

CAVE FAMILY GET HOUSE AT LAST.

Outside Kidderminster a woman and four children have lived in a cave. It seems incredible, but the cave has been the woman's home for ten years, the decade when we never had it so good. But the three younger children of Mrs. Annie Smith had no cares the day our cameraman were there; they had parcels - presents a rarity indeed. When she had almost given up hope Annie heard that the Council had granted her a house nearby, next door to Mrs. Idly Hughes. Annie went to see it, and there met Mrs. Hughes (on the left) once lived in the cave below the Smith's. And that, too, was once a dwelling of primitive man. Mrs. Smith's cave still remained her home when the Hughes' family had been rehoused. She has three geoms, and with a courage of a mother, but very little money Annie made a home of it, as year after year the council failed to get her a real house.

Now, the Christmas feeling lingers on, because of the good news. Of course, the children have had their good times, even the two older ones hardly remembering anything better. But fancy any community condemning them to grow up in a cave. How relieved Annie Smith must be to know it will soon be over.