

CONGRATULATIONS

We should very much like to congratulate Mrs. & Mrs. Porter (formerly Sister Tatham) on the arrival last month of Emma Kate. Congratulations are also due to Heather Walker (General Office) and of course husband John who we hear are expecting an addition to their household in April 1969. Congratulations too to S.E.M. Holt, Weekley Ward and Gardener Geoff Thomas who celebrated their engagement recently.

GROUP GREETINGS V. ST. MARY'S SAINTS

The Cup Final had nothing on this match! With Miss Beane kicking off, Mr. Dowgill scoring the first goal for the Gremlins and a professional referee what better could you have? After a really gruelling match and rather wet in some quarters the score was 3 all. Extra time was played and after some really skilful ball play the Saints triumphed 5-3. The magnificent cup, dating back to 1925 was presented to the victorious team by Miss Beane. After much needed refreshments the by now worn out Saints went on to meet a challenge by a team of very brave ladies from the Maternity Unit (or were the Saints the brave ones?) Matron Wilson being one of them. This match should have been floodlit but as Mr. Slattery's torch was out of action most of the game was played in the dark adding to the fun, so I'm told. The final score was in favour of the ladies, of course, and a beautiful tin foil cup was presented to Mrs. Ginnis, The Captain. Special thanks are due to Miss Bane for being so sporting and kicking off, Arthur Burton for doing all the organising, Mrs. Ross for providing the refreshments and Brian Dew for presenting a beautiful cup as a permanent memento to the winners.

KIDDIES' CORNER -- THE LITTLE RED BUS -- PART 2

Along the grey city streets they went, very slowly at first as there was a gr at deal of traffic and then as the shops and factories were left behind faster, and faster still as fields began to appear. The little bus loved the sight of the green fields and trees and all the animals he spotted as he went past. Every now and then an excited 'Pip Pip' escaped from him as they went faster and faster. After some time Joe slowed down and said 'Well done Scarlet my friend, now it's time for our dinner'. They pulled into a big car park. First Joe filled the petrol tank again and then went to have something to eat himself. How important the bus felt standing next to all the small cars. How shiny and smart he looked with his bright red paint gleaming in the sun. How his windows winked and shone. He was a grand sight. When Joe had finished his dinner off they went again 'Brrm, Brrm, Pip Pip'. They fairly sped along the roads passing towns and villages, fields of green and brown. The sun began to go down and Joe said 'Soon be home little bus. A smart home I have for you. I think you'll like it'. In a short time they came to a very pretty village. They passed houses, factories, a school and a church until they came to a big green garage with big black doors. 'Here you are old fellow. Home at last'. Joe drove the bus into the garage. He switched off the engine, turned out the lights, said Goodnight and left a tired little bus to dream happy dreams of his long journey and to wonder what adventures he would have in his new villa.e.

SHE MAY BE RIGHT

An old lady who was told of the attempt to put a rocket on the moon, was so tickled that she could not stop laughing. When asked why it was so very funny she said, "How silly! Anybody can see it isn't big enough this week. It's only a sliver."

NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

A warm invitation is extended to all staff to join in our activities. We meet on a Monday evening at 8.45 p.m. either at St. Mary's or at the General Hos. Our future programme is as follows:-
Monday September 30th - Special visit from the Fuller Youth Witness Team. Discussion room, Nurses Training School, General Hospital. This meeting is open to all who wish to attend and will include musical items.
Monday, October 7th - Missionary Evening. Guest speaker Dr. George Moles from the Vom Christian Hospital Negeria, serving with the Sudan United Mission.

Come and see and hear of the work in Nigeria. Sister's Sitting Room, St. Mary's Hospital.

Monday October 14th - Bible Study and discussion, Discussion Room, General Hospital.

Monday October 21st - Special Meeting to arrange Christmas Nativity Tableau. We need a choir and tableau. Will you help? The tableau will be held on December 20th. Weekly rehearsals will take place if sufficient interest. Discussion room, K.G.H.

WANTED

Piano, suitable for children's practice. Contact Teresa Higgins.

Typewriter - any condition, reasonable price. Contact Frances Feder, Domestic, Welfare Blook.

Doll's Pram (single or twin) for girl 8 years old. Reasonable price. Contact Mrs. Varnecke, Night Nurse, Maternity Unit. PHONE Desborough 514.

FOR SALE

Second Hand Classical L.P. records. Various prices from 5s. 0d. Enquire for the list of available titles from Pauline Batty, Laundry.

6 foot billiard table and fittings. £4. Mrs. M. Barton Switchboard.

Ladies good quality second hand clothing. Hips 38". Items from 2s. 6d. each. On approval. Apply Switchboard, St. Mary's.

TIP

A pinch of Bicarbonate of Soda in batter for frying makes it light and fluffy.

HORROR SCOPE

LIBRA - His You must watch money matters but if you persevere things will work out.

Hers Romance is on its way. Lucky colour Brown. Lucky number 4.

OCTOBER

Autumn - The season of "mists and mellow fruitfulness". While November has the lion share of the "mists", October ripens with the "mellow fruitfulness" of maturity. The frivolous pink and white skirts of the dog roses have given way to fat red rose hips, bursting with syrup. The spiky horse chestnuts split their sides, carelessly dropping out their bulging conkers, and ripe elderberries cluster protectively together. The sun wakes late, reluctant to get up, and yawns its long lazy shadows through the trees. Early morning feet shuffle through the dead leaf litter on the pavements, and the scratchy sweeping bristles rustle the wrinkled corpses into heaps. In the country almost imperceptible changes are stealthily, year by year, streamlining the autumn scene in line with the automated urban world. Not long ago, when the hay had been cropped, leaving the fields bristling with stubble, the hay was pitchforked into "hatched cotba e" shaped stacks. But today's automated farmer, with his robot harvesters, binds the hay into neat geometric bales and builds, instead of the thatched cottages, the multi-storey block of flats. Harvest is now, as in any other factory, an efficient time and motion studied job.

"Anon"

IMPORTANT - STOP PRESS. Anyone interested in taking part in this year's Christmas Revue in any way, stage or form please come to the first meeting/ allocation of parts to be held on Monday 7th October at 8.15 p.m. in St. Edward's Church Hall. Let's make St. Mary's Show really good this year! You don't have to be able to act at all - we can find something for you to do. Please come along and enjoy it - we all did last year. If you can come try and bring another member of the staff too. The more people the better the show.

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