CANVAS CHURCH

A "CANVAS CHURCH" on the village green at Newbold Verdon has been a magnet for the children of the village. Every evening the children flocked to the Caravan Mission to Village Children.

The Mission, which belongs to no denomination, was founded in 1893, and now has 20 trailers covering 30 counties in England, Scotland and Wales.

Newbold Verdon was visited by Missioner Mr. R. W. Jones, whose home is in Syston. As many as 90 children attended his services.

Mr. Jones gave two services a night. One at six o'clock for the children and the other at 7.45 for adults. Although most of the services were held in the tent, Mr. Jones also preaches in churches—of any denomination.

It's a full-time job, summer and winter, but the tents are used only during the summer.

Mr. Jones' area extends over Leicestershire, Rutland and West Lincolnshire visiting villages in turn for a two-week period.

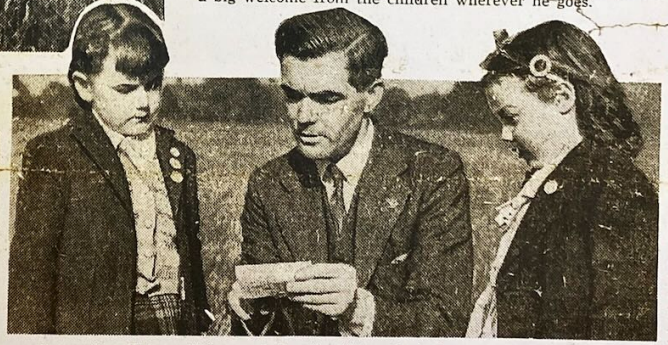
Monday night was the last night of the Mission at Newbold, and the children, whose ages vary from two to about thirteen, were singing heartily. The Missioner conducted, while one of the village girls played the portable organ.

"Action" songs were appreciated by the children, and they acted these with vigour.

Barlestone is the next village on the Mission's list. It's a happy idea, and a popular one. Missioner Jones gets a big welcome from the children wherever he goes.



Missioner R. W. Jones and the Rev. S. Webb, of Newbold, with a gathering of the children on the last evening of the Mission's stay at Newbold.



Jacqueline Hill, aged five, and Rosaline Hill, who is four, show Mr. Jones their mission attendance cards.