross provided lunch, whilst Mrs. Bayes, Inner Wheel made themselves responsible for tea and the entertainment afterwards. Our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. C. Newton and their son for invaluable help in many different ways, including the party they gave to Taffy, Hubert and Fred before leaving for Stonecroft.

At **Staunton Harold**, one of the big days of our year is 'Civic Day'. On this day, we act as hosts to the heads of civic authorities of places that support the Home, as well as to representatives of all branches of Friends of Staunton, who work so hard on our behalf. The principal guest this year was Mrs. M. M. Clark, Chairman of the Regional Committee and Trustee of the Foundation. After thanksgiving services in both the Anglican and R.C. churches, Mrs. Clark made a speech on what the Foundation in general and the East Midland Region in particular were doing. The visitors were then entertained to tea, before being shown over the Home.

The residents were very pleased to win the Cup presented by Mrs. Clark in this year's Regional Handicraft Competition. I think the classic crack heard in Staunton this quarter was when one of the senior members of the staff told me 'Mr. . . said that the two swans on the lake had seven little singlets. I rushed over to the window expecting to see the swans wearing vests. All I found were seven ruddy little swans!'

**Seven Rivers** are very sorry to report the death of Len Hobden, the first resident at the Home. Len was a very independent character, a keen boy scout, and a grand chap. His hobby of breeding budgies led to his favourite stories against himself. One day, whilst he was in the cage with them, a visitor was heard to say, 'Do they have to keep them in cages here?' Len will be sadly missed in a far wider sphere than Seven Rivers, for he was one of the most constant contributors to the *Cheshire Smile*. We send our sincere sympathies to his wife, Elsie, who is also a resident at the Home.

During his two-day visit to the Home, Group Captain Cheshire spent quite a lot of time filming and taking photographs.

The new extension at **Holme Lodge** was opened in June by Mr. Gordon Littlefair and Group Captain Cheshire, whom everybody was pleased to see again.



A bus-load of residents went to a nylon factory at Tattershall Thorpe in Lincolnshire, which is built on part of the R.A.F. Station at Woodhall, from where G.C. led the 617 (Dambusters) Squadron during the war. After being shown over the factory, everyone was given a present – bed-jackets for the ladies and pullovers for the men.

On their way to the Residents' Family Day at The Grove, the Holme Lodge contingent stopped at Hovenden House for breakfast, and wish to thank everyone there for showing so much kindness.



## SOUTH WEST

**Regional Editor: Pamela Harvey**

**Cann House** has certainly acquired a New Look with the extension nearing completion. The kitchen is ready for use, and is looking very smart. The Group Captain is very kindly coming down to perform the opening ceremony of the full extension on September 4th.

Highlights of our summer have been outings to the Air Display at Exeter Airport, and a trip to visit our friends at St. Teresa's. Spoilt by the weather, the Mount Batten Sports had to be postponed, but rather than disappoint us, the R.A.F. wives arranged instead an excellent tea and film show. The Toc H held their Jubilee Garden Party in our grounds, and that was also upset by rain; we felt very sorry for everyone who had worked so hard to make it a success.

We were sorry to see our friend John Fison, who had been with us four years, leave at the end of May. It is also with regret that we report the death of John McCabe, who had been a member of the family for only a short while but will be much missed.

Len 'Sparks' Harper has been with us for a fortnight's holiday from St. Teresa's, on exchange with Harold. Sparks seemed to enjoy his stay with us and we were pleased to have his company, whilst Harold, I think, would probably have liked an extra fortnight at St. Teresa's.



## WEST OF ENGLAND

**Regional Editor: Bob Hughes**

Two members from **Greathouse** Toc H Branch, Stan and Aileen, attended the Toc H Jubilee celebration week in London. After a service of thanksgiving in St. Paul's Cathedral, an enjoyable afternoon was spent in the Tower of London, where 'Tubby' Clayton, the Founder Padre, and many members, held an informal gathering.

As it's special effort for Jubilee year, Greathouse Toc H Branch, which now numbers 14 members and two regular guests, played host to members of other local branches, about 50 in all.

Our Great Fete was held on Saturday, June 12th. After a most amusing opening by Johnny Morris, hundreds of visitors enjoyed such entertainments as a comic dog-show and racing, bingo, and a free-fall parachute drop by members of the Parachute Regiment. Their regimental band played during the afternoon, and Beat the Retreat in the evening. Stalls were run by various local voluntary bodies, the residents, and the R.A.F. – and a chicken barbeque was laid on. Thanks to the efforts of all the organisers and helpers the proceeds amounted to £1,850.

A small fleet of vehicles, ranging from a coach to private cars, organised by Douglas Tyres, gave residents an enjoyable day out to Swanage. Another trip was given by the W.V.S., when residents visited Fonthill, the home of Mr. Morrison, a local M.P. Some residents also attended a rehearsal of the Corsham Carnival Concert.

At home, the Chippenham Evening Townswomen's Guild presented the play 'Nothing Legal' by Ian Stuart Black. The evening was rounded off with singing by the Westinghouse Male Voice Choir.

With regret we record the passing on April 24th of Lillian Eldridge, whose quiet personality is missed in the Home by all who knew her.



## WALES

**Regional Editor: J. O. Davis**

A new sun-lounge has been built at **Dolywern**, given to the Home by the Round Table of Wrexham. It will be used as a quiet room. Teddy the gardener keeps its troughs well-filled with flowers.

A party of young people, members of the Society of Friends Youth Fellowship, Lancashire and Cheshire Group, gave up their Whitsun holiday to redecorate part of our Home. The working party came mainly from Liverpool, Manchester, Preston and Stockport.

Friends have given the Home an electric typewriter, and much use is already being made of it.

Some of our residents went to the re-dedication service of the Toc H Chirk Branch, then to a social evening at the Scout Hut, where they watched some of the plays put on by the 1965 Gang Show.

There have been trips down to Coventry Cathedral, to see the dam at Bala, and to a Garden Fete at Llangollen. Shows have been kindly brought us by the Llangollen Operatic Society, and by the M.A.N.W.E.B. Glee Club.

The **Coomb Home** was recently the scene of a simple but unique ceremony when Mrs. Powell, sister of the late David John Davies, handed a cheque to Colonel Morgan, representing his estate which he had left to the Home. Mr. Davies had been a resident, and this was the first occasion on which Coomb had received a legacy from a grateful resident.

Colonel Morgan exicted the residents by announcing that plans had been prepared to extend the building, and that fund-raising efforts are to begin at once.

**Danybryn** regrets to report the death of Linda, whose passing leaves a noticeable gap, as does also the death of our oldest resident, Miss L. Bowditch.

Our new coach has enabled us to visit Penarth, Dinas Powis, Duffryn Gardens, Cefn On Park and Tintern Abbey. And we

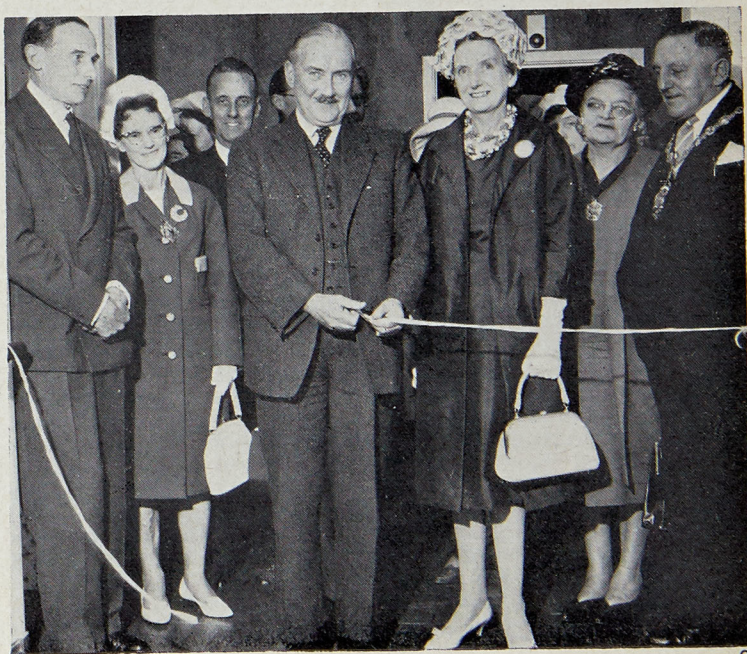


### Llanhennock in Pictures

One of Llanhennock's residents, Marjorie Ekers, shows some of the resident's work at their own stall, to Mrs. W. D. Jenkins, who opened a Fete at Langstone in aid of the funds. Mrs. Clare Walton (left) was head of the organising Committee and the Fete was held at her home.



Colonel E. Roderick Hill, Lord Lieutenant of Monmouthshire, cutting the tape at the formal opening of the new £14,000 extensions. L to R: Captain E. C. Lysaght, Chairman of the Management Committee; Mrs. Lovell, Mayoress of Newport; Mr. A. G. Lovell, Mayor of Newport; Col. Hill; the Countess of Plymouth; Mrs. F. Whatley; and Alderman Frank Whatley, Chairman of Monmouthshire County Council.

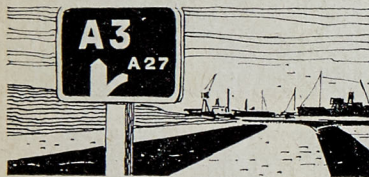




were also able to spend a very happy day at David Evans department store, Swansea, at the invitation of the Staff Manager. The whole party were entertained to tea, and to a concert in the evening, and time was also found for us to do some shopping. The staff of the store have been very kind to us, donating furniture, a large carpet and many other items. Some of their staff paid us a visit, and were conducted round the Home by Matron and Mrs. Elliott Seager. We entertained them to tea afterwards.

Our Garden Party at Llanmaes, St. Fagans, the home of the Dowager Countess of Plymouth, was a great success. The Home Fete Queen was present, with her Maids in attendance, in preparation for her visit to our Annual Fete, and other efforts for the Home.

The first part of our new Wing has now been completed, and work has commenced on the other half, which should be finished before the end of the year.



## **SOUTH OF ENGLAND**

**Regional Editor: Rosa I. Searle**

**Le Court** in future will be known as The Foundation Home, Le Court. This name is very appropriate as, of course, it was the first Cheshire Home in the country. The rechristening marks the commencement of a new era of development. There are already plans to start building a respiratory polio unit, accommodating a dozen or so residents as well as people requiring holidays; also a hostel for the General Service Corps – training nursing and other personnel for Cheshire Homes in general – which is to be centred at Le Court.

Meanwhile, excavations have been dug, and building is to start after the Fete, on the workshop extension, which will house a film unit studio, welfare committee room, dressmaking room, a room for painting and other clean work, and a machine-tool room where they hope to have a metal lathe with their present power-tools. The existing large main room will be for basket-work and other handicrafts.

Twelve residents spent a week with 'Holidays for the Disabled' at Caister Holiday Camp, Norfolk. For this week, Mrs. Galbraith, Le Court's Matron, becomes Sister-in-Charge of the Camp, and many of our 'slaves' help run and staff it.

The shop at Le Court opens only one hour each day, yet has an incredible turnover of more than £2,000 annually. They sell a vast miscellaneous range of goods, and the profit goes into the Welfare Fund, which provides many amenities for the residents.

A nest of tables was presented to Bill Roberts on his leaving Le Court, where he had been a nursing auxiliary for 16 years.

The publicity caravan made its debut at Swanmore Gymkhana on Easter Monday. The Support Groups have been very busy organising various events throughout Hampshire during the summer.

**St. Bridget's** has been the scene of many comings and goings during these past months, with the family welcoming visitors from the Cotswold Home, St. Cecilia's, Worthing Hospital, and others from their own homes, for periods of up to five weeks.

The Governor of the local Ford Open Prison invited the family to see a performance of the play 'Rope' by Patrick Hamilton. The presentation was unbelievably good. On another day, there was a happy outing by coach to St. Leonards-on-Sea, where they had tea in the beautiful rose-garden of the Convent of Our Lady, and afterwards a picnic supper on Beachy Head. Several residents visited Heatherley Cheshire Home on the day of their Garden Fete. Members of Littlehampton Round Table have, on many occasions taken residents for drives.

St. Bridget's was invited to participate in the Toc H Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations in Worthing. The exhibition of work by voluntary services in and around Worthing was opened, on the second day, by Group Captain Cheshire. There are 300 societies, etc. engaged in this type of work in the area, but only room for 16 stalls in St. Paul's Hall where it was held. St. Bridget's were extremely fortunate in being allocated one stall for their handicrafts; it resulted in our O.T. department working at high pressure fulfilling commitments.

The residents have had several film shows by the Variety Club of Great

Britain, and by Friends of St. Bridget's. Other entertainments include a performance by the Littlehampton Operatic Society, and a variety show by the Southwick 'Romanairs'.

**Heatherley** reports a very successful dance and social held in the dining-room, organised by four members of the Copthorne Group of Friends.

The Family had a wonderful outing to Greenwich Park, where they saw the Meridian Line, the Naval College and the Cutty Sark. They also visited Copthorne House for tea, before the coach was taken away for a major overhaul. Since then, the residents have been out and about in smaller parties, visiting the Tunbridge Wells Musical Festival, Crawley's first Donkey Derby, the Community Singers at Caterham, Fairfield Hall, Croydon, and Lord and Lady Colgrain's beautiful home. A coach was hired to take a party to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, where they enjoyed an interesting day with the pensioners.

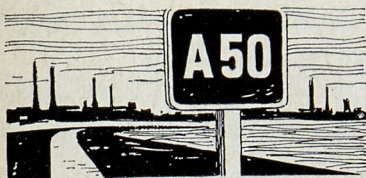
Two residents and Matron accompanied Mrs. Handscomb (of the Management Committee) when she opened a Spring Fair at Epsom, and received a washing-up machine from the local Rotary Club.

May 1st was a momentous day for Heatherley, being the fourth anniversary of our opening. It was celebrated by the residents giving a party for the Management Committee and Staff – a token of appreciation for their kindness over the past year.

Another big occasion was the Annual Fete, which was opened by Mr. McDonald Hobley of TV fame. We were blessed with lovely sunny weather, and the day proved a great success, adding £1,300 to Heatherley's account.

A small room in the old house, spacious enough for the manoeuvrability of wheelchairs, has been converted into a shop. It is a tremendous asset to all residents.





## WEST MIDLANDS

Regional Editor: Tom Dugdale

The chief event this quarter at **Greenacres** was the visit of Group Captain Cheshire to open the Home officially. This was our first meeting with the G.C., and we were impressed, as everybody must be, by his quiet yet warm and powerful personality, and by the way he immediately became part of the house so that when he left it somehow seemed empty.

The Opening Ceremony itself went off very well. During Mr. Langley's speech of welcome, we were alarmed to hear what we thought was thunder, but which turned out to be only wind in the microphone. The Mayor and Mayoress of Sutton Coldfield were present, and sat with members of the Committee on the terrace.

Plans were shown of the new extension to be built at one side of the house; this will increase the number of residents to 30. We are delighted to hear that some single rooms are to be included, for, unlike a recent contributor to the *Cheshire Smile* we feel that these are very important to people who otherwise have to live so much in the public eye.

After Easter, we were joined by Miss Copp, who replaces Sister Scanlon. We are delighted to have her. Apart from Dusty, our equine resident (a donkey), we have welcomed Lilyan Hunt from St. Michael's Hospital, and Tony Hutchinson from Good Hope. Ted Penn stayed with us for five weeks while his wife was in America, and we missed him very much when he left.

The Group Captain visited **St. Anthony's**, and stayed from 6th - 8th May. We were delighted to have him with us for so long. He was so very kind to us all, and took lots of photographs of everything and everyone.

His stay culminated in his opening the second phase of our Home on May 8th. This function took place indoors, which severely limited the number of guests we could invite. A vast number of people have

done so much for us - yet we could invite only 400. What a headache!

St. Anthony's first Fete took place on 19th June (the Saturday following St. Anthony's Day), and, as far as we the residents were concerned, it was a great success. The sun shone, the bands (military and pop) played (but not together!), the grounds were gay, and we were surrounded by friends. Financially, it was not bad for a first attempt, and over £500 was safely gathered in.

Among other things we are unlikely to forget are the trips to Stratford-on-Avon (in 20 cars and sponsored by the C.E.M.S. of Wombourne), and Craig Hatfield's 21st birthday parties (there were two).

There are new faces around these days, and we bid welcome to James Goode, Gordon Watwood, Jack Gill, Alan Riley, and Isaac Molineux who have joined us, and those who have spent holidays with us.

The builders will soon be working on our Chapel. An appeal for help has gone out to churches of all denominations in the West Midlands. It will be a truly ecumenical project, as the Chapel will be used by members of all denominations, and the several clergy have already agreed in conference as to what form the building should take.

At **The Hill**, Sandbach, we were all delighted to meet Group Captain Cheshire when he arrived on Sunday, May 2nd, our Open Day. Despite a very packed schedule, he found time to meander around the house with his camera, and to visit the Sandbach Secondary Modern School where one of the Houses is named after him.

The residents' raffle in aid of the Indian Homes' Fund showed a profit of £64.

On May 17th, our new Matron, Mrs. Johnson, took charge, and we wish her a long and pleasant stay.

The Garden Fete took place on June 19th, and was opened by Shaun Fenton and his wife Iris. The proceeds amounted to about £440, the same as last year.

A coach trip into the hills on the Cheshire-Derbyshire border was provided by Kath Jones, who is well-known locally as a band leader and dance organiser.

Grace Robinson, who was our first lady resident, died on April 16th, while Elsie Butler left on June 1st. We have welcomed Hilda Barker and Tony Conder. Several exchange holidays have taken place.

We had the builders' men in again, this time constructing an extra room to accommodate toilets for the lady residents.



## SCOTLAND

Regional Editor: Amelia Bruce

Some of the Carnsalloch Cheshire Home residents dropped in at **Mayfield House** after seeing the new Forth road bridge. We hope to have them for a longer visit next time.

The Mayfield bus took us to the Royal Highland Show. Due to rain, we had to stay in the bus, but covered more ground around the Show than our pushers would have managed.

At the moment, the workmen, who have been busy on the extensions, are on holiday. So all is quiet. The new building, however, is coming along nicely, and soon the men will be back on the job.

Some residents still attend swimming sessions at the Thistle Foundation. They really enjoy it, and the police cadets are always at the ready to assist.

We regret to announce that Louis Edwards died suddenly on 12th July. 'Taffy' came from St. Cecilia's, Bromley, and may be remembered by other Homes where he spent holidays.



## NORTH OF ENGLAND

Regional Editor: Alice M. Mackie

Recent outings by the residents at **Aine Hall** have included an evening's run to see the daffodils and some of the most beautiful countryside in the North Riding; a visit to Nunnington Hall; and one to Ampleforth College. For those who love old and beautiful things, Nunnington Hall is a treasure house, and the welcome given by Mr. and



Mrs. Clive was very warm indeed. We always look forward to our yearly visit to Ampleforth College – every kindness and consideration is shown to us by the boys. This year, after an organ recital in the Church we were given a very good tea.

Several residents went to see a show given by the villagers of Huby. We have also had films shown by members of the Toc H.

In common with other Homes, **Marske Hall** has had many different faces around. At one time recently, we had ten holidays residents from three Cheshire Homes, and we were glad to be able to provide them with quite a varied programme of events – a film, a play and a concert as well as bus trips around the countryside. We are grateful to the large number of people who were concerned with these events, but we single out the indefatigable Mr. Atkinson of Marske Methodist Guild, who has arranged and escorted bus outings since early May. We would mention, too, our drivers from the United Bus Company at Redcar who often come straight from work to take us out.

Council approval has been given to the plans for the O.T. room extension, and it is hoped it will be erected this year. Handicrafts are at present carried out in the dining-room.

During recent months the Management Committee of **Spofforth Hall** have arranged Red Feather Days in Wetherby, Tadcaster, Knaresborough; these produced the useful sum of £160. We extend a cordial welcome to Mrs. S. Parkin of Wetherby and Mr. F. Reacroft of Leeds, who have recently joined the Committee. The Bishop of Leeds paid a visit to the Home on June 24th.

Most of the residents and staff, members of the Management Committee, and many of our voluntary helpers took part in the annual trip organised by the Resident's Committee – this year to Bridlington.

Some residents attended a concert version of 'Aida' in Harrogate, whilst the Idle Musical Union came here to give an excellent and varied concert. Wyn Reeder and Joseph Twist started off our exchange visits by going to Kenmore.

Mrs. Powell of 'Listen with Mother' visited **Holehird** and gave us an interesting evening of 'Giggles'. We have also had a visit from the Lunesdale Magical Society.

With regret we have said farewell to some of our staff – John Fraser, Nurse Fornells and Sister Nash. Quite a number of students and others have given generously of their time and talents to help us, sometimes during serious staff shortages.

Betty Cowgill and Robert Rollo have been on an exchange visit to The Hill in Cheshire; and Colin McKay and Josephine Catterall are at present in hospital.

The most eventful and happy week in this period was when most of the family visited, in two parties, the Pontin's Holiday Camps at Morecambe and Blackpool, respectively. We should like to pay tribute to the Managers and Staff of these establishments, and to those members of our Staff who accompanied the residents. During this week, members of the House Committee and some of the W.V.S. helped with Operation Spring Clean. On the last evening, the house was full to capacity, with Round Tablers hanging curtains, and Sea Rangers replacing loose covers fresh from the cleaners.

**Kenmore** have also been enjoying exchange visits. Alice Pinhay and Maud Woodhall went to Honnesfeld, Eunice Livock and Raymond Glynn visited Spofforth Hall, and Ernest Whitwam, Pat Murphy and Bill Butterworth (local correspondent for the 'C.S.') stayed at Marske Hall.

Much appreciated was a visit to the Savoy Cinema, Cleckheaton, to see 'The Dam Busters' and 'Carry on Nurse', at the invitation of the Manager. Twenty residents were taken in friends' cars, and the Central Restaurant provided refreshment in the interval.

We have been busy with our Annual Fete, and are now in the midst of planning the Residents' Autumn Fayre to be held early in September.

At **White Windows** steady progress has been made in the structural alterations which will give more space for the residents and their invalid cars.

Some enjoyable visits have been made, including one by some residents to Caister Holiday Camp. Florence Haken and Joseph Jones went on exchange visits, the latter to Le Court. There have also been various visits to outside entertainments, and of course the annual trip to Lady Mabel College of Physical Education, Wentworth Woodhouse.

## Two Poems

### To Lose and to Gain

'You poor old thing!' the lady said,  
Standing vastly by my bed;  
'To think that one so young should  
miss

A normal life, a shame so 'tis.'

Dear lady, that you should sorrow so  
If only I could let you know,  
Of the harvest that's been mine to  
reap,

Of love, that has been mine to keep.

To keep friends' love I don't  
deserve.

To earn it I must ever serve,  
To keep a promise, an awesome  
tryste

With the Living Spirit of Jesus  
Christ.

*Anon.*

Then as I watched her working  
Each new design and scheme,  
I thought were she like other girls,  
Then dreamed what might have been.  
From wicker work to wallets,  
Or clothes for Mrs. Greene  
Come easy to the magic hands  
Of little Margaret Crehan.

She'll lie there on her wheelchair  
And I know she is in pain,  
But she's too good a trouper  
To grumble or complain.  
She'll just go on a workin'  
This outfit called Ardeen –  
God bless those magic hands of  
Little Margaret Crehan.

But if some day I could make it –  
There's gold on your hill,  
And should I ever strike it rich –  
There's something says I will –  
I'll dream about Shillelagh;  
I'll dream about Ardeen,  
But most of all the magic hands  
Of little Margaret Crehan.

*From Jim Byrne (of Ardeen, Shillelagh,  
Co. Wicklow)*



# Mission for the Relief of Suffering

Registered in the U.K. as a Charity

**Founders: Sue Ryder, O.B.E., Group Captain G. L. Cheshire, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C., and Rev. Mother Teresa, M.C.**

**President: Mrs. Lakshmi Pandit**

Out of the combined work of the Sue Ryder Forgotten Allies and the Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick there has evolved the concept of an association—or family—of separate and autonomous organisations, each devoted in its own way to the relief of suffering, but all sharing the same ideals and principles. The function of this Mission is, on the one hand, to strengthen its member-organisations by virtue of making them part of some larger entity, and, on the other hand, to extend their opportunity of doing good by the possibility of joint and concerted action. Application for membership from any charitable organisation is always welcome.

## **The Raphael Settlements**

As one step towards this goal, the Forgotten Allies and the Cheshire Homes have

pooled some of their resources and experience in order to establish a series of International Settlements in different parts of the world, the primary aims of these being:

- (i) to supplement the work of the two Foundations by taking those specialised cases which neither of them are able to admit;
- (ii) to safeguard and develop the spirit of the Mission as a whole;
- (iii) to test out new ideas.

**Dehra Dun, U.P., India.** (Tel. Dehra Dun 901)

Beautifully situated in the foothills of the Northern Himalayas, the first Raphael is the Far Eastern Headquarters of the Mission. Beginning with only tents in April 1959, it today houses 96 leprosy patients, 50 men-

tally retarded children, and 20 other children who, although fit, come from unsatisfactory home circumstances. Raphael is planned as a whole village of Homes for many different kinds of people in need.

*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. Ava Dhar.

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**Hydon Heath, Godalming, Surrey, England.** (Tel. Hascombe 383)

More recently opened, the English Raphael provides accommodation for the older age groups, and for married couples (both young and old) who might otherwise be forced by their disabilities to separate. It will shortly have a 12-bedded wing for the heavily disabled.

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All enquiries about Sue Ryder Forgotten Allies Trust should be made to Sue Ryder Home, Cavendish, Suffolk. (Glensford 252).

Following the relief work started in 1945 in many camps, hospitals, and prisons for the victims of Nazism, there is today still much individual case-work throughout Germany, in addition to the following:

**Sue Ryder Homes for Concentration Camp Survivors.**

Cavendish and Melford, Suffolk. 140

Forgotten Allies are brought each year from the Continent for a complete holiday and to join those permanently there.

**Sue Ryder Home for Sick and Disabled Forgotten Allies.**

Hickleton Hall, near Doncaster.

**St. Christopher Settlement.**

Gorssburgwedel, Hannover.

*Secretary:* Mr. Jerzy Neumann.

Eight homes and several flats, built mostly by international teams of volunteers for those whose health is broken, and for others released from prison and in need of rehabilitation and help.

**St. Christopher Kreis.**

Berlinerstrasse, Frankfurt a.m.

*Chairman:* H.H. Princess Margaret of Hesse and the Rhein.

Since 1945, Sue Ryder has been personally responsible for the visiting, after-care, and rehabilitation of the homeless boys of eight nationalities in German prisons.

**Homes for the Sick in Poland**

*Chairman:* Director Rabczynski, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Warsaw.

Prefabricated buildings, each containing forty beds and costing £7,000 are sent from England to relieve the distress of the Forgotten Allies. Fourteen Homes have been established at Konstancin, Zyrardow, Naleczow, Helenow, Pruszkow, Radzymin, Bydgoszcz, Zielona Gora, Gdynia and Gora Kalwaria, etc.

**Homes for the Sick and Disabled in Yugoslavia**

*Chairman:* Dr. Kraus, Minister of Health, Belgrade.

Three Homes have been established for 120 patients on the outskirts of Belgrade, and a further four Homes are at Pristina, Pec, Travnik and Kragjevac.

**Home for the Sick and Disabled in Greece**

*Chairman:* Mr. Theologos, Institute for Research and Development of Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled, Athens.

One Home has been established near Athens.



## 2. The Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick

Registered in accordance with the Charities Act 1960

Caring for the incurable and homeless sick (mostly in the younger age-group), they are autonomously run by local committees within the general aims and principles of the Foundation. In each country there is a central trust which owns all the properties, presides over the Homes, and is the source of the committees' authority. Average number of patients when Home complete: thirty.

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<b>Alne Hall</b> , Alne, York	Tollerton	295	
<b>*Amersham</b> , Bucks			
<b>Amphill Park House</b> , Amphill, Beds.	Amphill	3247	3173
<b>Athol House</b> , 138 College Road, London, S.E.19	Gipsy Hill	3740	6770
<b>Cann House</b> , Tamerton Foliot, Plymouth, Devon	Plymouth	71742	72645
<b>Carnsalloch House</b> , Kirkmahoe, Dumfries	Dumfries	4924	2742
<b>Coomb</b> , Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire	Llanstephan	292	310
<b>Cotswold Cheshire Home</b> , Overton Road, Cheltenham, Glos.	Cheltenham	52569	
<b>Danybryn</b> , Radyr, Glamorgan	Radyr	335	
<b>Dolywern</b> , Pontfadog, Wrexham, Denbighshire	Glynceiriog	303	
<b>Greathouse</b> , Kington Langley, Chippenham, Wiltshire	Kington Langley	235	327
<b>Greenacres</b> , 39 Vesey Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks	Sutton	7753	7960
<b>Greenhill House</b> , Timsbury, near Bath, Somerset	Timsbury	533	
<b>The Grove</b> , East Carleton, Norfolk, Nor. 94W	Mulbarton	279	
<b>Heatherley</b> , Effingham Lane, Copthorne, Crawley, Sussex	Copthorne	2670	2735
<b>The Hill</b> , Sandbach, Cheshire	Sandbach	566	508
<b>Holme Lodge</b> , Julian Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham	Nottingham	89002	
<b>Honresfeld</b> , Blackstone Edge Road, Littleborough, Lancs.	Littleborough	88627	880651
<b>Hovenden House</b> , Fleet, Spalding, Lincolnshire	Holbeach	3037	
<b>Kenmore</b> , Whitcliffe Road, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire	Cleckheaton	2904	2724
<b>Lake District Cheshire Home</b> , Holehird, Windermere, Westmorland	Windermere	2500	387
<b>Le Court</b> , Liss, Hampshire	Blackmoor	364	229
<b>Llanhennock Cheshire Home</b> , Caerleon, Mon.	Caerleon	545	
<b>Marske Hall</b> , near Redcar, Yorkshire	Redcar	2672	
<b>Mayfield House</b> , East Trinity Road, Edinburgh 5	Granton	2037	4157
<b>Mote House</b> , Mote Park, Maidstone, Kent	Maidstone	87911	87317
<b>St. Anthony's</b> , West Midland Cheshire Home, Stourbridge Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs	Wombourn	3056	2060
<b>St. Bridget's</b> , The Street, East Preston, West Sussex	Rustington	3988	
<b>St. Cecilia's</b> , Sundridge Avenue, Bromley, Kent	Ravensbourne	8377	7179
<b>St. Teresa's</b> , Long Rock, Penzance, Cornwall	Marazion	336	365



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<b>*Sheffield</b>		
<b>Spofforth Hall</b> , near Harrogate, Yorkshire	Spofforth	284 287
<b>Staunton Harold</b> , Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire	Melbourne	71 387
<b>Stonecroft House</b> , Barnetby, near Brigg, Lincolnshire		
<b>White Windows</b> , Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire	Halifax	81981 82173
<i>Mental Rehabilitation Hostels</i>		
<b>Miraflores</b> , 154 Worples Road, Wimbledon, S.W.20	Wimbledon	5058
<b>Gaywood</b> , 30 The Downs, Wimbledon, S.W.20	Wimbledon	9493
<b>Nicholas House</b> , 3 Old Nichol Street, Bethnal Green, E.2.	Shoreditch	5165 9298
<i>Homes for Mentally Handicapped Children</i>		
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<b>The Green</b> , Christleton, near Chester	Chester	35503

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## Tea with Anna Neagle

Miss Anna Neagle, who was appearing in 'Person Unknown' at the Granada Theatre, Maidstone in April, paid an unexpected visit to Mote House. She is seen in our picture having tea and chatting with some of the residents. The theatre management kindly extended a number of invitations to residents for a performance of the play in which she appeared. A wonderful treat, said Mote House.

*Photo: Kent Messenger*





## Wings of Raphael

The Bridlington 'Wings of Raphael' Support Group of the Mission for the Relief of Suffering has been as active of late as ever. Their recent money-raising activities include a coffee-morning in March (resulting in £39), an afternoon tea in May (raising £20), and a grand Summer Fayre, the proceeds of which amounted to £125. In the picture, Wing Commander W. E. Dunn, who is the Mission's representative in the north of England, explains a display of photographs of the work in India to the Hon. Mrs. Rupert Watson, who opened the Fayre.

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